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U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

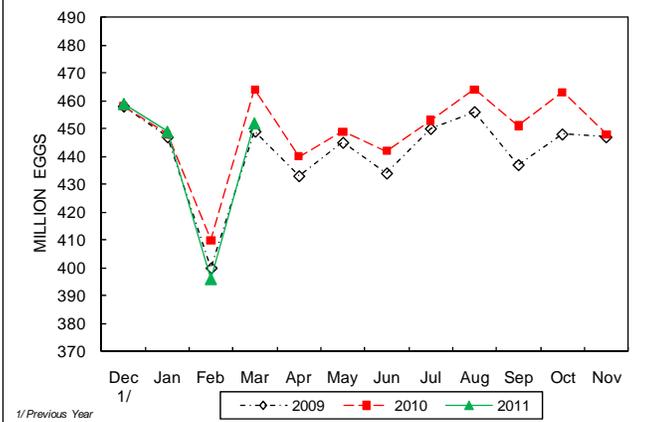
United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion during March 2011, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2011 averaged 340 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up slightly from March 2010.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

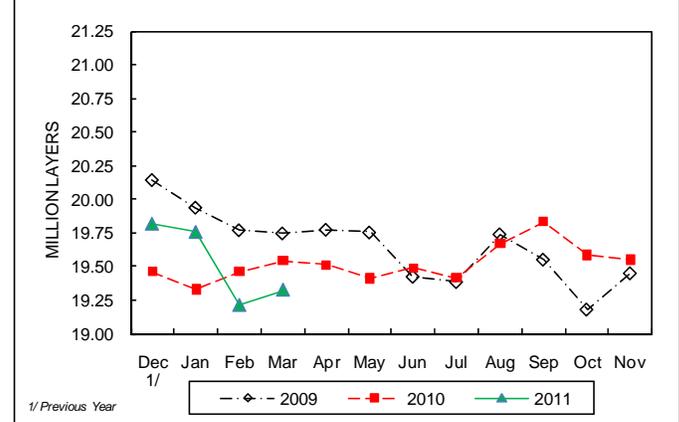
California's egg production during March totaled 452 million, up 56 million from February's production, but down 12 million from March 2010. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.3 million, up 1 percent from last month, but down 1 percent from March 2010. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,339 compared to 2,061 a month earlier, and 2,374 in March 2010.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2011 totaled 342 million, down slightly from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.93 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2011, averaged 74.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from April 1, 2010.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2009-2011



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2009-2011



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 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	9,792	9,777	1,848	1,882	181	184	1.0	1.5	5.5	6.0
Arkansas	12,299	11,964	2,025	2,048	249	245	0.0	1.5	9.5	8.0
California	19,542	19,324	2,374	2,339	464	452	2.0	2.0	29.0	27.5
Georgia	17,610	17,178	2,220	2,206	391	379	0.0	0.5	15.5	18.5
Indiana	23,886	23,599	2,353	2,394	562	565	4.0	3.5	31.5	24.0
Iowa	54,327	53,428	2,306	2,313	1,253	1,236	4.5	4.5	35.0	30.5
North Carolina	13,358	13,310	2,089	2,029	279	270	0.5	2.0	9.5	16.5
Ohio	28,119	27,291	2,272	2,371	639	647	7.5	3.0	19.0	19.5
Pennsylvania	23,747	25,282	2,489	2,464	591	623	2.0	2.0	12.0	10.5
Texas	17,957	18,309	2,300	2,288	413	419	1.5	1.5	13.0	18.0
UNITED STATES	342,098	340,377	2,291	2,302	7,839	7,834	2.8	2.6	21.3	20.0

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICK HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2011 totaled 794 million, up 1 percent from March 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on April 1, 2011, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2011, up 1 percent from March 2010.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	110,257	112,625	102
Arkansas	89,622	87,785	98
Delaware	12,275	14,312	117
Florida	4,893	4,963	101
Georgia	115,942	123,064	106
Kentucky	28,676	28,964	101
Louisiana	12,681	12,736	100
Maryland	33,120	28,403	86
Mississippi	72,363	70,948	98
North Carolina	69,201	73,283	106
Oklahoma	25,492	25,734	101
Pennsylvania	13,463	14,001	104
South Carolina	20,428	19,645	96
Texas	58,447	56,101	96
Virginia	23,790	23,625	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	71,974	72,066	100
Other States 1/	25,315	25,702	102
UNITED STATES	787,939	793,957	101

