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## SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during May, down 1 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,485,000 birds, down 6 percent from 4,793,000 a year ago. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, compared with 2,024 in 2007.

**UNITED STATES** egg production totaled 7.57 billion during May 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.08 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2008 averaged 340 million, down 1 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,226 eggs, unchanged from May 2007.

## SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES

During the month of May, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler hatcheries produced 19.9 million chicks, down 2 percent from last year's 20.3 million chicks.

The **UNITED STATES** broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2008 totaled 824 million, down 1 percent from May 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 674 million on June 1, 2008, down 1 percent from a year earlier.