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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during September, down 6 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 4,696,000 birds, down 3 percent from 4,865,000 a year ago. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,044 eggs, compared with 2,097 in 2006.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.37 billion during September 2007, down 1 percent 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 September 2007 averaged 340 million, down 1 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,169 eggs, up slightly from September 2006.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES

During the month of September, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.0 million chicks, up 2 percent from last year's 18.6 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2007 totaled 784 million, up 2 percent from September 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 647 million on October 1, 2007 up 2 percent from a year earlier.