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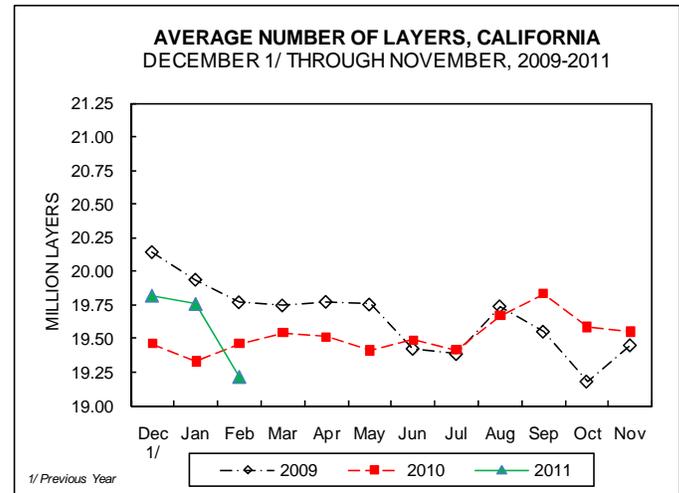
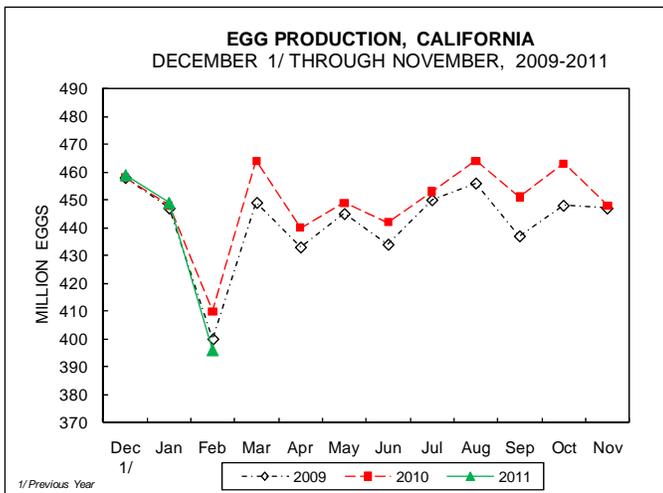
U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

United States egg production totaled 7.01 billion during February 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs, and 974 million hatching eggs, of which 908 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2011 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,065 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2010.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during February totaled 396 million, down 53 million from January's production, and 14 million from February 2010. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.2 million, down 3 percent from last month, and 1 percent from February 2010. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,061 compared to 2,273 a month earlier, and 2,107 in February 2010.

All layers in the United States on March 1, 2011 totaled 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.02 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2011, averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from March 1, 2010.



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 | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 |
| | Thousands | | Number | | Millions | | Percent | | | |
| Alabama | 9,681 | 9,762 | 1,653 | 1,690 | 160 | 165 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 6.5 | 5.0 |
| Arkansas | 12,299 | 11,974 | 1,789 | 1,846 | 220 | 221 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 10.5 |
| California | 19,461 | 19,210 | 2,107 | 2,061 | 410 | 396 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 30.0 | 28.0 |
| Georgia | 17,597 | 16,986 | 1,978 | 1,978 | 348 | 336 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 15.5 | 18.5 |
| Indiana | 23,822 | 23,656 | 2,091 | 2,135 | 498 | 505 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 32.5 | 25.0 |
| Iowa | 54,103 | 53,056 | 2,026 | 2,086 | 1,096 | 1,107 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 33.0 | 32.0 |
| North Carolina | 13,308 | 13,368 | 1,871 | 1,863 | 249 | 249 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 17.0 |
| Ohio | 27,532 | 27,452 | 2,041 | 2,091 | 562 | 574 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 16.5 | 15.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 23,583 | 25,050 | 2,230 | 2,224 | 526 | 557 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 12.5 | 9.5 |
| Texas | 17,980 | 18,395 | 2,041 | 2,033 | 367 | 374 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 17.0 | 19.0 |
| UNITED STATES | 340,486 | 339,287 | 2,037 | 2,065 | 6,935 | 7,005 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 21.2 | 20.2 |

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2011 totaled 709 million, up 1 percent from February 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 642 million on March 1, 2011, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.11 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2011, up 2 percent from February 2010.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2011 totaled 37.3 million, down 7 percent from February 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.0 million on March 1, 2011, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 264 thousand during February 2011, down 11 percent from February 2010.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY

