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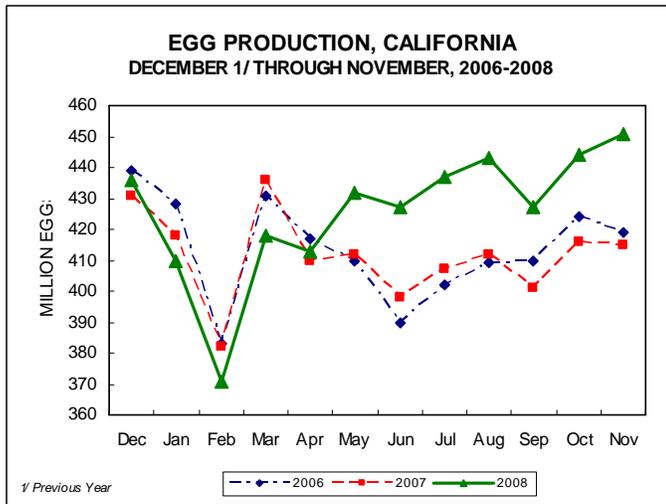
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CALIFORNIA NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

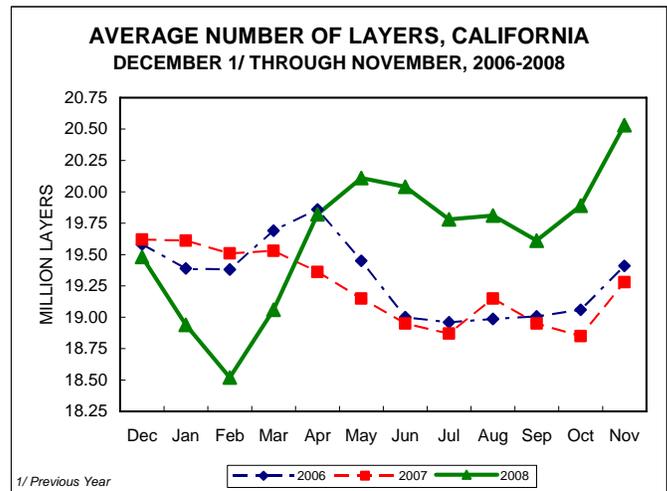
California's egg production during November totaled 451 million, an increase of 7.00 million from October's production, and 36.0 million above November 2007. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.5 million, 3 percent above last month, and 6 percent above November 2007. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,196, compared to 2,232 a month earlier, and 2,152 in November 2007.



U.S. NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.51 billion during November 2008, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 970 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2008 averaged 339 million, down 2 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,217 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2008 totaled 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.03 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2008 averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from December 1, 2007.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING NOVEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF DECEMBER 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		2007	2008
Alabama	9,476	9,370	1,889	1,889	179	177	0.5	0.5	6.5	5.5
Arkansas	13,946	12,740	1,943	1,962	271	250	0.0	0.0	13.0	8.5
California	19,281	20,534	2,152	2,196	415	451	3.5	1.0	31.5	33.0
Georgia	19,306	18,263	2,082	2,092	402	382	0.5	1.5	14.5	11.5
Indiana	24,671	23,968	2,266	2,215	559	531	2.0	4.0	36.0	35.0
Iowa	53,452	53,170	2,153	2,263	1,151	1,203	2.5	3.0	37.0	29.5
North Carolina	12,457	12,360	2,039	2,071	254	256	0.5	0.0	7.9	10.5
Ohio	26,427	27,090	2,195	2,237	580	606	2.0	2.5	16.5	18.0
Pennsylvania	21,973	21,935	2,398	2,380	527	522	2.0	0.0	12.5	10.0
Texas	19,191	18,840	2,256	2,261	433	426	0.5	0.5	27.0	25.5
UNITED STATES	344,229	338,926	2,191	2,217	7,542	7,513	1.8	1.8	23.9	21.4

