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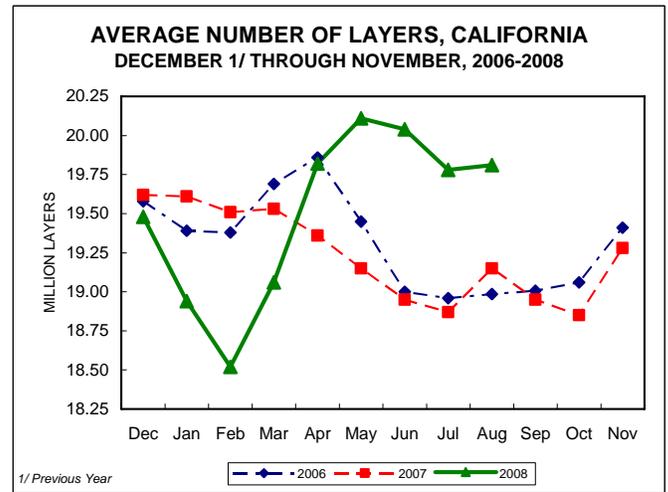
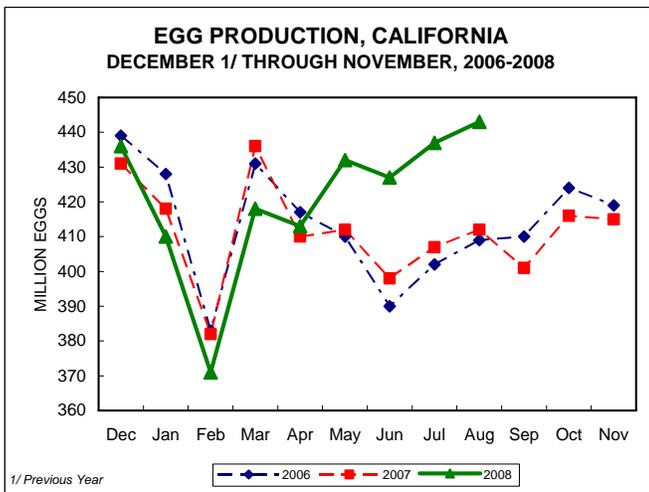
U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.55 billion during August 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2008 averaged 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,252 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2008 totaled 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2008, averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from September 1, 2007.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 443 million, an increase of 6.00 million from July's production and 31.0 million above August 2007. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.8 million, increased 3 percent from last month and fractionally above July 2007. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,237 compared to 2,210 a month earlier and 2,152 in July 2007.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, FORCED MOLTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,051	9,361	1,945	1,923	176	180	2.0	0.5	4.5	5.0
Arkansas	13,803	13,262	2,000	2,036	276	270	0.5	0.5	13.0	10.5
California	19,146	19,805	2,152	2,237	412	443	6.5	5.5	32.0	29.5
Georgia	19,190	18,259	2,048	2,070	393	378	2.5	3.0	15.0	10.0
Indiana	24,543	23,560	2,257	2,292	554	540	4.0	4.5	32.0	34.0
Iowa	52,783	53,251	2,292	2,270	1,210	1,209	4.5	6.0	36.5	32.5
North Carolina	12,204	12,303	2,081	2,105	254	259	0.0	2.5	9.5	9.0
Ohio	25,922	26,153	2,253	2,309	584	604	3.0	4.0	21.0	17.0
Pennsylvania	21,937	21,965	2,411	2,395	529	526	2.5	4.0	13.5	12.0
Texas	18,611	18,375	2,182	2,215	406	407	4.5	3.0	25.5	23.5
UNITED STATES	340,651	335,060	2,229	2,252	7,594	7,547	3.5	3.9	24.1	20.9

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2008 totaled 800 million, down 3 percent from August 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 639 million on September 1, 2008, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 8.03 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2008, up 3 percent from August 2007.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	119,091	113,525	95
Arkansas	104,740	93,120	89
Delaware	15,564	13,546	87
Florida	5,051	4,851	96
Georgia	127,754	122,197	96
Kentucky	28,323	29,068	103
Louisiana	14,597	13,431	92
Maryland	31,977	32,843	103
Mississippi	69,419	70,073	101
North Carolina	72,944	69,911	96
Oklahoma	25,545	24,717	97
Pennsylvania	14,331	15,602	109
South Carolina	20,429	19,703	96
Texas	55,741	56,237	101
Virginia	23,409	23,154	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	71,627	71,476	100
Other States 1/	26,057	26,171	100
UNITED STATES	826,599	799,625	97

