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GEORGIA'S EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

The State's laying flocks produced 360 million eggs during March 2012, down 5 percent from the number produced in March of last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Georgia Field Office. March production included 192 million table eggs, down 9 percent from the previous year and 168 million hatching eggs, unchanged from the previous year.

The average number of layers in all flocks, regardless of size, for March was 16.7 million layers, down 3 percent from last year. The average number of layers in table egg flocks 30,000 and above was 8.2 million layers. Eggs laid per 100 layers during March averaged 2,156, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 120 million, down 2 percent from March of the previous year.

U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION UP SLIGHTLY

United States egg production totaled 7.86 billion during March 2012, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.80 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 981 million were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2012 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2011.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2012 totaled 341 million, down slightly from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.09 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2012, averaged 75.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2011.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 40.6 million, down 7 percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.3 million on April 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 764 million, down 4 percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 614 million on April 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year earlier.