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U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

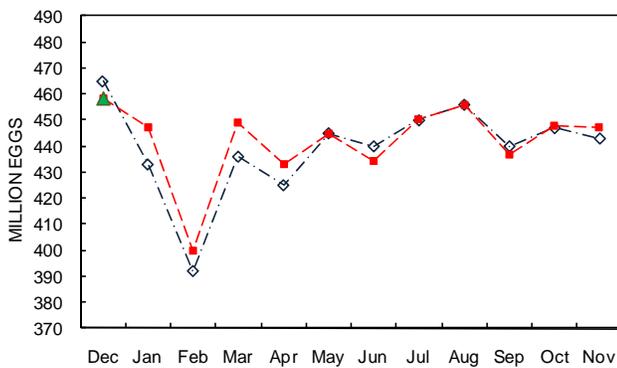
U.S. egg production totaled 7.83 billion during December 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.76 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 995 million were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2009 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,304 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2009.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 458 million, up 11 million from November's production, but unchanged from December 2008. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.4 million, up slightly from last month, but down 3.5 percent from December 2008. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,356, compared to 2,305 a month earlier, and 2,274 in December 2008.

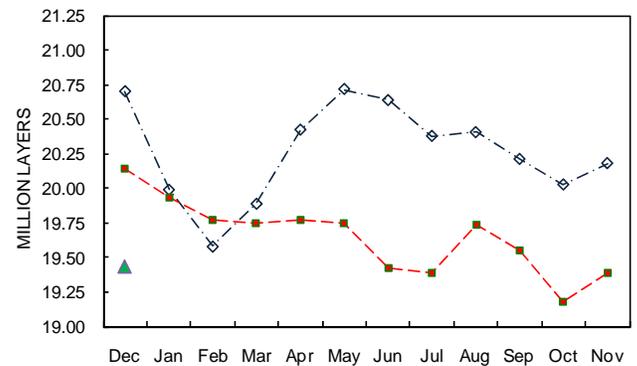
All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2010 totaled 340 million, down slightly from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.94 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2010, averaged 73.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2009.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2008-2010



1/ Previous Year

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2008-2010



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DECEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JANUARY 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	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,393	9,133	1,948	1,938	183	177	0.5	0.5	6.5	8.0
Arkansas	12,790	12,226	2,002	2,028	256	248	1.5	1.0	8.0	10.0
California	20,145	19,438	2,274	2,356	458	458	2.5	4.5	33.5	31.0
Georgia	18,391	17,817	2,126	2,195	391	391	1.0	1.5	10.5	17.0
Indiana	24,247	23,539	2,310	2,362	560	556	3.5	3.0	34.5	34.0
Iowa	53,718	54,354	2,288	2,296	1,229	1,248	5.0	3.0	32.5	29.0
North Carolina	12,520	13,226	2,109	2,132	264	282	2.0	2.0	10.0	7.0
Ohio	27,406	27,508	2,386	2,341	654	644	2.5	2.5	17.5	20.5
Pennsylvania	21,697	23,546	2,452	2,480	532	584	3.0	2.5	10.5	12.0
Texas	18,311	17,998	2,294	2,328	420	419	3.5	1.0	19.5	17.5
UNITED STATES	340,302	339,882	2,283	2,304	7,768	7,831	3.2	2.7	21.2	20.7

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICK HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2009 totaled 778 million, down slightly from December 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 633 million on January 1, 2010, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2009, up 1 percent from December 2008.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, DECEMBER

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u>
	Thousands		<u>2008</u>
			Percent
Alabama	109,321	108,444	99
Arkansas	92,277	88,619	96
Delaware	12,213	12,393	101
Florida	4,698	4,808	102
Georgia	117,499	114,450	97
Kentucky	28,783	29,268	102
Louisiana	13,023	12,789	98
Maryland	32,184	32,286	100
Mississippi	64,880	69,919	108
North Carolina	68,905	69,864	101
Oklahoma	24,377	25,865	106
Pennsylvania	15,237	14,130	93
South Carolina	20,096	20,366	101
Texas	56,325	58,554	104
Virginia	22,487	22,812	101
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	71,333	68,275	96
Other States 1/	25,666	25,530	99
UNITED STATES	779,304	778,372	100

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

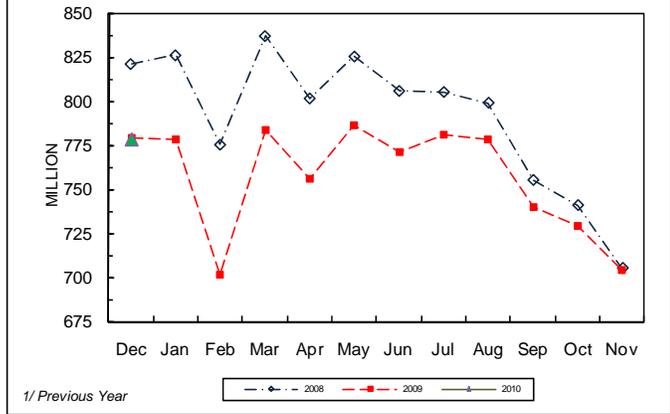
Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2009 totaled 39.7 million, up 7 percent from December 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.9 million on January 1, 2010, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 309 thousand during December 2009, up 55 percent from December 2008.