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICK HATCH

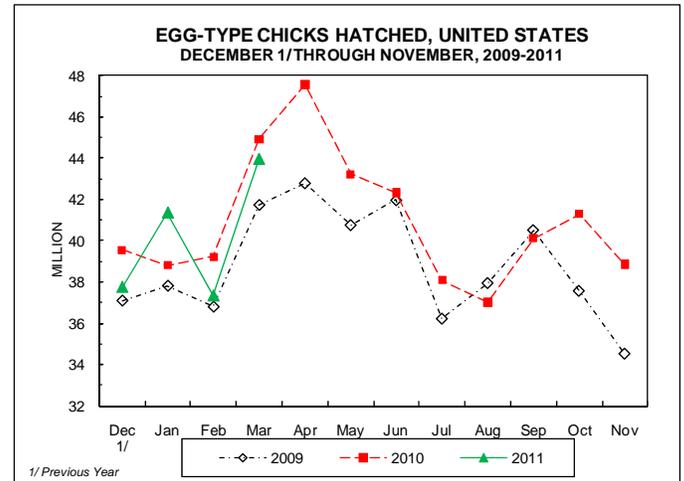
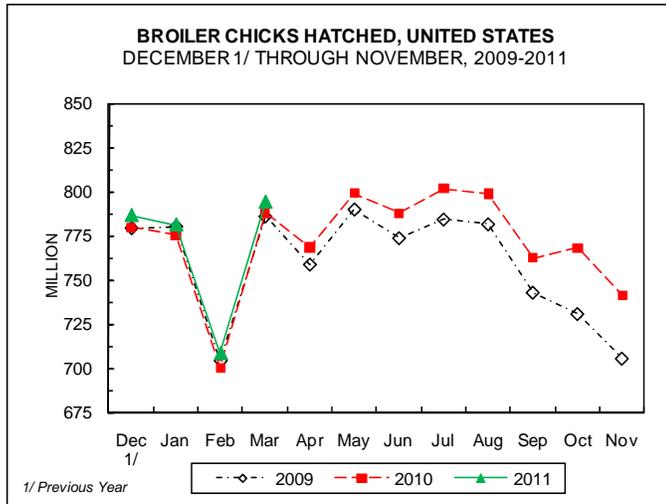
Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2011 totaled 44.0 million, down 2 percent from March 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.8 million on April 1, 2011, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 275 thousand during March 2011, up 6 percent from March 2010.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

State	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Jan	38,819	41,366	107
Feb	39,218	37,336	95
Mar	44,914	43,974	98
Apr	47,558	---	---
May	43,231	---	---
Jun	42,331	---	---
Jul	38,089	---	---
Aug	37,014	---	---
Sep	40,130	---	---
Oct	41,300	---	---
Nov	38,849	---	---
Dec	37,759	---	---

Dashes (---) indicate data not available at time of publication.



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	12,400	12,340	100	5,852	4,450	76
East North Central	12,685	12,801	101	9,163	8,110	89
West North Central	28,220	28,524	101	8,986	8,800	98
South Atlantic	235,592	241,672	103	4,842	4,929	102
South Central	329,656	330,575	100	5,568	5,679	102
West	23,162	23,840	103	8,620	8,880	103
UNITED STATES	641,715	649,752	101	43,031	40,848	95

U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the March market egg price, at 65.2 cents per dozen, decreased 12.4 cents from February, and 40.8 cents from a year earlier. The February broiler price, at 49.0 cents per pound increased 5.0 cents from February, and was unchanged from a year ago. The March turkey price, at 59.9 cents per pound, is up 2.1 cents from the previous month, and 7.7 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011
		Cents		
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	49.0	44.0	49.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	106.0	77.6	65.2
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	52.2	57.8	59.9

