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### CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

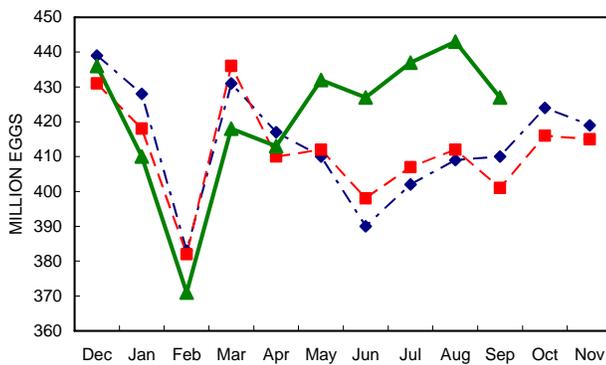
California's egg production during September totaled 427 million, a decrease of 16.0 million from August's production but 26.0 million above September 2007. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.6 million, less than 1 percent below last month, but 4 percent above September 2007. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,177 compared to 2,237 a month earlier and 2,117 in September 2007.

### U.S. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

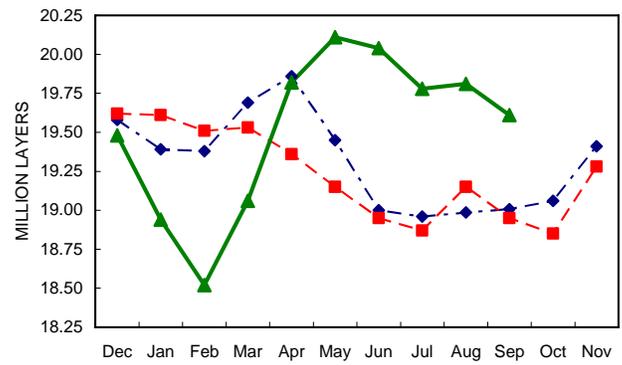
U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during September 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 990 million were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2008 averaged 334 million, down 2 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,194 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2008 totaled 333 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 333 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2008, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from October 1, 2007.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



### LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING SEPTEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF OCTOBER 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	9,082	9,332	1,861	1,886	169	176	1.0	1.5	5.5	4.5
Arkansas	13,900	13,125	1,928	2,004	268	263	2.5	1.0	12.5	11.5
California	18,945	19,613	2,117	2,177	401	427	5.0	4.0	31.5	34.0
Georgia	19,198	18,178	2,016	2,002	387	364	2.0	2.5	15.0	12.0
Indiana	24,722	23,791	2,205	2,215	545	527	4.5	5.0	31.5	34.0
Iowa	52,346	53,214	2,222	2,208	1,163	1,175	5.0	4.0	36.5	34.5
North Carolina	12,324	12,060	2,053	2,015	253	243	0.5	0.0	9.0	12.0
Ohio	26,055	26,021	2,226	2,275	580	592	2.5	5.0	19.5	17.0
Pennsylvania	22,090	21,856	2,313	2,343	511	512	4.0	1.5	12.0	11.0
Texas	18,850	18,612	2,101	2,165	396	403	2.5	4.0	27.0	25.5
UNITED STATES	340,984	334,374	2,168	2,194	7,393	7,336	3.5	3.5	23.7	21.9

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2008 totaled 757 million, down 3 percent from September 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 606 million on October 1, 2008, down 6 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.89 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2008, down 6 percent from September 2007.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER**

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Alabama	111,529	107,443	96
Arkansas	100,266	89,103	89
Delaware	14,402	12,656	88
Florida	4,820	4,627	96
Georgia	120,701	114,986	95
Kentucky	26,696	27,318	102
Louisiana	14,459	12,755	88
Maryland	30,592	30,293	99
Mississippi	64,871	64,780	100
North Carolina	67,887	66,690	98
Oklahoma	25,126	24,833	99
Pennsylvania	14,704	14,303	97
South Carolina	19,029	19,424	102
Texas	52,932	54,662	103
Virginia	22,602	22,436	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	68,965	66,474	96
Other States 1/	22,571	23,782	105
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>782,152</b>	<b>756,565</b>	<b>97</b>

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**U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED**

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2008 totaled 36.4 million, up 3 percent from September 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.5 million on October 1, 2008, up 5 percent from a year ago.

