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### U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

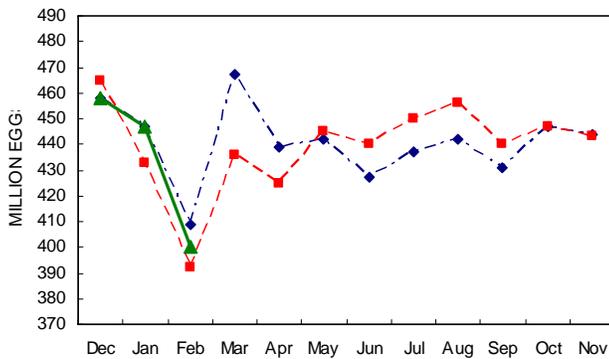
U.S. egg production totaled 6.89 billion during February 2009, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 5.91 billion table eggs, and 985 million hatching eggs, of which 917 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2009 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,023 eggs, down 2 percent from February 2008.

### CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

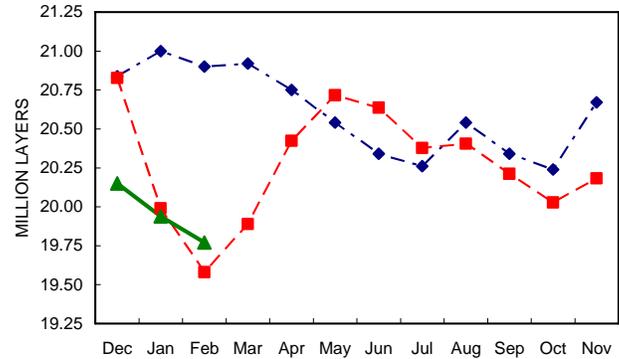
California's egg production during February totaled 400 million, a decrease of 47.0 million from January's production, but 8.00 million above February 2008. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.8 million, 1 percent below last month, but 1 percent above February 2008. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,023, compared to 2,242 a month earlier and 2,002 in February 2008.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2009 totaled 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.07 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2009, averaged 72.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2008.

**EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2007-2009



**AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2007-2009



### LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION FEBRUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MARCH 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,537	9,332	1,804	1,725	172	161	0.5	0.0	6.0	7.0
Arkansas	14,000	12,863	1,779	1,765	249	227	0.0	1.0	9.0	9.0
California	19,578	19,770	2,002	2,023	392	400	3.0	5.5	35.0	29.5
Georgia	19,163	18,214	1,946	1,905	373	347	1.0	2.5	13.5	12.0
Indiana	24,474	24,399	2,112	2,029	517	495	2.0	5.0	33.5	35.5
Iowa	53,624	53,839	2,068	2,051	1,109	1,104	5.0	5.0	34.0	34.5
North Carolina	12,717	12,454	1,942	1,951	247	243	1.0	0.0	7.5	12.0
Ohio	26,040	27,300	2,093	2,018	545	551	0.5	1.0	15.0	21.0
Pennsylvania	21,535	22,648	2,275	2,181	490	494	2.0	2.0	11.5	12.5
Texas	18,834	18,520	2,103	2,009	396	372	1.0	4.0	26.0	19.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>343,299</b>	<b>340,752</b>	<b>2,072</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>7,114</b>	<b>6,893</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>21.7</b>

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

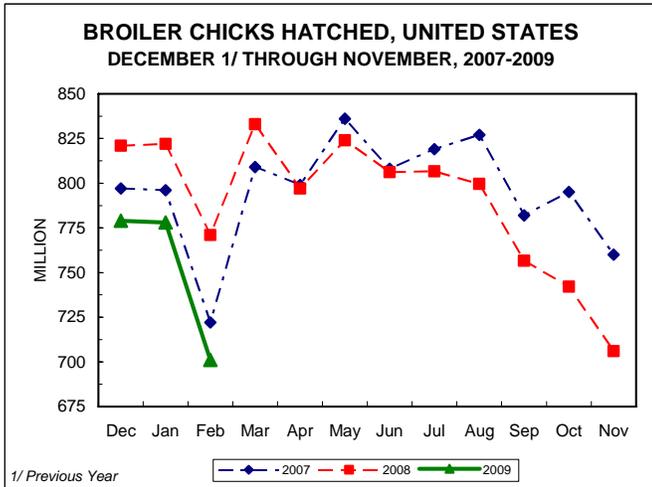
Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2009 totaled 701 million, down 9 percent from February 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on March 1, 2009, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2009, down 4 percent from February 2008.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY**

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	109,490	98,410	90
Arkansas	95,937	82,637	86
Delaware	13,858	11,367	82
Florida	4,774	3,398	71
Georgia	118,523	108,645	92
Kentucky	26,036	24,556	94
Louisiana	13,626	11,807	87
Maryland	31,254	28,190	90
Mississippi	65,686	58,470	89
North Carolina	67,619	62,893	93
Oklahoma	22,057	22,093	100
Pennsylvania	14,544	12,915	89
South Carolina	18,376	18,261	99
Texas	53,939	51,287	95
Virginia	21,652	18,784	87
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	67,315	63,121	94
Other States 1/	26,511	24,079	91
UNITED STATES	771,197	700,913	91

