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CALIFORNIA NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

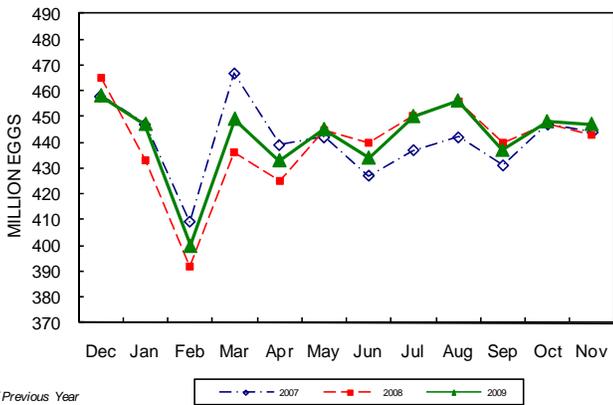
California's egg production during November totaled 447 million, down one million from October's production, but up four million from November 2008. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.4 million, up 1 percent from last month, but down 4 percent from November 2008. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,305, compared to 2,336 a month earlier, and 2,195 in November 2008.

U.S. NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

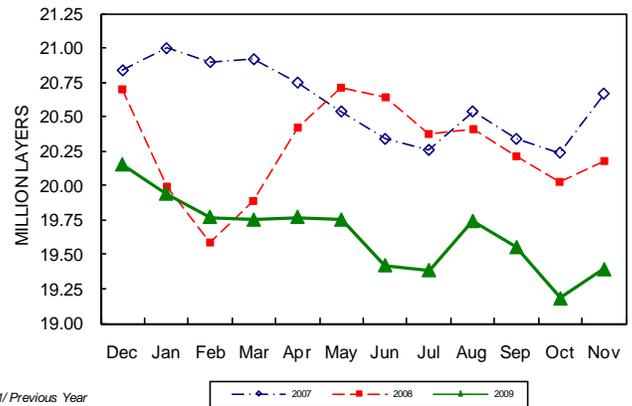
U.S. egg production totaled 7.55 billion during November 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs, and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 960 million were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2009 averaged 337 million, down slightly from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,238 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2008.

All layers in the U.S. on December 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, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2009, averaged 74.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from December 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 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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,345	9,059	1,883	1,888	176	171	0.5	0.5	6.5	8.0
Arkansas	12,498	12,158	1,976	1,966	247	239	0.0	0.0	8.5	11.5
California	20,182	19,391	2,195	2,305	443	447	1.0	1.0	34.5	34.0
Georgia	18,167	17,629	2,092	2,150	380	379	1.5	1.0	11.5	20.0
Indiana	23,956	23,456	2,217	2,298	531	539	4.0	1.0	35.0	36.0
Iowa	53,204	54,061	2,263	2,235	1,204	1,208	4.0	3.5	33.0	30.5
North Carolina	12,325	13,017	2,069	2,067	255	269	0.0	0.0	10.5	8.0
Ohio	26,940	27,558	2,238	2,264	603	624	2.5	4.0	18.0	19.5
Pennsylvania	21,635	23,096	2,380	2,403	515	555	0.0	2.5	10.5	13.0
Texas	18,646	17,169	2,269	2,266	423	389	0.5	0.0	25.5	20.0
UNITED STATES	337,995	337,309	2,216	2,238	7,490	7,549	1.9	1.8	22.1	22.0

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICK HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2009 totaled 704 million, down slightly from November 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 625 million on December 1, 2009, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.26 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2009, up 3 percent from November 2008.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	97,259	95,233	98
Arkansas	82,651	78,144	95
Delaware	10,339	10,793	104
Florida	4,378	4,393	100
Georgia	103,868	103,592	100
Kentucky	25,364	25,938	102
Louisiana	11,432	11,614	102
Maryland	29,450	31,389	107
Mississippi	59,782	62,418	104
North Carolina	65,630	64,032	98
Oklahoma	24,427	24,047	98
Pennsylvania	12,307	12,421	101
South Carolina	18,643	19,349	104
Texas	50,950	52,890	104
Virginia	20,179	20,635	102
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	65,293	62,497	96
Other States 1/	23,360	24,823	106
UNITED STATES	705,312	704,208	100

