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U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

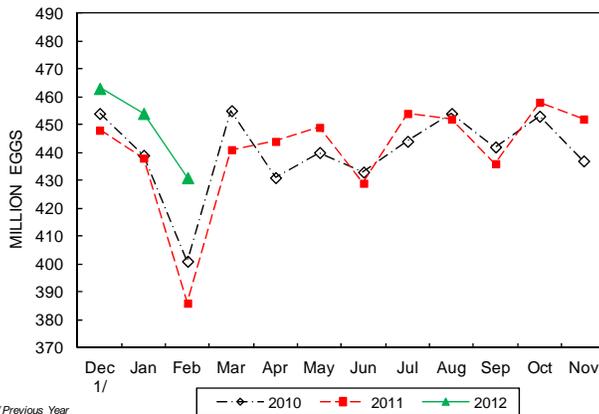
U.S. egg production totaled 7.24 billion during February 2012, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 914 million were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2012 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2011.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

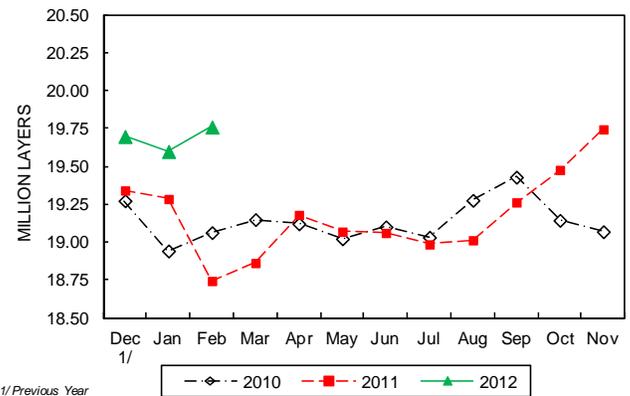
California's egg production during February totaled 431 million, down 23 million from January's production, but up 45 million from February 2011. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.8 million, up 1 percent from last month, and up 5 percent from February 2011. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,181 compared to 2,317 a month earlier, and 2,059 in February 2011.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2012 totaled 339 million, down slightly from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.10 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2012, averaged 74.0 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2011.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2010-2012



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2010-2012



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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,753	9,093	1,682	1,826	164	166	2.0	2.0	5.0	8.5
Arkansas	12,224	11,917	1,841	1,947	225	232	0.0	2.5	10.5	9.0
California	18,744	19,759	2,059	2,181	386	431	4.0	3.5	28.0	28.5
Georgia	17,205	16,338	1,970	2,020	339	330	1.5	3.0	18.5	13.0
Indiana	23,656	24,210	2,135	2,127	505	515	3.0	6.5	25.0	32.5
Iowa	53,056	51,196	2,086	2,160	1,107	1,106	5.0	5.0	32.0	31.0
North Carolina	13,528	12,613	1,863	1,895	252	239	0.5	2.5	17.0	16.0
Ohio	27,477	27,972	2,089	2,131	574	596	4.5	4.0	15.5	12.0
Pennsylvania	25,050	25,296	2,224	2,313	557	585	2.0	1.0	9.5	6.0
Texas	18,395	18,396	2,033	2,158	374	397	2.5	5.5	19.0	16.5
UNITED STATES	339,787	338,219	2,064	2,140	7,013	7,237	3.0	3.7	20.1	19.6

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2012 totaled 705 million, down 1 percent from February 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 611 million on March 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

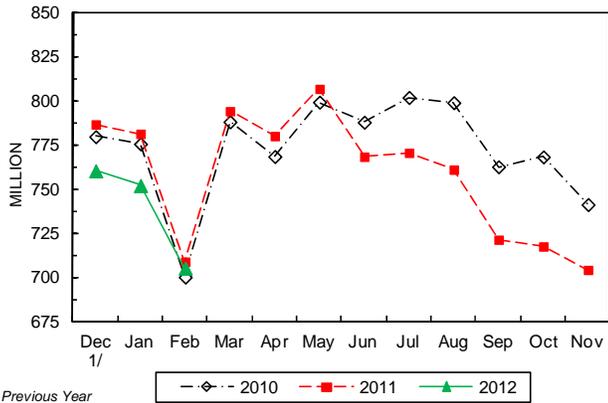
Leading breeders placed 7.03 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2012, down 1 percent from February 2011.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY

State	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	101,042	97,030	96
Arkansas	78,596	70,855	90
Delaware	13,498	11,502	85
Florida	4,345	4,519	104
Georgia	109,647	109,902	100
Kentucky	24,989	26,250	105
Louisiana	11,292	12,107	107
Maryland	25,155	25,383	101
Mississippi	62,689	62,805	100
Missouri	26,132	27,674	106
North Carolina	65,891	69,876	106
Oklahoma	23,042	23,561	102
Pennsylvania	13,306	13,072	98
South Carolina	17,864	17,787	100
Texas	49,290	51,075	104
Virginia	19,939	21,181	106
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	36,734	35,826	98
Other States 1/	25,273	24,708	98
UNITED STATES	708,724	705,113	99

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

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2010-2012**



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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

