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U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.55 billion during April 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 74 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2010 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,220 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2009.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2010 totaled 338 million, down slightly from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.99 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2010, averaged 73.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2009.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 440 million, down 24 million from March's production, and up 7 million from April 2009. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.5 million, down slightly from last month, and down 1.3 percent from April 2009. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,255, compared to 2,374 a month earlier, and 2,190 in April 2009.

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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,324	9,855	1,898	1,847	177	182	1.5	1.5	5.5	6.0
Arkansas	12,467	12,283	1,957	1,978	244	243	2.0	1.5	9.0	8.0
California	19,774	19,512	2,190	2,255	433	440	7.5	10.0	26.0	25.5
Georgia	17,779	17,492	2,081	2,110	370	369	5.0	5.5	11.0	11.5
Indiana	24,091	23,686	2,262	2,292	545	543	5.5	4.5	35.5	34.0
Iowa	53,742	54,442	2,207	2,263	1,186	1,232	3.5	4.5	34.0	35.0
North Carolina	12,784	13,586	2,042	1,987	261	270	0.0	2.0	10.5	9.5
Ohio	27,293	27,547	2,224	2,218	607	611	6.0	3.5	18.0	20.0
Pennsylvania	22,774	23,539	2,380	2,426	542	571	3.5	2.0	11.0	12.0
Texas	19,164	18,090	2,192	2,184	420	395	5.5	4.5	19.0	13.5
U.S. TOTAL	340,170	339,946	2,197	2,220	7,472	7,547	4.5	4.3	20.7	20.7

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 30, 2009	March 31, 2010	April 30, 2010	Apr. 2010 Apr. 2009	Apr. 2010 Mar. 2010
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	40,248	25,763	30,345	75	118
Chickens	Lbs.	46,370	40,235	39,877	86	99
Ducks	Lbs.	2,072	2,469	2,573	124	104
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	88,690	68,467	72,795	82	106
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	571,708	379,720	422,198	74	111
Chickens	Lbs.	658,243	616,158	623,924	95	101
Ducks	Lbs.	5,406	3,671	3,751	69	102
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,235,357	999,549	1,049,873	85	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,241	21,623	22,540	124	104

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICK HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2010 totaled 767 million, up 1 percent from April 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 643 million on May 1, 2010, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.54 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2010, up 5 percent from April 2009.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	108,004	107,808	100
Arkansas	84,912	86,476	102
Delaware	12,718	13,553	107
Florida	3,476	4,627	133
Georgia	112,666	112,528	100
Kentucky	27,640	28,802	104
Louisiana	8,132	12,539	154
Maryland	32,228	32,231	100
Mississippi	65,364	70,156	107
North Carolina	68,415	66,671	97
Oklahoma	25,096	24,399	97
Pennsylvania	13,437	13,282	99
South Carolina	19,824	20,649	104
Texas	57,791	55,070	95
Virginia	22,205	22,891	103
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	70,768	69,500	98
Other States 1/	25,987	26,043	100
UNITED STATES	758,663	767,225	101

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICK HATCH

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2010 totaled 47.5 million, up 11 percent from April 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 41.6 million on May 1, 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 232 thousand during April 2010, down 24 percent from April 2009.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

State	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	Thousands		Percent
Jan	37,812	38,794	103
Feb	36,795	40,120	109
Mar	41,737	45,151	108
Apr	42,794	47,503	111
May	40,758		
Jun	41,968		
Jul	36,213		
Aug	37,945		
Sep	40,515		
Oct	37,566		
Nov	34,512		
Dec	39,554		

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,830	12,326	96	5,309	5,156	97
East North Central	13,137	12,627	96	7,351	9,040	123
West North Central	28,922	28,554	99	9,177	8,769	96
South Atlantic	231,791	236,453	102	4,022	4,177	104
South Central	319,224	329,431	103	6,344	5,938	94
West	24,922	23,698	95	8,959	8,476	95
UNITED STATES	630,826	643,089	102	41,162	41,556	101

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2010, in the United States totaled 28.7 million, down slightly from May 1, 2009. Eggs in incubators were down slightly from the April 1, 2010 total of 28.8 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down slightly, West North Central up 12 percent, North and South Atlantic down 6 percent, and South Central and West down 20 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during April 2010, in the United States totaled 24.6 million, down slightly from April 2009. Poults hatched were up 5 percent from the March 2010 total of 23.4 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic down 2 percent, and South Central and West down 15 percent.