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2008 totaled 706 million, down 7 percent from November 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 629 million on December 1, 2008, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2008, down 5 percent from November 2007.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u>
	Thousands		2007
			Percent
Alabama	104,849	97,259	93
Arkansas	92,972	82,651	89
Delaware	14,673	10,339	70
Florida	4,881	4,378	90
Georgia	117,165	103,844	89
Kentucky	24,272	25,364	104
Louisiana	14,168	11,432	81
Maryland	29,870	29,450	99
Mississippi	64,865	59,958	92
North Carolina	68,594	65,630	96
Oklahoma	24,122	24,427	101
Pennsylvania	14,251	12,307	86
South Carolina	18,363	18,643	102
Texas	51,926	50,948	98
Virginia	22,075	20,179	91
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	67,873	65,261	96
Other States 1/	25,114	23,517	94
UNITED STATES	760,033	705,587	93

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2008 totaled 36.6 million, up 1 percent from November 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on December 1, 2008, down 3 percent from a year ago.

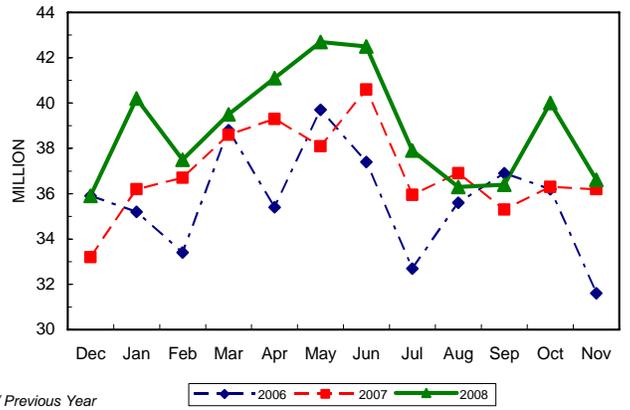
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 317 thousand during November 2008, up 13 percent from November 2007.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u>
	Thousands		2007
			Percent
Georgia	1,993	1,892	95
Indiana	4,955	4,608	93
Iowa	6,762	6,876	102
Minnesota	1,104	1,075	97
Pennsylvania	4,342	5,742	132
Other States 1/	17,076	16,414	96
UNITED STATES	36,232	36,607	101

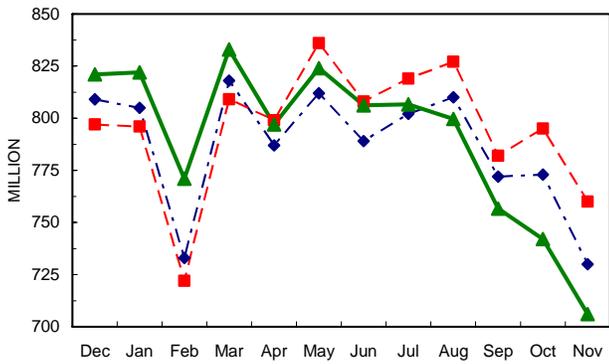
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**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008**



1/ Previous Year

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



1/ Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, DECEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u>
	Thousands		2007	Thousands		2007
			Percent			Percent
North Atlantic	13,122	12,589	96	5,010	5,160	103
East North Central	11,325	11,426	101	7,055	7,162	102
West North Central	29,864	28,576	96	8,508	8,029	94
South Atlantic	247,617	230,117	93	5,226	3,758	72
South Central	350,556	322,700	92	4,833	5,356	111
West	25,372	23,685	93	5,121	5,355	105
UNITED STATES	677,856	629,093	93	35,753	34,820	97

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

California mid-month market egg price for November 2008 was 96.0 cents per dozen, up 1.0 cents per dozen from October mid-month price, but down 29.0 cents from November 2007.

Nationally, the November market egg price, at 89.4 cents per dozen, increased 0.5 cent from October, but is 29.6 cents below November 2007. The November broiler price, at 45.0 cents per pound, is unchanged from October, but 4.0 cents above a year ago. The November turkey price, at 58.5 cents per pound, is down 6.1 cents from the previous month, and 3.1 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	November 2007	October 2008	November 2008
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	125.0	95.0	96.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	41.0	45.0	45.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	119.0	88.9	89.4
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	61.6	64.6	58.5

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.

