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U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

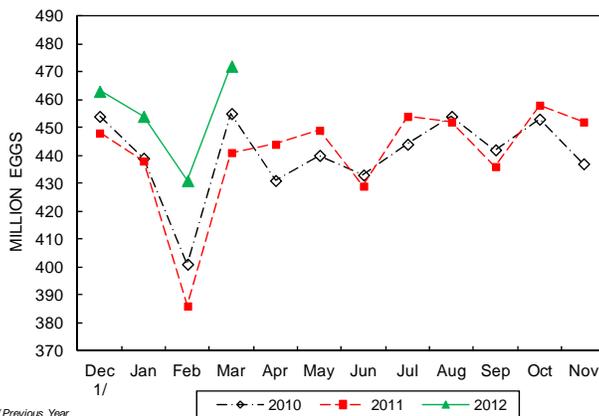
U.S. egg production totaled 7.86 billion during March 2012, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.80 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 981 million were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2012 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2011.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

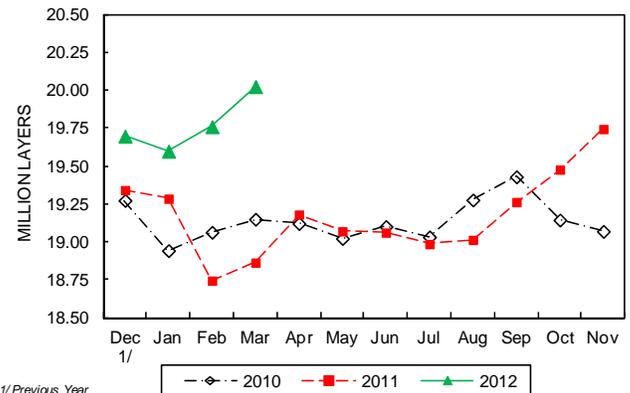
California's egg production during March totaled 472 million, up 41 million from February's production, and up 31 million from March 2011. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.0 million, up 1 percent from last month, and up 6 percent from March 2011. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,357 compared to 2,181 a month earlier, and 2,338 in March 2011.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2012 totaled 341 million, down slightly from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.09 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2012, averaged 75.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 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 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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,752	9,179	1,887	1,961	184	180	1.5	0.5	6.0	7.5
Arkansas	12,164	12,085	2,047	2,052	249	248	1.5	3.0	8.0	8.5
California	18,863	20,024	2,338	2,357	441	472	2.0	1.5	27.5	29.5
Georgia	17,244	16,700	2,198	2,156	379	360	0.5	1.0	18.5	14.0
Indiana	23,599	24,697	2,394	2,296	565	567	3.5	3.5	24.0	33.0
Iowa	53,428	51,062	2,313	2,379	1,236	1,215	4.5	4.5	30.5	29.0
North Carolina	13,501	12,855	2,029	2,069	274	266	2.0	0.0	16.5	14.5
Ohio	27,316	27,870	2,372	2,318	648	646	3.0	3.0	19.5	11.0
Pennsylvania	25,282	24,912	2,464	2,441	623	608	2.0	1.5	10.5	11.0
Texas	18,309	18,769	2,288	2,318	419	435	1.5	2.5	18.0	19.5
UNITED STATES	340,655	339,750	2,301	2,313	7,840	7,858	2.6	2.8	20.0	19.8

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 764 million, down 4 percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 614 million on April 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

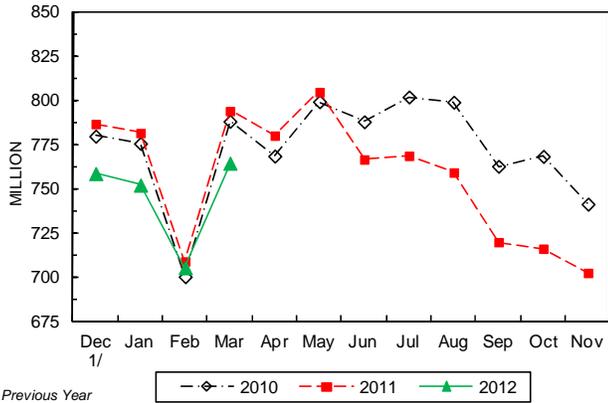
Leading breeders placed 6.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2012, down 5 percent from March 2011.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	112,665	104,162	92
Arkansas	87,785	76,918	88
Delaware	14,312	12,142	85
Florida	4,963	4,667	94
Georgia	123,064	120,013	98
Kentucky	28,914	27,197	94
Louisiana	12,736	12,891	101
Maryland	28,403	27,377	96
Mississippi	70,638	67,856	96
Missouri	29,392	29,867	102
North Carolina	73,299	76,075	104
Oklahoma	25,734	25,428	99
Pennsylvania	14,001	13,774	98
South Carolina	19,645	19,280	98
Texas	56,134	56,286	100
Virginia	23,625	22,999	97
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	42,694	40,667	95
Other States 1/	25,761	26,626	103
UNITED STATES	793,765	764,225	96

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

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



1/ Previous Year

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

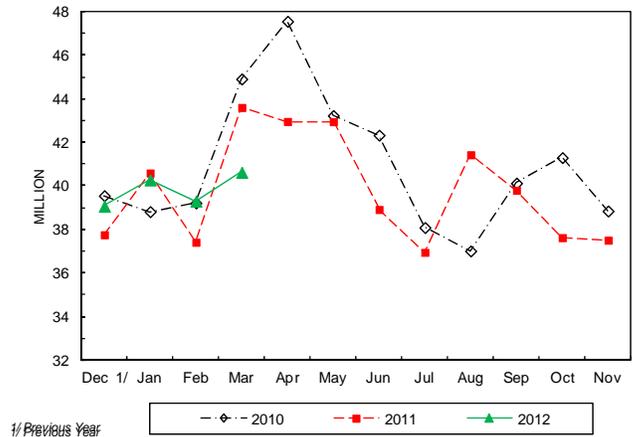
Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 40.6 million, down 7 percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.3 million on April 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 210 thousand during March 2012, down 17 percent from March 2011.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

