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### U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.46 billion during April 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.41 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2009 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,196 eggs, up 2 percent from April 2008.

### CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 433 million, a decrease of 16.0 million from March's production, but 8.0 million above April 2008. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.8 million, slightly above last month, but 3 percent below April 2008. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,190, compared to 2,274 a month earlier, and 2,081 in April 2008.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2009 totaled 339 million, down slightly from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.01 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2009, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2008.

### LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING APRIL, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MAY 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	9,438	9,260	1,865	1,890	176	175	0.5	1.5	4.5	5.5
Arkansas	13,590	12,467	1,898	1,957	258	244	1.5	2.0	9.0	9.0
California	20,423	19,774	2,081	2,190	425	433	7.5	7.5	29.5	26.0
Georgia	18,673	17,779	2,008	2,081	375	370	4.5	5.0	8.5	10.0
Indiana	24,280	24,091	2,224	2,262	540	545	5.0	5.5	32.0	35.5
Iowa	53,727	53,742	2,196	2,207	1,180	1,186	4.0	3.5	35.0	34.0
North Carolina	12,660	12,784	2,022	2,042	256	261	1.0	0.0	8.0	10.5
Ohio	25,640	27,293	2,293	2,224	588	607	4.5	6.0	12.5	18.0
Pennsylvania	21,210	22,699	2,348	2,383	498	541	3.0	3.5	12.0	11.0
Texas	18,620	18,184	2,127	2,183	396	397	5.0	5.5	24.0	19.0
U.S. TOTAL	340,838	339,640	2,163	2,196	7,373	7,459	4.1	4.5	20.8	20.5

### PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 30, 2008	March 31, 2009	April 30, 2009	Apr. 2009 Apr. 2008	Apr. 2009 Mar. 2009
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	25,506	32,387	40,249	158	12
Chickens	Lbs.	36,718	48,359	48,332	132	10
Ducks	Lbs.	207	1,638	2,072	1,001	12
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	62,431	82,384	90,653	145	11
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	491,283	513,384	577,316	118	11
Chickens	Lbs.	752,875	635,475	663,385	88	10
Ducks	Lbs.	3,347	4,299	5,424	162	12
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,247,505	1,153,158	1,246,125	100	10
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	16,034	20,343	18,467	115	91

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2009 totaled 756 million, down 6 percent from April 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 628 million on May 1, 2009, down 6 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.16 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2009, down 13 percent from April 2008.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL**

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	115,920	108,004	93
Arkansas	97,978	84,912	87
Delaware	14,257	12,727	89
Florida	5,038	3,476	69
Georgia	120,937	112,662	93
Kentucky	28,151	27,640	98
Louisiana	13,516	8,132	60
Maryland	32,386	32,228	10
Mississippi	69,021	65,364	95
North Carolina	70,165	68,415	98
Oklahoma	24,762	25,096	10
Pennsylvania	15,172	13,437	89
South Carolina	19,423	19,824	10
Texas	55,734	55,933	10
Virginia	22,677	22,205	98
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	72,227	70,720	98
Other States 1/	24,184	25,087	10
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>801,548</b>	<b>755,862</b>	<b>94</b>

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2009 totaled 40.6 million, down 4 percent from April 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on May 1, 2009, down 12 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 307 thousand during April 2009, up 16 percent from April 2008.

**Special Note**

State level data for egg-type chicks hatched will no longer be published.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES**

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands		Percent
Jan	40,256	38,083	95
Feb	38,534	36,861	96
Mar	41,954	40,137	96
Apr	42,329	40,621	96
May	41,826		
Jun	40,928		
Jul	37,250		
Aug	35,578		
Sep	37,111		
Oct	40,198		
Nov	34,187		
Dec	37,091		

**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands			Percent	Thousands	
North Atlantic	12,914	11,855	92	5,470	5,440	99
East North Central	12,425	13,137	106	8,474	7,351	87
West North Central	29,380	28,925	98	10,062	9,177	91
South Atlantic	243,621	231,900	95	4,958	3,663	74
South Central	344,261	317,519	92	6,264	6,344	101
West	25,410	24,886	98	5,194	3,791	73
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>668,011</b>	<b>628,222</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>40,422</b>	<b>35,766</b>	<b>88</b>

**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States on May 1, 2009 totaled 28.9 million, down 13 percent from May 1, 2008. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the April 1, 2009 total of 29.7 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central down 11 percent, North and South Atlantic down 13 percent, and South Central and West down 22 percent.