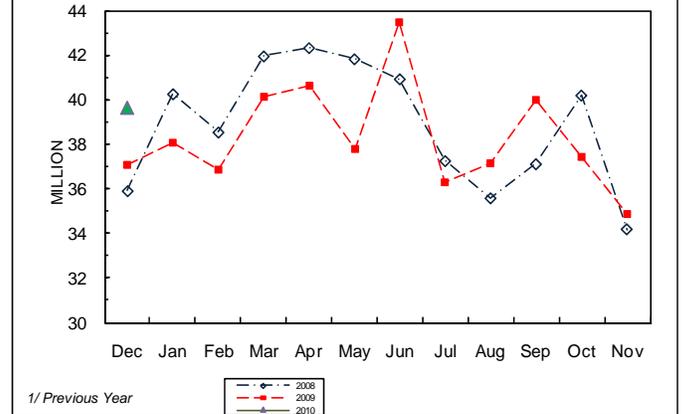
EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u>
	Thousands		<u>2008</u>
			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
Sept	37,111	40,001	108
Oct	40,198	37,406	93
Nov	34,187	34,897	102
Dec	37,091	39,655	107

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2008-2010**



**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2008-2010**



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JANUARY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u>	2009	2010	<u>2010</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,931	11,378	95	5,379	5,645	105
East North Central	11,324	12,866	114	7,518	7,514	100
West North Central	29,104	28,044	96	7,985	7,939	99
South Atlantic	233,580	232,302	99	3,729	4,261	114
South Central	320,269	326,940	102	6,116	5,896	96
West	24,001	21,396	89	5,938	7,674	129
UNITED STATES	630,209	632,926	100	36,665	38,929	106

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

California mid-month market egg price for December 2009 was 100.0 cents per dozen, up 4.0 cents per dozen from the November mid-month price, and a 9.0 cent decrease from December 2008.

Nationally, the December market egg price, at 91.8 cents per dozen, increased 3.9 cents from November, and is 5.8 cents above December 2008. The December broiler price, at 41.0 cents per pound, is unchanged from November, but 7.0 cents below a year ago. The December turkey price, at 53.9 cents per pound, is down 0.2 cent from the previous month, but up 9.4 cents

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	91.0	96.0	100.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	48.0	41.0	41.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	86.0	87.9	91.8
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	44.5	54.1	53.9

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 January 1, 2010, in the United States, totaled 27.5 million, down 7 percent from January 1, 2009. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the December 1, 2009 total of 26.6 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 8 percent, West North Central down 2 percent, North and South Atlantic down 10 percent, and South Central and West down 18 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during December 2009, in the United States, totaled 22.6 million, down 7 percent from December 2008. Poults hatched were up 5 percent from the November 2009 total of 21.5 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central up slightly, North and South Atlantic down 14 percent, and South Central and West down 19 percent.

The 22.1 million net poults placed during December 2009, in the United States, were down 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 5 percent from the November 2009 total of 21.1 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators January 1		2010 2009	Eggs Hatched During Dec.		2009 2008
	2009	2010		2008	2009	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,403	4,051	92	3,602	3,558	99
W N Central	11,711	11,462	98	9,506	9,534	100
N & S Atlantic	10,161	9,191	90	8,601	7,422	86
S Central & West	3,389	2,795	82	2,580	2,079	81
U.S.	29,664	27,499	93	24,289	22,593	93

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	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,515	20,843	93	22,515	20,843	93
Oct.	22,165	21,245	96	44,680	42,088	94
Nov. 2/	20,702	21,061	102	65,382	63,149	97
Dec.	23,179	22,108	95	88,561	85,257	96
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 and excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised 2009 data only.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2008	November 30, 2009	December 31, 2009	Dec. 2009 Dec. 2008	Dec. 2009 Nov. 2009
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	16,565	20,229	22,376	135	111
Chickens	Lbs.	46,492	44,936	47,933	103	107
Ducks	Lbs.	271	1,881	1,525	563	81
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	63,328	67,046	71,834	113	107
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	396,144	234,480	250,178	63	107
Chickens	Lbs.	765,442	659,326	631,168	82	96
Ducks	Lbs.	1,993	4,507	3,566	179	79
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,163,579	898,313	884,912	76	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	22,638	21,158	24,347	108	115

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