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

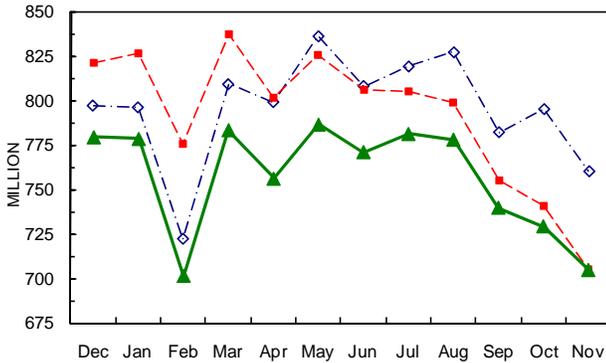
Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2009 totaled 34.9 million, up 2 percent from November 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.0 million on December 1, 2009, up 12 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 290 thousand during November 2009, down 9 percent from November 2008.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

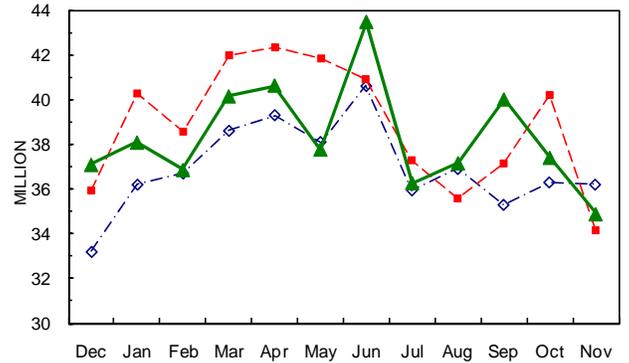
State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands		Percent
Jan	40,256	38,083	95
Feb	38,534	36,861	96
Mar	41,954	40,137	96
Apr	42,329	40,621	96
May	41,826	37,774	90
Jun	40,928	43,453	106
Jul	37,250	36,282	97
Aug	35,578	37,160	104
Sep	37,111	40,001	108
Oct	40,198	37,406	93
Nov	34,187	34,897	102
Dec	37,091		

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2007-2009**



1/ Previous Year

**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2007-2009**



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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, DECEMBER 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	12,589	11,552	92	5,160	5,289	103
East North Central	11,426	12,084	106	7,492	7,626	102
West North Central	27,874	27,076	97	8,243	9,298	113
South Atlantic	232,061	230,464	99	3,758	3,609	96
South Central	322,414	322,406	100	5,356	5,724	107
West	23,476	21,457	91	4,940	7,479	151
UNITED STATES	629,840	625,039	99	34,949	39,025	112

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

California mid-month market egg price for November 2009 was 96.0 cents per dozen, 27.0 cents above the October mid-month price, and unchanged from November 2008.

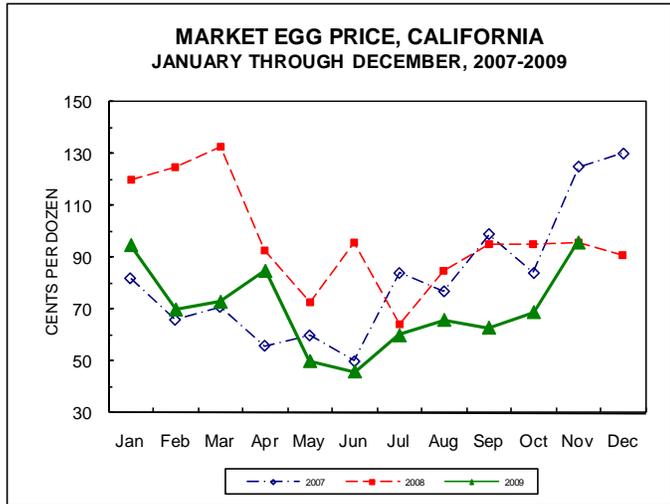
Nationally, the November market egg price, at 87.9 cents per dozen, increased 24.4 cents from October, but is 2.1 cents below November 2008. The November broiler price, at 41.0 cents per pound, is up 1.0 cent from October, but down 5.0 cents from a year ago. The November turkey price, at 54.4 cents per pound, is up 2.3 cents from the previous month, but down 4.2 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	November 2008	October 2009	November 2009
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	96.0	69.0	96.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	46.0	40.0	41.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	90.0	63.5	87.9
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	58.6	52.1	54.4

