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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 88 million eggs during July, down 5 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 66 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,180,000 birds, down 4 percent from 4,333,000 a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,105 eggs, compared with 2,146 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.69 billion during July 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.58 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2010 averaged 339 million, up 2 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,270 eggs, down slightly from July 2009.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES

During the month of July, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 21.8 million chicks, up 10 percent from last year's 19.7 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2010 totaled 801 million, up 2 percent from July 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 649 million on August 1, 2010, up 3 percent from a year earlier.