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U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

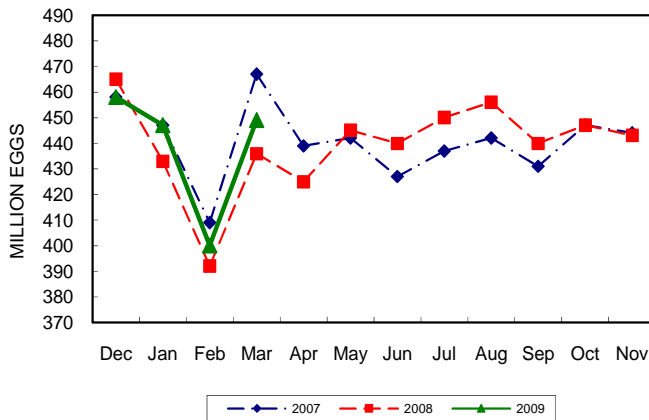
U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during March 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2009 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,269 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2008.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2009 totaled 341 million, down slightly from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.07 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2009, averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from April 1, 2008.

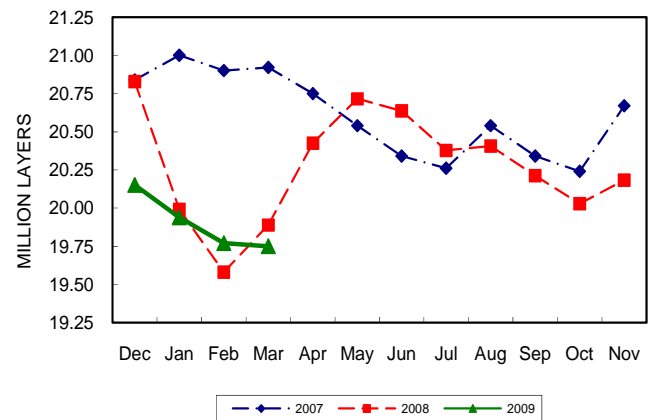
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during March totaled 449 million, an increase of 49.0 million from February's production, and 13.0 million above March 2008. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.7 million, slightly below last month, and 1 percent below March 2008. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,274, compared to 2,023 a month earlier and 2,192 in March 2008.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2007-2009



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2007-2009



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,495	9,297	1,927	1,958	183	182	0.5	0.5	5.0	6.0
Arkansas	13,881	12,789	1,967	1,986	273	254	1.5	0.0	8.0	11.0
California	19,889	19,747	2,192	2,274	436	449	3.0	2.0	32.0	29.0
Georgia	19,043	18,048	2,101	2,166	400	391	1.5	1.0	12.0	11.5
Indiana	24,415	24,315	2,306	2,311	563	562	2.0	2.5	33.0	37.5
Iowa	53,390	53,883	2,236	2,272	1,194	1,224	4.5	3.5	32.5	35.0
North Carolina	12,666	12,504	2,108	2,127	267	266	0.5	0.0	8.0	11.5
Ohio	25,930	27,349	2,352	2,300	610	629	1.5	2.5	15.0	17.0
Pennsylvania	21,466	22,642	2,436	2,456	523	556	2.5	2.0	11.5	12.5
Texas	18,918	18,323	2,252	2,265	426	415	3.5	2.0	23.5	18.5
UNITED STATES	342,017	340,451	2,244	2,269	7,675	7,724	2.8	1.9	21.3	21.7

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2009 totaled 783 million, down 6 percent from March 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 625 million on April 1, 2009, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.68 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2009, down 6 percent from March 2008.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	117,903	110,186	93
Arkansas	104,873	91,131	87
Delaware	14,451	12,933	89
Florida	5,215	3,650	70
Georgia	127,686	119,397	94
Kentucky	28,439	27,913	98
Louisiana	14,648	11,570	79
Maryland	33,458	33,034	99
Mississippi	71,018	67,563	95
North Carolina	73,340	69,611	95
Oklahoma	23,807	25,050	105
Pennsylvania	15,110	14,546	96
South Carolina	20,254	19,998	99
Texas	59,560	58,623	98
Virginia	23,560	22,300	95
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	74,542	72,236	97
Other States 1/	25,035	23,607	94
UNITED STATES	832,899	783,348	94

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2009 totaled 40.1 million, up 1 percent from March 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.6 million on April 1, 2009, up slightly from a year ago.