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 December 1, 2009, in the United States totaled 25.8 million, down 7 percent from December 1, 2008. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the November 1, 2009 total of 26.0 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 3 percent, West North Central down slightly, North and South Atlantic down 13 percent, and South Central and West down 19 percent.

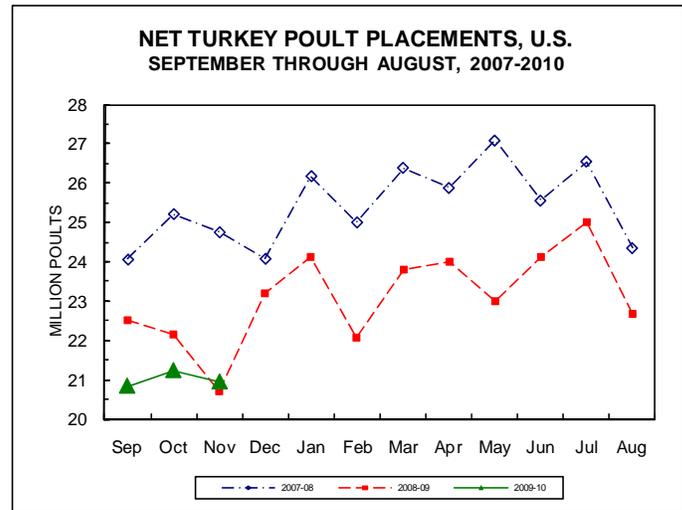
Turkey poults hatched during November 2009, in the United States, totaled 21.5 million, down 2 percent from November 2008. Poults hatched were down 2 percent from October 2009 total of 22.0 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 7 percent, West North Central up 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 12 percent, and South Central and West up 17 percent.

The 21.0 million net poults, placed during November 2009 in the United States, were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 1 percent from the October 2009 total of 21.2 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators December 1		2009 2008	Eggs Hatched During Nov.		2009 2008
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,032	3,920	97	3,537	3,292	93
W N Central	11,193	11,166	100	8,815	9,172	104
N & S Atlantic	9,368	8,122	87	7,734	6,783	88
S Central & West	3,161	2,551	81	1,919	2,253	117
U.S.	27,754	25,759	93	22,005	21,500	98

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



NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2009-10		Cumulative Total		2009-10
	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09
	Thousands		Percent		Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,515	20,843	93	22,515	20,843	93	
Oct. 2/	22,165	21,245	96	44,680	42,088	94	
Nov.	20,702	20,952	101	65,382	63,040	96	
Dec.	23,179			88,561			
Jan.	24,131			112,692			
Feb.	22,079			134,771			
Mar.	23,817			158,588			
Apr.	23,988			182,576			
May	22,975			205,551			
June	24,107			229,658			
July	24,989			254,647			
Aug.	22,674			277,321			

1/ Includes imports, but excludes exported.

2/ Revised 2009 data only.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	November 30, 2008	October 31, 2009	November 30, 2009	Nov. 2009 Nov. 2008	Nov. 2009 Oct. 2009
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	16,691	65,997	20,246	121	31
Chickens	Lbs.	46,895	46,066	43,062	92	93
Ducks	Lbs.	322	2,173	1,881	584	87
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	63,908	114,236	65,189	102	57
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	360,379	509,463	227,668	63	45
Chickens	Lbs.	811,100	635,993	660,988	81	104
Ducks	Lbs.	1,951	5,240	4,507	231	86
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,173,430	1,150,696	893,163	76	78
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	21,261	22,912	21,099	99	92