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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 97 million eggs during June, down 6 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 76 million table eggs and 21 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,753,000 birds, down 7 percent from 5,123,000 a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,041 eggs, compared with 2,011 in 2006.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.36 billion during June 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2007 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,169 eggs, up slightly from June 2006.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES

During the month of June, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.9 million chicks, up 5 percent from last year's 19.0 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2007 totaled 810 million, up 3 percent from June 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 668 million on July 1, 2007 up 3 percent from a year earlier.