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GEORGIA'S EGG PRODUCTION STEADY

The State's laying flocks produced 411 million eggs during September 2004, unchanged from the 411 million produced in September of last year, according to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service. September production included 243 million table eggs and 168 million hatching eggs.

The average number of all layers for September was 20.3 million, 1 percent more than a year ago. The total consisted of 11.2 million layers for table eggs and 9.1 million for hatching eggs. Eggs laid per 100 layers during September averaged 2,027, down 1 percent from the previous year. All layers on October 1, 2004 totaled 20.5 million, 3 percent more than October 2003 inventory. Rate of lay per day during September 2004, averaged 67.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 68.0 eggs a year ago.

September 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 117.9 million, was up 4 percent from September of the previous year. Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 2.34 million, down 1 percent from a year ago.

U.S. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 7.32 billion during September 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2004 averaged 343 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,133 eggs, up slightly from September 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2004, totaled 344 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 344 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2004, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.84 billion eggs during September 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during September, at 321 million, was up 3 percent from a year ago.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 36.8 million, up 3 percent from September 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.7 million on October 1, 2004, up 13 percent from a year ago.

The September 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 770 million, was up 4 percent from September of the previous year. There were 617 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

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