- 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. EGGS IN INCUBATORS AND POULTS HATCHED BY MONTH

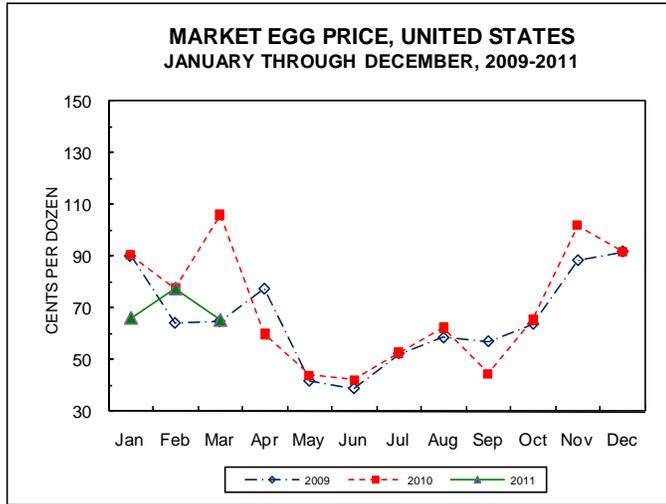
Month	Eggs in incubators first of month		2010-11	Poults hatched entire month		2010-11
	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	26,366	26,353	100	22,045	22,065	100
Oct.	26,440	26,223	99	22,039	22,085	100
Nov.	26,010	28,415	109	21,499	23,783	111
Dec.	26,559	27,327	103	22,594	23,519	104
Jan.	27,501	27,764	101	22,460	23,973	107
Feb.	26,755	28,431	106	21,391	23,079	108
Mar.	26,823	28,359	106	23,414	24,343	104
Apr.	28,809	27,715	96	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	21,672	104	20,852	21,672	104
Oct.	21,245	21,094	99	42,097	42,766	102
Nov.	21,061	22,599	107	63,158	65,365	103
Dec.	22,074	22,596	102	85,232	87,961	103
Jan.	21,833	22,585	103	107,065	110,546	103
Feb.	21,005	22,130	105	128,070	132,676	104
Mar.	23,007	23,596	103	151,077	156,272	103
Apr.	24,506			175,583		
May	24,078			199,661		
June	23,946			223,607		
July	26,006			249,613		
Aug.	22,926			272,539		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICE, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2009-2011**



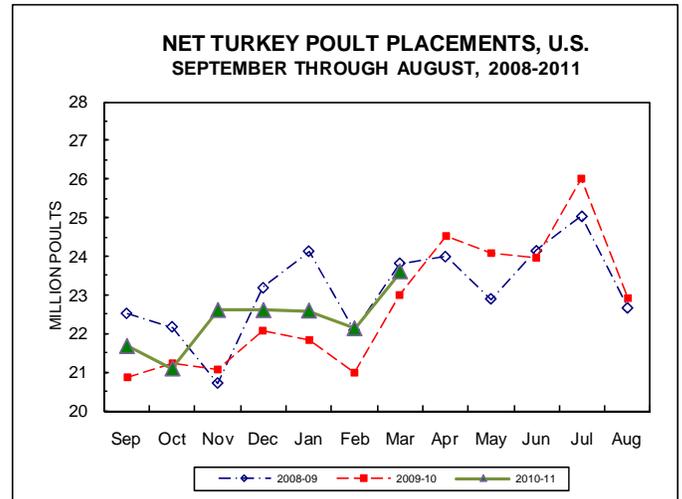
U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2011, in the United States totaled 27.7 million, down 4 percent from April 1, 2010. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the March 1, 2011 total of 28.4 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during March 2011, in the United States totaled 24.3 million, up 4 percent from March 2010. Poults hatched were up 5 percent from the February 2011 total of 23.1 million poults.

The 23.6 million net poults placed during March 2011 in the United States were up 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 7 percent from the February 2011 total of 22.1 million.

**NET TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, U.S.
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2008-2011**



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 31, 2010	February 28, 2011	March 31, 2011	Mar. 2011 Mar. 2010	Mar. 2011 Feb. 2011
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	25,763	9,886	15,690	61	159
Chickens	Lbs.	40,235	41,394	41,448	103	100
Ducks	Lbs.	2,469	3,275	4,175	169	127
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	68,467	54,555	61,313	90	112
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	379,720	288,976	331,063	87	115
Chickens	Lbs.	616,158	716,405	695,802	113	97
Ducks	Lbs.	3,671	4,664	6,176	168	132
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	999,549	1,010,045	1,033,041	103	102
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	21,623	28,143	27,291	126	97

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