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

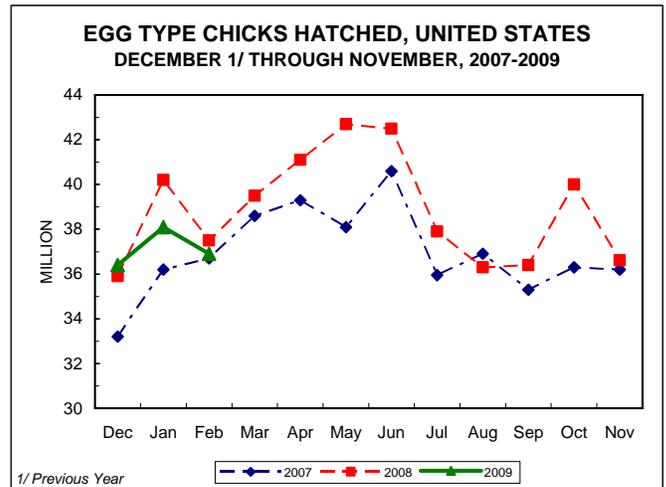
Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2009 totaled 36.9 million, down 2 percent from February 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.2 million on March 1, 2009, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 256 thousand during February 2009, down 9 percent from February 2008.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY**

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,175	2,087	96
Indiana	5,051	4,815	95
Iowa	7,110	7,089	100
Minnesota	620	1,038	167
Pennsylvania	5,596	4,626	83
Other States 1/	16,997	17,206	101
UNITED STATES	37,549	36,861	98

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**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,614	11,992	95	5,094	5,705	112
East North Central	11,448	11,727	102	7,116	7,660	108
West North Central	30,429	28,115	92	8,575	8,701	101
South Atlantic	251,372	234,642	93	4,624	3,572	77
South Central	347,643	324,297	93	5,997	6,067	101
West	25,575	23,471	92	5,125	5,461	107
UNITED STATES	679,081	634,244	93	36,531	37,166	102

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

California mid-month market egg price for February 2009 was 70.0 cents per dozen, down 25.0 cents per dozen from January mid-month price, and a 55.0 cent decrease from February 2008.

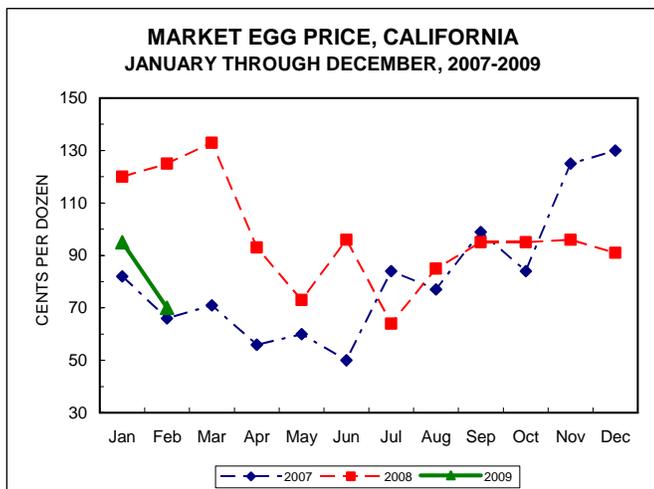
Nationally, the February market egg price, at 63.9 cents per dozen, decreased 25.7 cents from January and is 58.1 cents below February 2008. The February broiler price, at 47.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from January, but 1.0 cent above a year ago. The February turkey price, at 46.4 cents per pound, is up 2.6 cents from the previous month but down 1.1 cents from a year earlier.

**POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/**

Commodity	Unit	February 2008	January 2009	February 2009
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	125.0	95.0	70.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	46.0	48.0	47.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	122.0	89.6	63.9
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	47.5	43.8	46.4

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.



**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2009 in the United States totaled 28.2 million, down 12 percent from March 1, 2008. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the February 1, 2009 total of 28.5 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 8 percent, West North Central down 5 percent, North and South Atlantic down 10 percent, and South Central and West down 38 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during February 2009 in the United States totaled 22.9 million, down 11 percent from February 2008. Poults hatched were down 8 percent from January 2009 total of 24.9 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 13 percent, West North Central down 9 percent, North and South Atlantic down 9 percent, and South Central and West down 23 percent.

The 22.2 million net poults placed during February 2009 in the United States were down 11 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 8 percent from the January 2009 total of 24.1 million.

**ALL TURKEYS 1/**

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators March 1		2009 2008	Eggs Hatched During Feb.		2009 2008
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,576	4,232	92	4,002	3,485	87
W N Central	12,099	11,531	95	10,019	9,165	91
N & S Atlantic	10,509	9,465	90	8,603	7,814	91
S Central & West	4,821	3,004	62	3,155	2,439	77
U.S.	32,005	28,232	88	25,779	22,903	89

1/ Regions (No. & So. Atlantic and So. Central & West) combined to

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

Month	Total All Breeds		2008-09		Cumulative Total		2008-09
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	
Sept.	24,073	22,515	94	24,073	22,515	94	
Oct.	25,222	22,165	88	49,295	44,680	91	
Nov.	24,755	20,702	84	74,050	65,382	88	
Dec. 2/	24,091	23,179	96	98,141	88,561	90	
Jan.	26,067	24,131	93	124,208	112,692	91	
Feb.	25,011	22,192	89	149,219	134,884	90	
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/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised 2008 data only.

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	February 29, 2008	January 31, 2009	February 28, 2009	Feb. 2009 Feb. 2008	Feb. 2009 Jan. 2009
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	23,124	21,800	25,226	109	116
Chickens	Lbs.	40,294	43,322	43,041	107	99
Ducks	Lbs.	807	1,419	1,491	185	105
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	64,225	66,541	69,758	109	105
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	416,694	446,197	470,053	113	105
Chickens	Lbs.	760,831	694,432	647,452	85	93
Ducks	Lbs.	5,228	3,416	3,456	66	101
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,182,753	1,144,045	1,120,961	95	98
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	16,732	22,558	22,085	132	98