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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 94 million eggs during August, down 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 72 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,185,000 birds, down 9 percent from 4,618,000 a year ago. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,246 eggs, compared with 2,079 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.55 billion during August 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2008 averaged 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,252 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2007.

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

During the month of August, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.7 million chicks, down 4 percent from last year's 20.4 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2008 totaled 800 million, down 3 percent from August 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 639 million on September 1, 2008, down 5 percent from a year earlier.