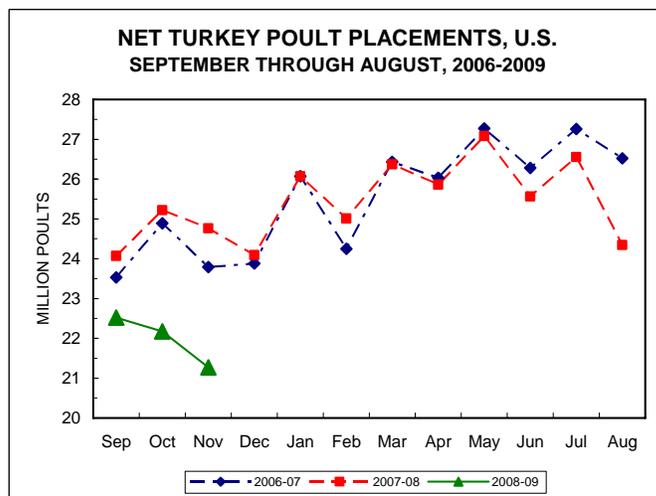
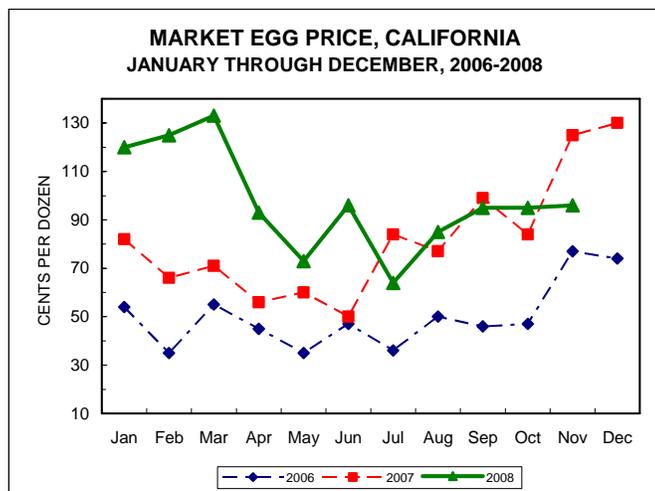
2/ Mid-month prices.

The 21.3 million net poultts placed during November 2008 in the United States were down 14 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 4 percent from the October 2008 total of 22.2 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators December 1		2008 2007	Eggs Hatched During Nov.		2008 2007
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,574	4,088	89	4,037	3,549	88
W N Central	11,460	10,695	93	10,107	8,881	88
N & S Atlantic	10,160	9,368	92	8,533	7,734	91
S Central & West	4,037	3,161	78	3,084	1,919	62
U.S.	30,231	27,312	90	25,761	22,083	86

1/ Excludes exported poultts. Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2008 in the United States totaled 27.3 million, down 10 percent from December 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the November 1, 2008 total of 27.5 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 11 percent, West North Central down 7 percent, North and South Atlantic down 8 percent, and South Central and West down 22 percent.

Turkey poultts hatched during November 2008 in the United States totaled 22.1 million, down 14 percent from November 2007. Poultts hatched were down 5 percent from the October 2008 total of 23.3 million poultts. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 12 percent, West North Central down 12 percent, North and South Atlantic down 9 percent, and South Central and West down 38 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	22,515	94	24,073	22,515	94
Oct. 2/	25,222	22,165	88	49,295	44,680	91
Nov.	24,755	21,272	86	74,050	65,952	89
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.	24,337			304,980		

1/ Includes imports and excludes exported poultts.

2/ Revised 2008 data only.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	November 30, 2007	October 31, 2008	November 30, 2008	<u>Nov. 2008</u> Nov. 2007	<u>Nov. 2008</u> Oct. 2008
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	18,264	47,594	17,156	94	36
Chickens	Lbs.	29,642	45,740	47,728	161	104
Ducks	Lbs.	948	162	323	34	199
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	48,854	93,496	65,207	133	70
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	206,862	577,984	370,178	179	64
Chickens	Lbs.	717,855	787,930	818,259	114	104
Ducks	Lbs.	6,045	1,774	1,955	32	110
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	930,762	1,367,688	1,190,392	128	87
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	15,184	22,358	21,404	141	96