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Egg Production up from Last Year

Iowa: Egg production in Iowa for February 2008 was 1.12 billion eggs, up 10 percent from February 2007. The total number of layers on hand during February 2008 was 53.6 million, up from 51.7 million layers in February 2007. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of February was 2,081, up from 1,959 eggs the previous year.

United States: U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during February 2008, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2008 averaged 343 million, down 2 percent from last year. February

egg production per 100 layers was 2,075 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2008 totaled 343 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2008, averaged 72.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from March 1, 2007.

All Layers and Egg Production, February 2007 and 2008 ¹

| State | Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 & Above | | All layers on hand ² | | Eggs per 100 layers | | Egg production by type | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | Total production | | Table eggs ³ | | Hatching eggs ³ | |
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | Thousands | Thousands | Thousands | Thousands | Number | Number | Million eggs | Million eggs | Million eggs | Million eggs | Million eggs | Million eggs |
| AR | 4,582 | 4,042 | 14,561 | 14,536 | 1,738 | 1,775 | 253 | 258 | 92 | 81 | 161 | 177 |
| CA | 19,021 | 18,312 | 19,512 | 18,523 | 1,958 | 2,003 | 382 | 371 | | | | |
| GA | 10,019 | 9,513 | 19,755 | 19,442 | 1,883 | 1,944 | 372 | 378 | 205 | 200 | 167 | 178 |
| IN | 24,419 | 23,751 | 25,114 | 24,474 | 2,015 | 2,112 | 506 | 517 | 494 | 505 | 12 | 12 |
| IA | 50,764 | 52,598 | 51,672 | 53,570 | 1,959 | 2,081 | 1,012 | 1,115 | 999 | 1,099 | 13 | 16 |
| MN | 10,481 | 9,726 | 10,943 | 10,199 | 2,047 | 2,167 | 224 | 221 | 217 | 213 | 7 | 8 |
| NE | 11,294 | 9,904 | 11,369 | 9,979 | 2,102 | 2,235 | 239 | 223 | 239 | 223 | 0 | 0 |
| NC | 4,071 | 4,830 | 11,902 | 12,757 | 1,815 | 1,944 | 216 | 248 | 88 | 114 | 128 | 134 |
| OH | 26,610 | 25,587 | 27,152 | 26,190 | 2,059 | 2,092 | 559 | 548 | | | | |
| PA | 21,287 | 20,461 | 22,961 | 21,835 | 2,186 | 2,276 | 502 | 497 | 484 | 479 | 18 | 18 |
| TX | 14,638 | 14,092 | 19,042 | 19,034 | 2,027 | 2,096 | 386 | 399 | | | | |
| 29 Sts ⁴ | 267,669 | 262,517 | 324,557 | 320,172 | 1,994 | 2,077 | 6,474 | 6,651 | 5,581 | 5,701 | 893 | 950 |
| US | 283,763 | 277,480 | 348,843 | 343,366 | 1,993 | 2,075 | 6,951 | 7,125 | 5,943 | 6,053 | 1,008 | 1,072 |

¹ 2008 preliminary, 2007 revised ² Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size ³ Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations ⁴ The 29 states are AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IN, IL, IA, ME, MD, MN, MI, MS, MO, NE, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, and WI.

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