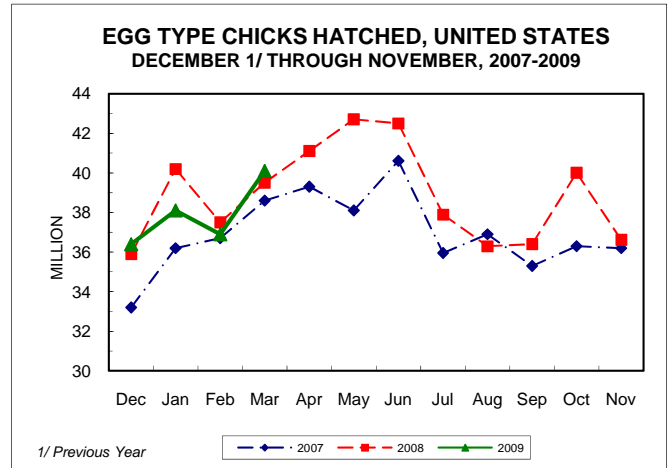
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 277 thousand during March 2009, up 13 percent from March 2008.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

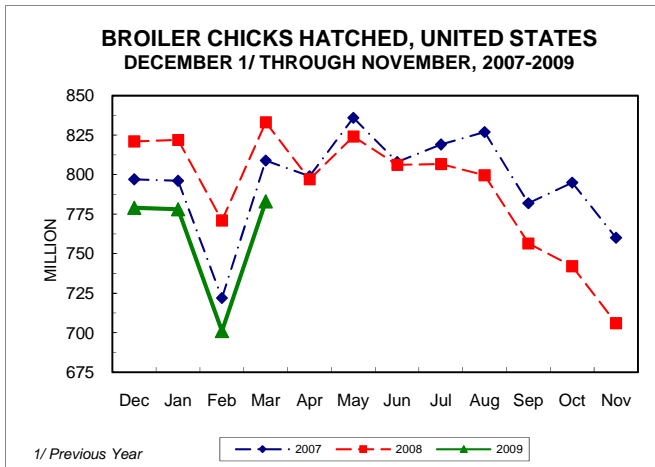
State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,342	2,371	101
Indiana	5,174	5,681	110
Iowa	7,520	7,813	104
Minnesota	933	1,137	122
Pennsylvania	4,698	5,042	107
Other States 1/	18,880	18,093	96
UNITED STATES	39,547	40,137	101

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**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2007-2009**



**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2007-2009**



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,991	11,538	89	4,792	5,782	121
East North Central	12,094	12,330	102	7,532	7,782	103
West North Central	29,348	27,860	95	9,237	9,149	99
South Atlantic	250,185	231,993	93	4,765	3,949	83
South Central	343,441	316,829	92	5,373	5,487	102
West	25,628	24,371	95	5,925	5,480	92
UNITED STATES	673,687	624,921	93	37,624	37,629	100

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

California mid-month market egg price for March 2009 was 73.0 cents per dozen, up 3.0 cents per dozen from January mid-month price, but a 60.0 cent decrease from March 2008.

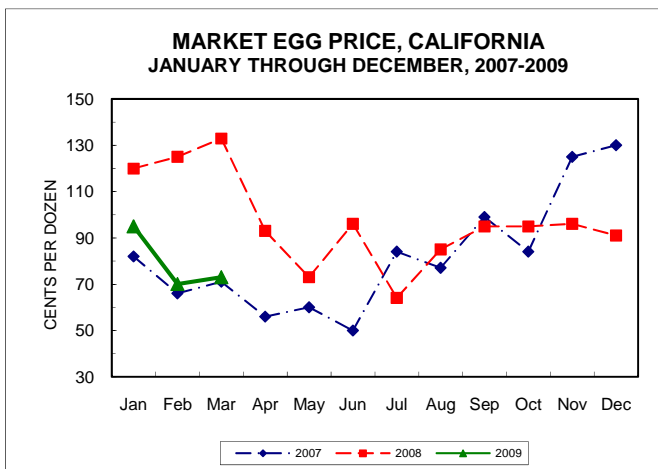
Nationally, the March market egg price, at 64.3 cents per dozen, increased 0.4 cent from February, but is 65.7 cents below March 2008. The March broiler price, at 45.0 cents per pound, is down 2.0 cents from February and 1.0 cent below a year ago. The March turkey price, at 46.7 cents per pound, is up 0.2 cent from the previous month, but down 6.2 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	March 2008	February 2009	March 2009
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	133.0	70.0	73.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	46.0	47.0	45.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	130.0	63.9	64.3
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	52.9	46.5	46.7

