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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 97 million eggs during November, up 4 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 75 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,581,000 birds, up 4 percent from 4,415,000 a year ago. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,117 eggs, compared with 2,106 in 2008.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.55 billion during November 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs, and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 960 million were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2009 averaged 337 million, down slightly from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,238 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2008.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES

During the month of November, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.3 million chicks, up 4 percent from last year's 18.6 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2009 totaled 704 million, down slightly from November 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 625 million on December 1, 2009, down 1 percent from a year earlier.