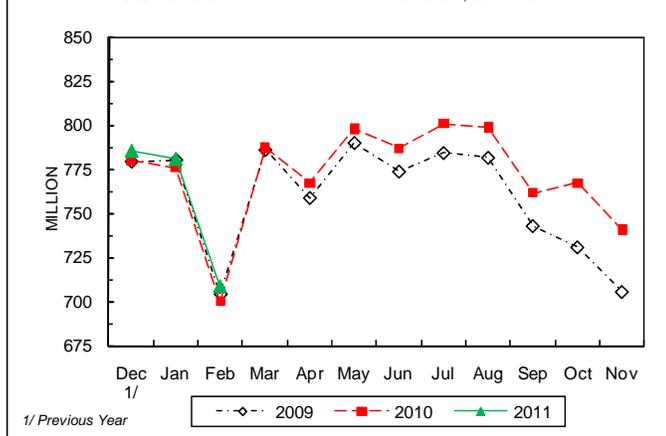
| State | 2010 | 2011 | <u>2011</u> 2010 |
|--|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| | Thousands | | Percent |
| Alabama | 97,461 | 101,042 | 104 |
| Arkansas | 79,360 | 78,596 | 99 |
| Delaware | 10,370 | 13,498 | 130 |
| Florida | 4,542 | 4,345 | 96 |
| Georgia | 103,818 | 109,647 | 106 |
| Kentucky | 25,618 | 24,989 | 98 |
| Louisiana | 11,346 | 11,292 | 100 |
| Maryland | 28,612 | 25,155 | 88 |
| Mississippi | 64,536 | 62,689 | 97 |
| North Carolina | 61,531 | 65,891 | 107 |
| Oklahoma | 21,957 | 23,042 | 105 |
| Pennsylvania | 11,347 | 13,306 | 117 |
| South Carolina | 18,317 | 17,864 | 98 |
| Texas | 51,373 | 49,290 | 96 |
| Virginia | 20,370 | 19,939 | 98 |
| California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia | 62,359 | 62,866 | 101 |
| Other States 1/ | 26,859 | 25,273 | 94 |
| UNITED STATES | 699,776 | 708,724 | 101 |

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

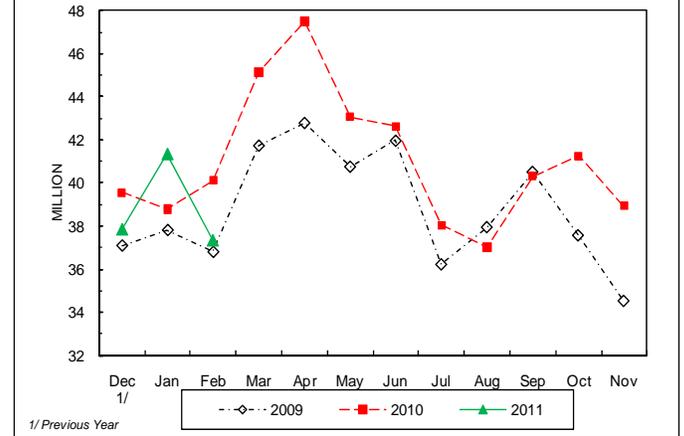
EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

| State | 2010 | 2011 | <u>2011</u> 2010 |
|-------|-----------|--------|---------------------|
| | Thousands | | Percent |
| Jan | 38,794 | 41,366 | 107 |
| Feb | 40,120 | 37,336 | 93 |
| Mar | 45,151 | | |
| Apr | 47,503 | | |
| May | 43,075 | | |
| Jun | 42,623 | | |
| Jul | 38,053 | | |
| Aug | 37,023 | | |
| Sep | 40,307 | | |
| Oct | 41,263 | | |
| Nov | 38,947 | | |
| Dec | 37,845 | | |

BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2009-2011



EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2009-2011



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1

| Geographic Division | Broiler-Type | | | Egg-Type | | |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | <u>2011</u> 2010 | 2010 | 2011 | <u>2011</u> 2010 |
| | Thousands | | Percent | Thousands | | Percent |
| North Atlantic | 11,757 | 12,620 | 107 | 5,130 | 4,463 | 87 |
| East North Central | 12,032 | 12,097 | 101 | 8,034 | 8,346 | 104 |
| West North Central | 28,641 | 28,779 | 100 | 7,601 | 7,889 | 104 |
| South Atlantic | 235,619 | 239,341 | 102 | 4,593 | 5,336 | 116 |
| South Central | 331,445 | 326,142 | 98 | 5,128 | 5,473 | 107 |
| West | 23,310 | 23,458 | 101 | 8,287 | 8,468 | 102 |
| UNITED STATES | 642,804 | 642,437 | 100 | 38,773 | 39,975 | 103 |

