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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 106 million eggs during July, up 3 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 85 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,958,000 birds, up 3 percent from 4,825,000 a year ago. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,138 eggs, compared with 2,135 in August 2005.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.64 billion during July 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2006 averaged 341 million, up slightly from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2005.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES**

During the month of August, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.5 million chicks, up 5 percent from last year's 18.6 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2006 totaled 809 million, down slightly from August 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 656 million on September 1, 2006, up slightly from a year earlier.