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

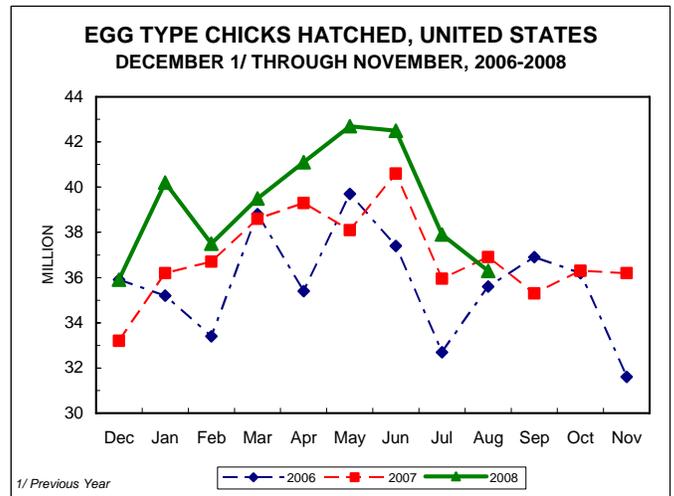
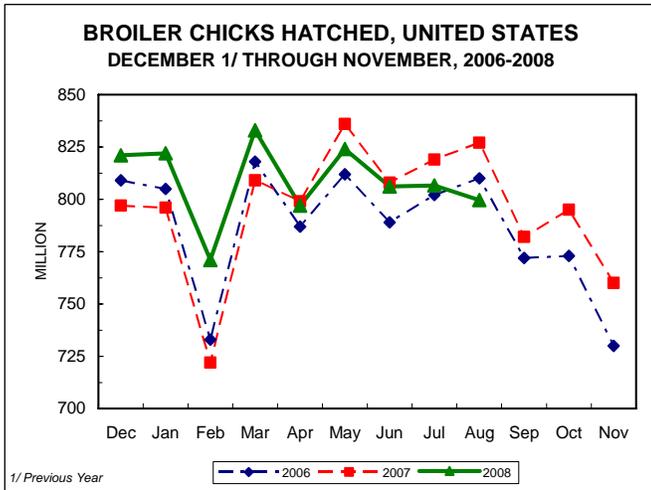
Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2008 totaled 36.3 million, down 2 percent from August 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.3 million on September 1, 2008, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 279 thousand during August 2008, up slightly from August 2007.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,165	1,672	77
Indiana	5,088	4,741	93
Iowa	7,373	7,199	98
Minnesota	1,047	1,032	99
Pennsylvania	4,392	5,412	123
Other States 1/	16,865	16,245	96
UNITED STATES	36,930	36,301	98

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U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	13,257	12,287	93	5,297	5,637	106
East North Central	11,354	11,881	105	6,819	7,072	104
West North Central	30,041	29,654	99	8,392	8,598	102
South Atlantic	246,605	237,183	96	4,320	3,720	86
South Central	344,202	325,952	95	5,323	6,465	121
West	23,640	21,582	91	4,620	4,828	105
UNITED STATES	669,099	638,539	95	34,771	36,320	104

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

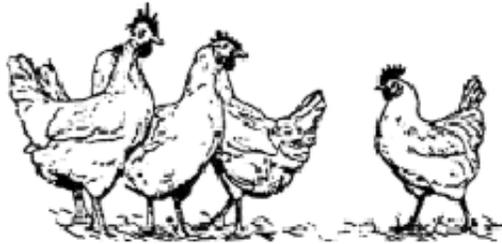
California mid-month market egg price for August 2008 was 85.0 cents per dozen, 21.0 cents above the July mid-month price and up 8.00 cents from August 2007.

Nationally, the August market egg price, at 81.5 cents per dozen, increased 14.7 cents from July and is 9.3 cents above August 2007. The August broiler price, at 47.0 cents per pound, is down 3.0 cents from July but 1.0 cent above a year ago. The August turkey price, at 63.0 cents per pound, is up 1.9 cents from the previous month and up 5.8 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	77.0	64.0	85.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	46.0	50.0	47.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	72.2	66.8	81.5
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	57.2	61.1	63.0

- 1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.
- 2/ Mid-month prices.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 28.6 million, down 7 percent from September 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were down 10 percent from the August 1, 2008 total of 31.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central down 3 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, and South Central and West down 33 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during August 2008, in the United States totaled 25.6 million, down 5 percent from August 2007. Poults hatched were down 8 percent from 27.6 million poults in July 2008. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central down slightly, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, and South Central and West down 14 percent.

The 24.5 million net poults placed during August 2008 in the United States were down 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 8 percent from the July 2008 total of 26.6 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators September 1		2008	Eggs Hatched During Aug.		2008
	2007	2008	2007	2007	2008	2007
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,619	4,570	99	4,168	3,775	91
W N Central	11,843	11,498	97	10,274	10,272	100
N & S Atlantic	10,458	9,920	95	8,608	8,166	95
S Central & West	3,941	2,656	67	3,874	3,342	86
U.S.	30,861	28,644	93	26,924	25,555	95

- 1/ Regions (No. & So. Atlantic and So. Central & West) combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2007-08	Cumulative Total		2007-08
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,534	24,073	102	23,534	24,073	102
Oct.	24,891	25,222	101	48,425	49,295	102
Nov.	23,792	24,755	104	72,217	74,050	103
Dec.	23,879	24,091	101	96,096	98,141	102
Jan.	26,068	26,067	100	122,164	124,208	102
Feb.	24,249	25,011	103	146,413	149,219	102
Mar.	26,433	26,369	100	172,846	175,588	102
Apr.	26,034	25,863	99	198,880	201,451	101
May	27,266	27,084	99	226,146	228,535	101
June	26,282	25,557	97	252,428	254,092	101
July 2/	27,258	26,551	97	279,686	280,643	100
Aug.	26,523	24,467	92	306,209	305,110	100

- 1/ Excludes exported poults.
- 2/ Revised 2008 data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	August 31, 2007	July 31, 2008	August 31, 2008	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2008
		Thousands			Percent	
					Aug. 2007	Jul. 2008
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	52,439	45,272	50,528	96	112
Chickens	Lbs.	23,277	34,629	35,857	154	104
Ducks	Lbs.	191	721	74	39	10
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	75,907	80,622	86,459	114	107
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	524,386	620,692	626,103	119	101
Chickens	Lbs.	652,403	738,872	754,756	116	102
Ducks	Lbs.	8,095	2,485	1,992	25	80
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,184,884	1,362,049	1,382,851	117	102
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,485	21,097	20,060	109	95