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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 92 million eggs during June, down 5 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 70 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,470,000 birds, down 6 percent from 4,753,000 a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,058 eggs, compared with 2,041 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.37 billion during June 2008, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.27 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2008 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,176 eggs, up slightly from June 2007.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES

During the month of June, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.7 million chicks, down 1 percent from last year's 19.9 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2008 totaled 806 million, down slightly from June 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on July 1, 2008, down 1 percent from a year earlier.