Turkey poults hatched in the United States during April 2009 totaled 24.8 million, down 7 percent from April 2008. Poults hatched were up 1 percent from the March 2009 total of 24.5 million poults. Regional changes from the

previous year were: East North Central down 3 percent, West North Central up slightly, North and South Atlantic down 10 percent, and South Central and West down 18 percent.

The 24.3 million net poults placed during April 2009 in the United States were down 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 2 percent from the March 2009 total of 23.8 million.

**ALL TURKEYS 1/**

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators May 1		2009 2008	Eggs Hatched During Apr.		2009 2008
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,694	4,288	91	3,848	3,763	97
W N Central	12,401	11,057	89	9,503	9,508	100
N & S Atlantic	11,626	10,136	87	9,602	8,606	90
S Central & West	4,428	3,465	78	3,569	2,933	82
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>33,149</b>	<b>28,946</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>26,522</b>	<b>24,783</b>	<b>93</b>

1/ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.  
Revised 2008 "Eggs In Incubators."

**NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/ 2/**

Month	Total All Breeds		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.	25,222	22,165	88	49,295	44,680	91
Nov.	24,755	20,702	84	74,050	65,382	88
Dec.	24,091	23,179	96	98,141	88,561	90
Jan.	26,183	24,131	92	124,324	112,692	91
Feb.	25,011	22,079	88	149,335	134,771	90
Mar.	26,394	23,817	90	175,729	158,588	90
Apr.	25,880	24,253	94	201,609	182,841	91
May	27,084			228,693		
June	25,557			254,250		
July	26,551			280,801		
Aug.	24,363			305,164		

1/ Includes imports, but excludes exports.  
2/ Revised.

**EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

Egg producers in California produced 5.27 billion eggs in 2008, slightly below the 5.29 billion produced in 2007. The value of eggs produced totaled \$441 million, an increase of 27 percent from the previous year's revised production of \$346 million.

Nationally, the value of all egg production in 2008 was \$8.23 billion, up 22 percent from the \$6.72 billion in 2007. Egg production totaled 90.2 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the 91.1 billion eggs produced in 2007. In 2008, all eggs averaged 109.0 cents per dozen, compared with 88.5 cents in 2007.

**EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/ 2/**

Year	Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			
1999	6,606	47.9	263,690
2000	6,319	45.3	237,561
2001	6,082	47.2	235,921
2002	6,257	39.2	204,232
2003	5,454	62.3	283,219
2004	5,454	64.4	292,688
2005	5,271	42.8	187,965
2006	5,231	51.4	223,903
2007	5,290	78.6	346,426
2008	5,272	100.0	440,730
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
2007	91,101	88.5	6,718,853
2008	90,151	109.0	8,225,486

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Includes hatching eggs and market (table) eggs.

2/ Revised 2003 - 2007 data.

**BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

Broiler production for California was combined again with ten other states (CA, CT, N, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These ten states produced 856 million birds totaling 4.54 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 46.8 cents for a total production value of \$2.13 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2008 was \$23.1 billion, up 7 percent from 2007. The total number of broilers produced in 2008 was 9.01 billion, up 1 percent from 2007. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2008 was 50.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2007. The 2008 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 45.8 cents per pound, compared with 43.6 cents in 2007.

**BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/**

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
1999 3/	519,510	2,501,200	38.9	972,841
2000 4/	763,600	3,606,000	35.0	1,261,596
2001 4/	768,080	3,697,500	40.3	1,487,707
2002 4/	810,300	3,988,300	31.7	1,264,724
2003 4/	777,600	3,868,850	37.0	1,430,557
2004 5/	829,250	4,161,850	47.3	1,969,802
2005 6/	862,500	4,452,900	44.4	1,978,098
2006 7/	856,900	4,410,300	37.0	1,630,188
2007 6/ 8/	848,000	4,445,000	44.4	1,972,230
2008 6/	855,900	4,541,400	46.8	2,125,454
<b>UNITED STATES 9/</b>				
2007	8,906,700	49,330,700	43.6	21,503,536
2008	9,009,100	50,440,500	45.8	23,112,184

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

3/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, ME, MI, OR, and WA.