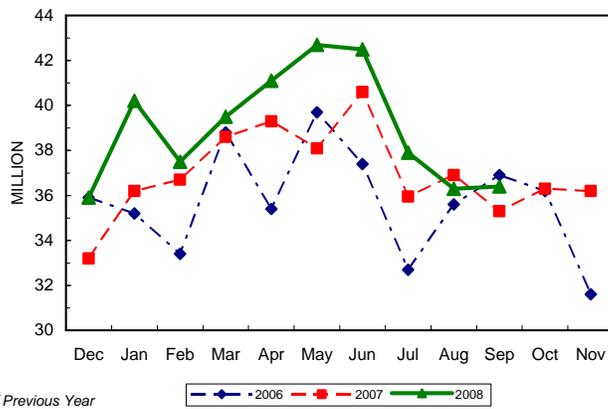
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 210 thousand during September 2008, down 30 percent from September 2007.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER**

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Georgia	2,175	2,034	94
Indiana	4,830	4,903	102
Iowa	6,420	7,208	112
Minnesota	1,012	1,056	104
Pennsylvania	4,165	4,374	105
Other States 1/	16,725	16,853	101
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>35,327</b>	<b>36,428</b>	<b>103</b>

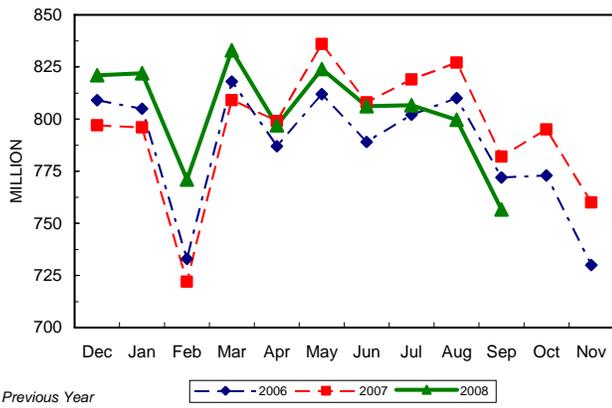
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**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008**



1/ Previous Year

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008**



1/ Previous Year

**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, OCTOBER 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	12,911	11,531	89	5,502	5,478	100
East North Central	10,570	11,299	107	5,731	7,007	122
West North Central	28,019	27,740	99	8,213	8,677	106
South Atlantic	240,159	223,165	93	4,313	4,186	97
South Central	332,026	310,878	94	4,691	5,274	112
West	23,455	21,576	92	5,245	4,871	93
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>647,140</b>	<b>606,189</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>33,695</b>	<b>35,493</b>	<b>105</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

California mid-month market egg price for September 2008 was 95.0 cents per dozen, 10.0 cents above the August mid-month price, but down 4.0 cents from September 2007.

Nationally, the September market egg price, at 85.6 cents per dozen, increased 4.1 cents from August, but is 10.5 cents below September 2007. The September broiler price, at 45.0 cents per pound, is down 2.0 cents from August but unchanged from a year ago. The September turkey price, at 66.4 cents per pound, is up 3.0 cents from the previous month and 6.0 cents from a year earlier.

**POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES 1/**

Commodity	Unit	September 2007	August 2008	September 2008
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	99.0	85.0	95.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	45.0	47.0	45.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	96.1	81.5	85.6
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	60.4	63.4	66.4

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.