The 24.4 million net poults placed during April 2010 in the United States were up 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 6 percent from the March 2010 total of 23.0 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators May 1		2010 2009	Eggs Hatched During Apr.		2010 2009
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
	E N Central	4,183	4,171	100	3,752	3,671
W N Central	11,057	12,342	112	9,508	10,158	107
N & S Atlantic	10,065	9,437	94	8,498	8,313	98
S Central & West	3,465	2,781	80	2,933	2,483	85
U.S.	28,770	28,731	100	24,691	24,625	100

1/ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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

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	20,852	93	22,515	20,852	93
Oct.	22,165	21,245	96	44,680	42,097	94
Nov.	20,702	21,061	102	65,382	63,158	97
Dec.	23,179	22,074	95	88,561	85,232	96
Jan.	24,131	21,833	90	112,692	107,065	95
Feb.	22,079	21,005	95	134,771	128,070	95
Mar. 2/	23,817	23,007	97	158,588	151,077	95
Apr.	23,989	24,375	102	182,577	175,452	96
May	22,892			205,469		
June	24,141			229,610		
July	25,037			254,647		
Aug.	22,657			277,304		

1/ Includes imports, but excludes exports.

2/ Revised 2010 data only.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Egg producers in California produced 5.30 billion eggs in 2009, up 1 percent from the 5.27 billion produced in 2008. The value of eggs produced totaled \$320 million, a decrease of 27 percent from the previous year's production of \$441 million.

Nationally, the value of all egg production in 2009 was \$6.16 billion, down 25 percent from the \$8.22 billion in 2008. Egg production totaled 90.4 million eggs, up slightly percent from the 90.0 million eggs produced in 2008. In 2009, all eggs averaged 81.7 cents per dozen, compared with \$1.09 in 2008.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/ 2/

Year	Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
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	5,271	100.0	440,438
2009	5,304	72.3	319,771
UNITED STATES			
2008	90,040	109.0	8,215,999
2009	90,359	81.7	6,155,825

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 2008 values.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Broiler production for California was combined again with ten other States (CA, CT, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NE, NY, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These ten States produced 804 million birds totaling 4.25 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 45.7 cents for a total production value of \$1.94 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2009 was \$21.8 billion, down 6 percent from 2008. The total number of broilers produced in 2009 was 8.55 billion, down 5 percent from 2008. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2009 was 47.7 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 2008.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE a/

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound b/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
2000 c/	763,600	3,606,000	35.0	1,261,596
2001 c/	768,080	3,697,500	40.2	1,487,707
2002 c/	810,300	3,988,300	31.7	1,264,724
2003 c/	777,600	3,868,850	37.0	1,430,557
2004 d/	829,250	4,161,850	47.3	1,969,802
2005 d/	862,500	4,452,900	44.4	1,978,098
2006 f/	856,900	4,410,300	37.0	1,630,188
2007 d/	848,000	4,445,000	44.4	1,972,230
2008 e/ g/	862,600	4,581,600	46.0	2,107,536
2009 h/	803,700	4,245,200	45.7	1,940,057
UNITED STATES i/				
2008 g/	9,009,300	50,441,600	46.0	23,203,136
2009	8,550,500	47,726,500	45.7	21,811,013

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

b/ Live weight equivalent price.

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

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

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

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

g/ Revised.

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

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

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

California turkey production totaled 390 million pounds (live weight) in 2009, down 10 percent from the 435 million pounds raised in 2008. Value of production, at \$203 million was down 20 percent from the \$252 million realized in 2008. The annual average price per pound in 2009 was 52.0 cents, compared with 58.0 cents in 2008.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2009 was \$3.57 billion, down 20 percent from the \$4.48 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2009 totaled 7.15 billion pounds, down 10 percent from the 7.92 billion pounds produced in 2008. The average price received by producers during 2009 was 50.0 cents per pound, compared with 56.5 cents in 2008.

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
CALIFORNIA				
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
2009	15,000	390,000	52.0	202,800
UNITED STATES				
2008	273,088	7,922,087	56.5	4,477,054
2009	247,359	7,149,942	50.0	3,573,637

1/ Revised 2008 values.

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 2009 (excluding broilers) was \$31 thousand, 7 percent above the value of a year earlier. Average price for other chickens was 0.1 cents per pound, unchanged from last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2009 was \$65.1 million, up 5 percent from the \$62.2 million a year ago. Prices averaged 7.2 cents per pound, compared with 6.6 cents in 2008. The number of chickens sold in 2009 totaled 175 million, down slightly from the total sold during the previous year.

CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/ 2/

Year	Number Sold	Price Per Pound	Value
	1,000 Head	Cents	1,000 Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
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
2009	9,401	0.1	31
UNITED STATES			
2008	175,573	6.6	62,164
2009	175,204	7.2	65,127

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

2/ Revised 2008 values.

U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the April market egg price, at 59.9 cents per dozen, decreased 46.1 cents from March and 17.2 cents from April 2009. The April broiler price, at 48.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from March, but 3.0 cents above a year ago. The April turkey price, at 53.1 cents per pound, is up 0.9 cent from the previous month and up 5.5 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED

Commodity	Unit	April	March	April
		2009	2010	2010
Cents				
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	45.0	49.0	48.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	77.4	106.0	59.9
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	47.6	52.2	53.1

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	March 2009	March 2010
		Dollars	
PACIFIC REGION			
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	578	544
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	592	555
Laying Feed	Ton	472	448
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	538	507
UNITED STATES			
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	464	456
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	501	485
Laying Feed	Ton	391	374
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	466	434

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

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