



State's December 1 inventory decreases 15 percent

Hawaii farmers had 398,000 egg-type chickens on hand on December 1, 2007, down 72,000 birds or 15 percent from 2006. The reduction in birds came about as some large egg operations reduced their inventory due to higher input costs. Also in 2007, the last commercial egg producer on the island of Maui closed. Of the total inventory, 355,000 birds or 89 percent were layers and 43,000 were non-laying pullets.

Egg production drops 17 percent

Egg production for 2007 totaled 81.8 million, down 17 percent from the 2006 total of 98.3 million eggs. The average number of layers on hand during 2007 was 378,000 birds, a decrease of 16 percent compared to 2006.

Production per layer also declined to an average of 216 eggs in 2007, down 1 percent from the 2006 rate of 219 eggs per layer.

Average farm price increases, but total value of sales fall

The farm price for a dozen eggs averaged a record high \$1.09 in 2007, up 9 cents a dozen from 2006 and a penny higher than the previous record high of \$1.08 per dozen in 2004.

Total cash receipts from the sale of eggs, however, decreased 9 percent to \$7.4 million in 2007. The decline in cash receipts occurred because the increase in farm price was not enough to offset the 17 percent drop in egg production.

CHICKENS: December 1 inventory by class, by county, 2003-2007

Year	All chickens (excluding broilers)	Number of layers			Non-laying pullets		Other chickens (excluding broilers)
		Hens 1 year +	Pullets under 1 year	Total	Over 3 months	Under 3 months	
<i>Thousands</i>							
State							
2003	600	357	129	486	67	47	*
2004	598	349	158	507	44	47	*
2005	547	369	117	486	25	36	*
2006	470	293	122	415	20	35	*
2007	398	265	90	355	20	23	*
County:							
Hawaii/Kauai/Maui¹							
2003	118	100	11	111	5	2	*
2004	131	78	48	126	5	0	*
2005	104	67	30	97	3	4	*
2006 ²							
2007²							
Honolulu							
2003	482	257	118	375	62	45	*
2004	467	271	110	381	39	47	*
2005	443	302	87	389	22	32	*
2006 ²							
2007²							

* = Less than 500.

¹ Kauai and Maui combined with Hawaii to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Data not shown separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations but combined and included in the State total.