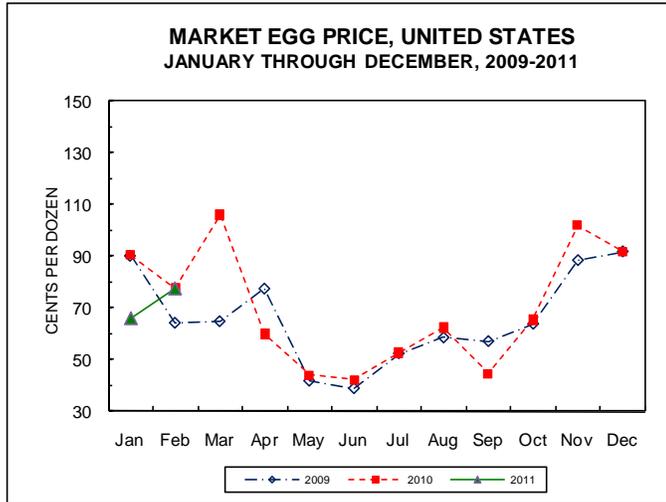
U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the February market egg price, at 77.6 cents per dozen, increased 11.6 cents from January, and 0.1 cents from a year earlier. The February broiler price, at 44.0 cents per pound decreased 1.0 cents from January, and 3.0 cents from a year ago. The February turkey price, at 57.2 cents per pound, is up 0.8 cents from the previous month, and 8.1 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

| Commodity | Unit | February 2010 | January 2011 | February 2011 |
|----------------------|------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | Cents | | |
| UNITED STATES | | | | |
| Chickens-Broilers | Lb. | 47.0 | 45.0 | 44.0 |
| Market Eggs 2/ | Doz. | 77.5 | 66.0 | 77.6 |
| Turkeys 2/ | Lb. | 49.1 | 56.4 | 57.2 |

- 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 U.S. as a whole.
 2/ Mid-month prices.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2011, in the United States totaled 27.9 million, up 4 percent from March 1, 2010. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the February 1, 2011 total of 28.4 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during February 2011, in the United States totaled 23.1 million, up 8 percent from February 2010. Poults hatched were down 4 percent from the January 2011 total of 24.0 million poults.

The 22.3 million net poults placed during February 2011 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 1 percent from the January 2011 total of 22.6 million.

U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS AND POULTS HATCHED BY MONTH

| Month | Eggs in incubators first of month | | 2010-11 | Poults hatched entire month | | 2010-11 |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2009-10 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2009-10 |
| | Thousands | | Percent | Thousands | | Percent |
| Sept. | 26,366 | 26,353 | 100 | 22,045 | 22,065 | 100 |
| Oct. | 26,440 | 26,223 | 99 | 22,039 | 22,085 | 100 |
| Nov. | 26,010 | 28,415 | 109 | 21,499 | 23,786 | 111 |
| Dec. | 26,559 | 27,268 | 103 | 22,594 | 23,519 | 104 |
| Jan. | 27,501 | 27,853 | 101 | 22,460 | 23,973 | 107 |
| Feb. | 26,755 | 28,431 | 106 | 21,391 | 23,067 | 108 |
| Mar. | 26,823 | 27,875 | 104 | 23,414 | | |
| Apr. | 28,809 | | | 24,759 | | |
| May | 28,740 | | | 24,207 | | |
| June | 28,707 | | | 24,341 | | |
| July | 29,850 | | | 26,198 | | |
| Aug. | 27,947 | | | 22,908 | | |

NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

| Month | Total All Breeds | | 2010-11 | Cumulative Total | | 2010-11 |
|-------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|
| | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2009-10 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2009-10 |
| | Thousands | | Percent | Thousands | | Percent |
| Sept. | 20,852 | 21,670 | 104 | 20,852 | 21,670 | 104 |
| Oct. | 21,245 | 21,211 | 100 | 42,097 | 42,881 | 102 |
| Nov. | 21,061 | 22,604 | 107 | 63,158 | 65,485 | 104 |
| Dec. | 22,074 | 22,596 | 102 | 85,232 | 88,081 | 103 |
| Jan. | 21,833 | 22,585 | 103 | 107,065 | 110,666 | 103 |
| Feb. | 21,005 | 22,315 | 106 | 128,070 | 132,981 | 104 |
| Mar. | 23,007 | | | 151,077 | | |
| Apr. | 24,546 | | | 175,623 | | |
| May | 24,045 | | | 199,668 | | |
| June | 23,946 | | | 223,614 | | |
| July | 26,006 | | | 249,620 | | |
| Aug. | 22,798 | | | 272,418 | | |

1/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

| Commodity | Unit | February 28, 2010 | January 31, 2011 | February 28, 2011 | Feb. 2011 Feb. 2010 | Feb. 2011 Jan. 2011 |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Thousands | | | Percent | |
| PACIFIC COAST | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 28,466 | 8,253 | 10,240 | 36 | 124 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 43,276 | 34,770 | 41,814 | 97 | 120 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 2,646 | 2,658 | 3,275 | 124 | 123 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 74,388 | 45,681 | 55,329 | 74 | 121 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 342,418 | 253,527 | 296,396 | 87 | 117 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 627,816 | 769,538 | 715,405 | 114 | 93 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 3,950 | 3,792 | 4,801 | 122 | 127 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 974,184 | 1,026,857 | 1,016,602 | 104 | 99 |
| Eggs, Frozen | Lbs. | 24,106 | 26,788 | 26,187 | 109 | 98 |

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