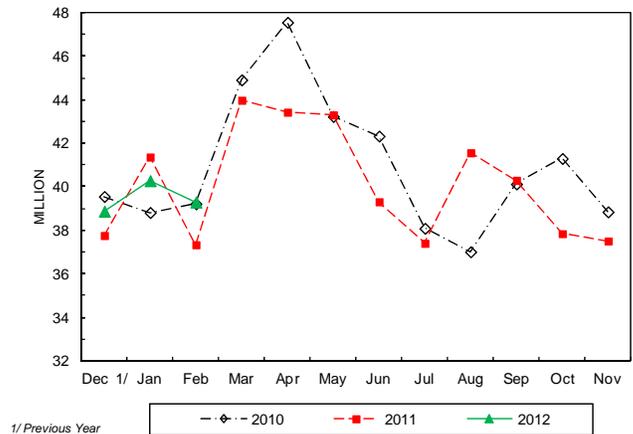
Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2012 totaled 39.3 million, up 5 percent from February 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.3 million on March 1, 2012, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 238 thousand during February 2012, down 2 percent from February 2011.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

State	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	Thousands		Percent
Jan	41,366	40,277	97
Feb	37,336	39,300	105
Mar	43,974		
Apr	43,429		
May	43,305		
Jun	39,313		
Jul	37,405		
Aug	41,564		
Sep	40,298		
Oct	37,845		
Nov	37,508		
Dec	38,879		

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2010-2012**



1/ Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,620	12,443	99	4,463	4,359	98
East North Central	12,097	12,951	107	8,346	7,976	96
West North Central	28,779	28,495	99	7,889	8,723	111
South Atlantic	239,341	233,027	97	5,336	3,812	71
South Central	326,142	301,712	93	5,473	5,838	107
West	23,458	21,990	94	8,468	8,614	102
UNITED STATES	642,437	610,618	95	39,975	39,322	98

U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the February market egg price, at 66.9 cents per dozen, increased 0.2 cents from January, but decreased 10.7 cents from February 2011. The February broiler price, at 52.0 cents per pound, increased 3.0 cents from last month and 8.0 cents from a year ago. The February turkey price, at 63.9 cents per pound, is down 1.8 cents from January, but up 6.1 cents from a year earlier.

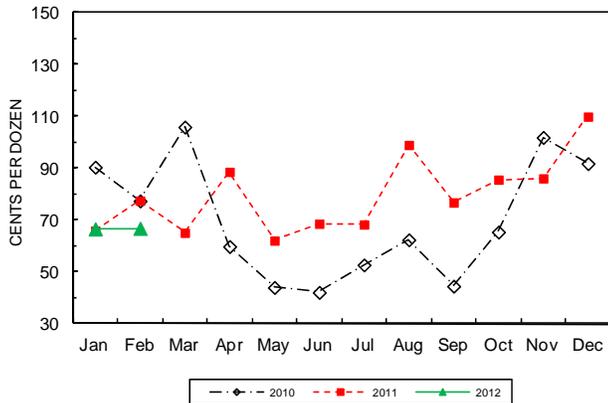
POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012
		Cents		
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	44.0	49.0	52.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	77.6	66.7	66.9
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	57.8	65.7	63.9

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 U.S. as a whole.

2/ Mid-month prices.

**MARKET EGG PRICE, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2010-2012**



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2012, in the U.S. totaled 28.3 million, down slightly from March 1, 2011. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the February 1, 2012 total of 28.0 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during February 2012, in the U.S. totaled 22.9 million, down 1 percent from February 2011. Poults hatched were down 6 percent from the January 2012 total of 24.5 million poults.

The 22.3 million net poults placed during February 2012 in the U.S. were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 6 percent from the January 2012 total of 23.6 million.

U.S. TURKEY EGGS IN INCUBATORS AND POUELTS HATCHED BY MONTH

Month	Eggs in incubators first of month		Poults hatched entire month		2011-12	
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11
	Thousands		Thousands		Percent	
Sept.	26,353	28,072	107	22,065	23,157	105
Oct.	26,223	27,170	104	22,085	22,423	102
Nov.	28,415	27,502	97	23,783	22,734	96
Dec.	27,327	28,741	105	23,519	24,698	105
Jan.	27,764	28,308	102	23,973	24,463	102
Feb.	28,431	28,044	99	23,079	22,892	99
Mar.	28,359	28,314	100	24,340	-	-
Apr.	27,720	-	-	23,735	-	-
May	27,754	-	-	24,082	-	-
June	28,215	-	-	23,812	-	-
July	29,178	-	-	24,766	-	-
Aug.	28,427	-	-	23,887	-	-

NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		Cumulative Total		2011-12	
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11
	Thousands		Thousands		Percent	
Sept.	21,672	22,320	103	21,672	22,320	103
Oct.	21,094	21,407	101	42,766	43,727	102
Nov.	22,599	22,090	98	65,365	65,817	101
Dec.	22,596	23,779	105	87,961	89,596	102
Jan.	22,585	23,636	105	110,546	113,232	102
Feb.	22,130	22,268	101	132,676	135,500	102
Mar.	23,720	-	-	156,396	-	-
Apr.	23,378	-	-	179,774	-	-
May	23,893	-	-	203,667	-	-
June	23,810	-	-	227,477	-	-
July	24,872	-	-	252,349	-	-
Aug.	23,946	-	-	276,295	-	-

1/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	February 28, 2011	January 31, 2012	February 29, 2012	Feb. 2012 Feb. 2011	Feb. 2012 Jan. 2012
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	9,886	8,454	8,984	91	106
Chickens	Lbs.	41,394	40,542	39,220	95	97
Ducks	Lbs.	3,275	529	407	12	77
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	54,555	49,525	48,611	89	98
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	288,976	297,735	350,087	121	118
Chickens	Lbs.	716,405	607,571	599,421	84	99
Ducks	Lbs.	4,664	2,371	2,322	50	98
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,010,045	907,677	951,830	94	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	28,143	37,416	36,273	129	97

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