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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 94 million eggs during January, 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 4,477,000 birds, down less than 1 percent from 4,486,000 a year ago. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,100 eggs, compared with 2,140 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.69 billion during January 2010, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.61 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2010 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,268 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2009.

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

During the month of January, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.2 million chicks, up less than 1 percent from last year's 20.1 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2010 totaled 776 million, down slightly from January 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 628 million on February 1, 2010, up 1 percent from a year earlier.