State	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Jan	40,590	40,277	99
Feb	37,415	39,300	105
Mar	43,603	40,622	93
Apr	42,959		
May	42,949		
Jun	38,920		
Jul	36,950		
Aug	41,431		
Sep	39,805		
Oct	37,624		
Nov	37,512		
Dec	39,071		

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



1/ Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 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	12,230	11,906	97	4,254	4,063	96
East North Central	12,801	12,463	97	8,277	8,556	103
West North Central	28,543	28,006	98	8,796	8,593	98
South Atlantic	241,377	233,939	97	4,925	4,504	91
South Central	330,189	306,359	93	5,679	5,426	96
West	24,006	21,538	90	9,266	8,137	88
UNITED STATES	649,146	614,211	95	41,197	39,279	95

U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the March market egg price, at 79.1 cents per dozen, increased 12.2 cents from February and 13.9 cents from March 2011. The March broiler price, at 57.0 cents per pound increased 4.0 cents from last month, and 8.0 cents from a year ago. The March turkey price, at 68.5 cents per pound, is up 3.5 cents from February, and 8.6 cents from a year earlier.

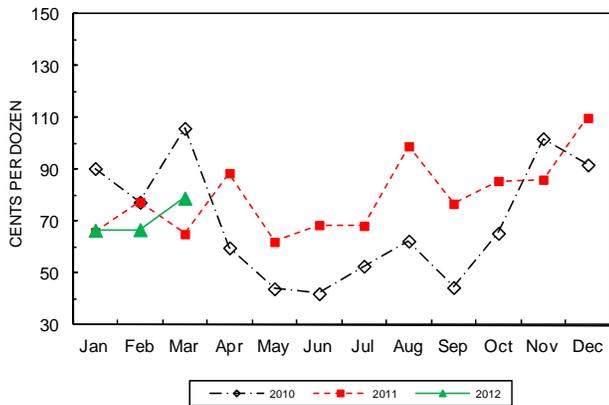
POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012
		Cents		
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	49.0	53.0	57.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	65.2	66.9	79.1
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	59.9	65.0	68.5

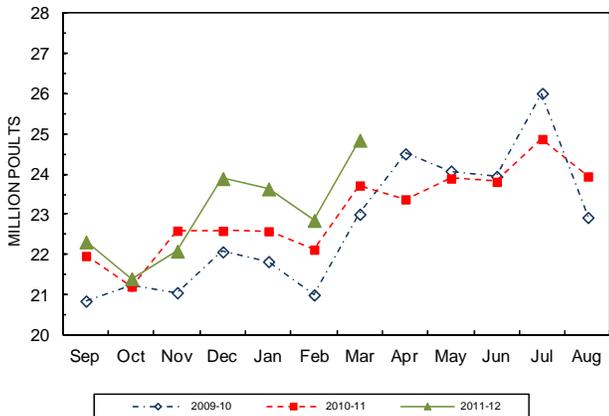
1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Mid-month prices.

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



**NET TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, U.S.
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2009-2012**



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2012, in the U.S. totaled 28.2 million, up 2 percent from April 1, 2011. Eggs in incubators were down 3 percent from the March 1, 2012 total of 29.0 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during March 2012, in the U.S. totaled 25.2 million, up 4 percent from March 2011. Poults hatched were up 9 percent from the February 2012 total of 23.2 million poults.

The 24.8 million net poults placed during March 2012 in the U.S. were up 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 9 percent from the February 2012 total of 22.9 million.

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

Month	Eggs in incubators first of month		2011-12 2010-11	Poults hatched entire month		2011-12 2010-11
	2010-11	2011-12		2010-11	2011-12	
	Thousands		Percent	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	24,812	105
Jan.	27,764	28,308	102	23,973	24,463	102
Feb.	28,431	28,044	99	23,079	23,191	100
Mar.	28,359	29,039	102	24,340	25,217	104
Apr.	27,720	28,229	102	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		2011-12 2010-11	Cumulative Total		2011-12 2010-11
	2010-11	2011-12		2010-11	2011-12	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,670	22,320	103	21,670	22,320	103
Oct.	21,212	21,407	101	42,882	43,727	102
Nov.	22,599	22,090	98	65,481	65,817	101
Dec.	22,596	23,893	106	88,077	89,710	102
Jan.	22,585	23,636	105	110,662	113,346	102
Feb.	22,130	22,855	103	132,792	136,201	103
Mar.	23,721	24,843	105	156,513	161,044	103
Apr.	23,378			179,891		
May	23,893			203,784		
June	23,810			227,594		
July	24,872			252,466		
Aug.	23,946			276,412		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 31, 2011	February 29, 2012	March 31, 2012	Mar. 2012 Mar. 2011	Mar. 2012 Feb. 2012
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	16,090	9,296	11,389	71	123
Chickens	Lbs.	41,500	38,587	37,274	90	97
Ducks	Lbs.	4,175	405	318	8	79
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	61,765	48,288	48,981	79	101
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	325,688	349,577	375,584	115	107
Chickens	Lbs.	696,464	599,698	577,027	83	96
Ducks	Lbs.	6,173	2,222	2,547	41	115
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,028,325	951,497	955,158	93	100
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	27,287	36,326	33,319	122	92

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