4/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, OR, and WA.

5/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, HI, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, OR, and WA.

6/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, CT, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA.

7/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA.

8/ Revised.

9/ Excludes States producing less than 500,000 broilers.

**TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

California turkey production totaled 435 million pounds (live weight) in 2008, down 3 percent from the 450 million pounds raised in 2007. Value of production, at \$252 million was up 19 percent from the \$211 million realized in 2007. The annual average price per pound in 2007 was 58.0 cents, compared with 47.0 cents in 2007.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2008 was \$4.48 billion, up 13 percent from the \$3.95 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2008 totaled 7.92 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.57 billion pounds produced in 2007. The average price received by producers during 2008 was 56.5 cents per pound, compared with 52.3 cents in 2007.

**TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/**

Year	Number Raised 2/	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 3/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
1999	17,500	428,750	45.0	192,938
2000	18,000	439,200	48.0	210,816
2001	18,700	450,670	47.0	211,815
2002	17,700	438,960	36.0	158,026
2003	17,500	423,500	35.0	148,225
2004	15,400	405,020	41.0	166,058
2005	14,900	406,770	43.0	174,911
2006	14,900	402,300	44.0	177,012
2007	16,200	450,360	47.0	211,669
2008	16,000	435,200	58.0	252,416
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
2007	266,828	7,566,315	52.3	3,954,472
2008	273,088	7,922,087	56.5	4,477,054

1/ Revised 2003-2007 data.

2/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of September 1 (of previous year) through August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost.

3/ Live weight equivalent price.

**CHICKEN VALUE OF SALES**

California's total value of other chickens sold in 2008 (excluding broilers) was \$29 thousand, 89 percent below the value of a year earlier. Average price for other chickens was 0.1 cents per pound, greatly below last year's price of 1.0 cent per pound.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2008 was \$61.8 million, up 20 percent from the \$51.5 million a year ago. Prices averaged 6.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.6 cents in 2007. The number of chickens sold in 2008 totaled 176 million, up 5 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

**CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/ 2/**

Year	Number Sold 1,000 Head	Price Per Pound	Value
		Cents	1,000 Dollars
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			
1999	13,807	4.0	1,988
2000	13,232	4.0	1,958
2001	10,835	1.0	401
2002	9,954	1.0	295
2003	8,996	0.5	175
2004	7,200	0.8	225
2005	7,850	1.2	349
2006	7,326	1.0	249
2007	7,870	1.0	275
2008	8,872	0.1	29
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
2007	168,283	5.6	51,498
2008	175,932	6.6	61,845

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (previous year) through November 30 and excludes broilers.

2/ Revised 2003 - 2007 values.

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

California mid-month market egg price for April 2009 was 85.0 cents per dozen, up 12.0 cents per dozen from March mid-month price, but an 8.0 cent decrease from April 2008.

Nationally, the April market egg price, at 77.1 cents per dozen, increased 12.8 cents from March but is 11.3 cents below April 2008. The April broiler price, at 45.0 cents per pound, is unchanged from March but 1.0 cent lower than a year ago. The April turkey price, at 47.2 cents per pound, is up 0.1 cent from the previous month, but down 7.9 cents from a year earlier.

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

Commodity	Unit	April 2008	March 2009	April 2009
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	93.0	73.0	85.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	46.0	45.0	45.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	88.4	64.3	77.1
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	55.1	47.1	47.2

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.

**PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED 1/**

Region	Unit	April 2008	March 2009
		Dollars	
<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	562	592
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	562	578
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	456	538
Laying Feed	Ton	499	472
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	416	501
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	387	464
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	434	466
Laying Feed	Ton	371	391

1/ Complete ration feed. Fed without mixing or supplementation.