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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during August, down 1 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 73 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,516,000 birds, up 5 percent from 4,298,000 a year ago. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,126 eggs, compared with 2,257 in 2008.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.59 billion during August 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2009 averaged 332 million, down 1 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,284 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2008.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES**

During the month of August, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.7 million chicks, up 5 percent from last year's 19.7 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2009 totaled 778 million, down 3 percent from August 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 618 million on September 1, 2009, down 3 percent from a year earlier.