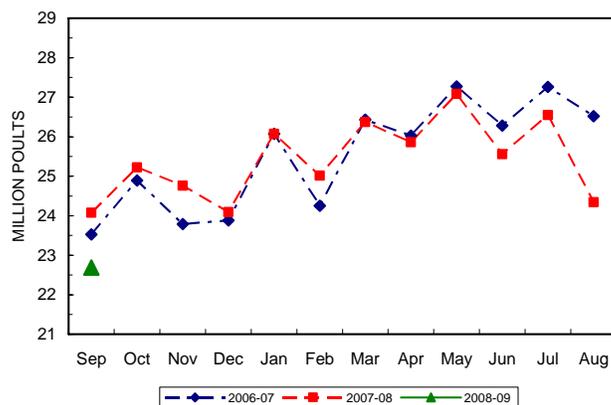
The 22.7 million net poult placements during September 2008 in the United States were down 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 7 percent from the August 2008 total of 24.3 million.

**ALL TURKEYS 1/**

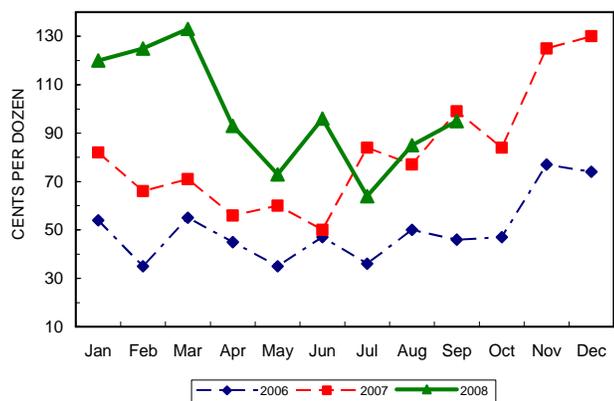
Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators October 1		2008 2007	Eggs Hatched During Sept.		2008 2007
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,454	4,059	91	3,714	3,919	106
W N Central	12,281	11,289	92	9,317	9,638	103
N & S Atlantic	9,775	10,621	109	8,059	7,992	99
S Central & West	3,680	2,336	63	3,169	2,143	68
U.S.	30,190	28,305	94	24,259	23,692	98

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

**NET TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, U.S. SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2006-2009**



**MARKET EGG PRICE, CALIFORNIA JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2006-2008**



**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 28.3 million, down 6 percent from October 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were down slightly from the September 1, 2008 total of 28.4 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central down 8 percent, North and South Atlantic up 9 percent, and South Central and West down 37 percent.

Turkey poult placements during September 2008 in the United States totaled 22.7 million, down 6 percent from September 2007. Poult placements were down 6 percent from August 2008 total of 24.3 million poult placements. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 6 percent, West North Central up 3 percent, North and South Atlantic down 1 percent, and South Central and West down 32 percent.

**NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/**

Month	Total All Breeds		2008-09 2007-08	Cumulative Total		2008-09 2007-08
	2007-08	2008-09		2007-08	2008-09	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	24,073	22,694	94	24,073	22,694	94
Oct.	25,222			49,295		
Nov.	24,755			74,050		
Dec.	24,091			98,141		
Jan.	26,067			124,208		
Feb.	25,011			149,219		
Mar.	26,369			175,588		
Apr.	25,863			201,451		
May	27,084			228,535		
June	25,557			254,092		
July	26,551			280,643		
Aug. 2/	24,337			304,980		

1/ Includes imports, but excludes exports.

2/ Revised 2008 data.

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	September 30, 2007	August 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	<u>Sep-08</u> Sep-07	<u>Sep-08</u> Aug-08
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	53,515	50,591	53,823	101	106
Chickens	Lbs.	29,411	35,976	34,961	119	97
Ducks	Lbs.	209	305	195	93	64
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	83,135	86,872	88,979	107	102
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	504,913	629,236	613,638	122	98
Chickens	Lbs.	654,889	755,405	760,545	116	101
Ducks	Lbs.	6,543	2,237	1,580	24	71
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,166,345	1,386,878	1,375,763	118	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	17,696	20,800	21,786	123	105

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