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Mid-month prices.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States on April 1, 2009 totaled 29.6 million, down 7 percent from April 1, 2008. Eggs in incubators were up 5 percent from the March 1, 2009 total of 28.1 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central down 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 10 percent, and South Central and West down 21 percent.

Turkey poult hatched in the United States during March 2009 totaled 24.5 million, down 9 percent from March 2008. Poults hatched were up 7 percent from February 2009 total of 22.9 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 3 percent, West North Central down 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 3 percent, and South Central and West down 41 percent.

The 23.9 million net poults placed during March 2009 in the United States were down 9 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 8 percent from the February 2009 total of 22.1 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators April 1		2009 2008	Eggs Hatched During Mar.		2009 2008
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,586	4,527	99	3,977	3,872	97
W N Central	11,415	11,257	99	10,165	9,800	96
N & S Atlantic	11,530	10,349	90	8,793	8,539	97
S Central & West	4,355	3,460	79	3,913	2,300	59
U.S.	31,886	29,593	93	26,848	24,511	91

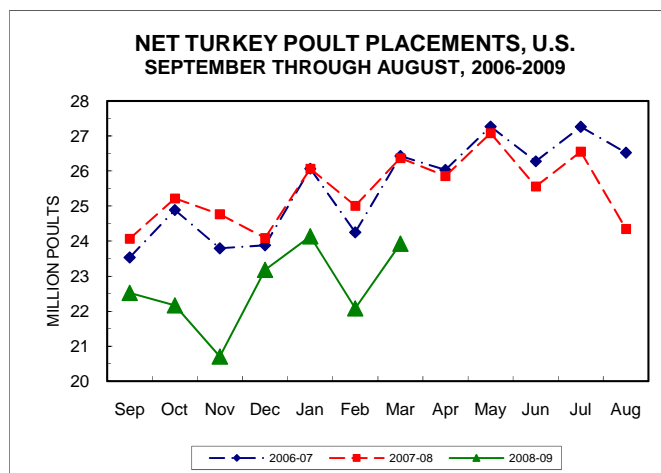
1/ Regions (No. & So. Atlantic and So. Central & West) combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2008-09 2007-08	Cumulative Total		2008-09 2007-08
	2007-08	2008-09		2007-08	2008-09	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	24,073	22,515	94	24,073	22,515	94
Oct.	25,222	22,165	88	49,295	44,680	91
Nov.	24,755	20,702	84	74,050	65,382	88
Dec.	24,091	23,179	96	98,141	88,561	90
Jan.	26,067	24,131	93	124,208	112,692	91
Feb. 2/	25,011	22,079	88	149,219	134,771	90
Mar.	26,369	23,921	91	175,588	158,692	90
Apr.	25,863			201,451		
May	27,084			228,535		
June	25,557			254,092		
July	26,551			280,643		
Aug.	24,337			304,980		

1/ Includes imports, but excludes exports.

2/ Revised 2009 data only.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 31, 2008	February 28, 2009	March 31, 2009	<u>Mar. 2009</u> Mar. 2008	<u>Mar. 2009</u> Feb. 2009
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	24,581	25,349	32,400	132	128
Chickens	Lbs.	39,821	43,716	48,663	122	111
Ducks	Lbs.	523	1,491	1,638	313	110
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	64,925	70,556	82,701	127	117
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	428,133	462,395	507,931	119	110
Chickens	Lbs.	764,765	647,759	634,700	83	98
Ducks	Lbs.	4,227	3,456	4,299	102	124
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,197,125	1,113,610	1,146,930	96	103
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	16,302	22,065	20,592	126	93

a/ Regional total no longer published.