



# California Poultry Report

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## U.S. MAY EGG PRODUCTION

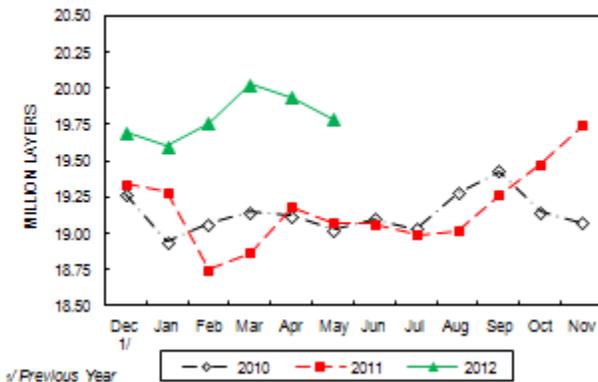
U.S. egg production totaled 7.77 billion during May 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.69 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type, and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2012 averaged 338 million, up slightly from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,296 eggs, down slightly from May 2011.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

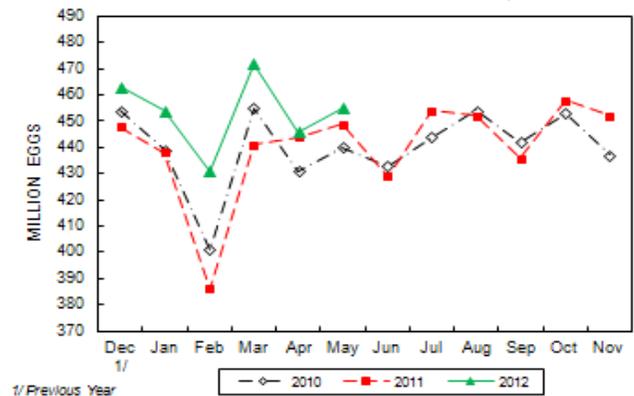
California's egg production during May totaled 455 million, up 9 million from April's production, and up 6 million from May 2011. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.8 million, down 1 percent from last month, but up 4 percent from May 2011. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,300 compared to 2,237 a month earlier, and 2,355 in May 2011.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, up slightly from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.96 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2012, averaged 74.4 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from June 1, 2011.

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



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



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MAY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JUNE 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	9,417	9,311	1,890	1,944	178	181	1.0	0.5	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	12,439	12,442	2,042	2,066	254	257	1.0	1.0	8.5	9.0
California	19,069	19,785	2,355	2,300	449	455	6.5	4.0	23.5	31.5
Georgia	16,569	16,878	2,137	2,192	354	370	5.0	2.5	16.5	10.0
Indiana	23,321	23,965	2,431	2,337	567	560	4.0	3.0	24.5	36.5
Iowa	52,921	51,894	2,320	2,372	1,228	1,231	5.0	3.5	35.5	30.5
North Carolina	13,590	12,947	2,127	2,039	289	264	0.5	2.0	15.5	14.0
Ohio	27,346	27,632	2,296	2,291	628	633	3.0	1.5	17.0	11.5
Pennsylvania	25,078	23,925	2,476	2,420	621	579	2.0	1.5	7.5	10.5
Texas	17,669	18,570	2,258	2,299	399	427	4.0	3.5	16.0	20.5
U.S. TOTAL	337,897	338,264	2,300	2,296	7,773	7,766	3.8	2.9	19.5	20.2

### U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICK HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2012 totaled 778 million, down 3 percent from May 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 626 million on June 1, 2012, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

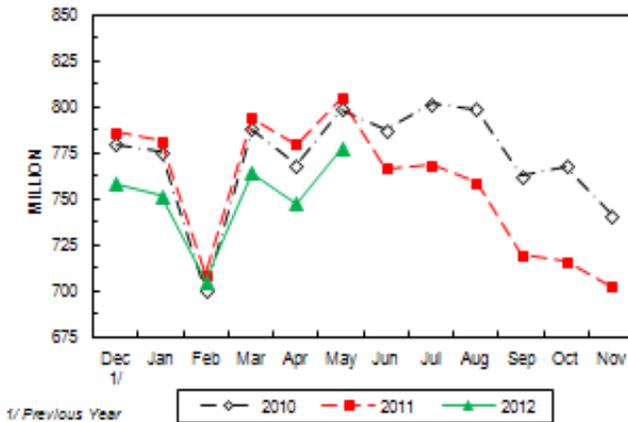
Leading breeders placed 7.48 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2012, down 3 percent from May 2011.

#### BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

State	2011	2012	2012 2011
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	110,943	106,282	96
Arkansas	88,969	80,628	91
Delaware	14,362	13,362	93
Florida	4,896	4,935	101
Georgia	125,013	120,836	97
Kentucky	29,192	28,446	97
Louisiana	12,589	13,310	106
Maryland	28,831	27,597	96
Mississippi	71,296	68,073	95
Missouri	29,380	28,884	98
North Carolina	76,014	76,181	100
Oklahoma	26,423	25,570	97
Pennsylvania	14,439	13,788	95
South Carolina	19,528	19,916	102
Texas	58,133	55,466	95
Virginia	23,876	23,549	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	44,003	42,076	96
Other States 1/	26,597	28,737	108
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>804,484</b>	<b>777,636</b>	<b>97</b>

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

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



### U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICK HATCH

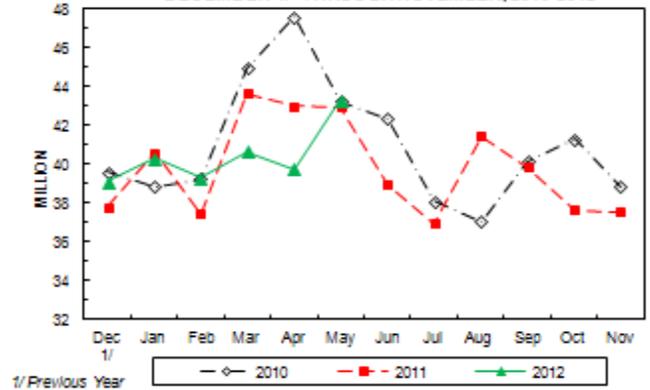
Egg-type chicks hatched during May 2012 totaled 43.3 million, up 1 percent from May 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.3 million on June 1, 2012, up 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 302 thousand during May 2012, up 54 percent from May 2011.

#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

State	2011	2012	2012 2011
	Thousands		Percent
Jan	40,590	40,277	99
Feb	37,415	39,300	105
Mar	43,603	40,622	93
Apr	42,959	39,702	92
May	42,949	43,280	101
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



#### EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JUNE 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2011	2012	2012 2011	2011	2012	2012 2011
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	13,174	13,074	99	3,839	4,155	108
East North Central	11,943	13,055	109	7,746	7,487	97
West North Central	27,990	28,981	104	9,440	10,335	109
South Atlantic	241,609	237,184	98	3,447	4,928	143
South Central	323,058	312,510	97	5,156	6,361	123
West	22,399	21,617	97	7,683	7,054	92
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>640,173</b>	<b>626,421</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>37,311</b>	<b>40,320</b>	<b>108</b>

## U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the May market egg price, at 59.4 cents per dozen, decreased 4.8 cents from April, and 2.8 cents from May 2011. The May broiler price, at 53.0 cents per pound increased 2.0 cents from last month, and 3.0 cents from a year ago. The May turkey price, at 73.8 cents per pound, is up 0.1 cents from April, and 5.9 cents from a year earlier.

### POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED

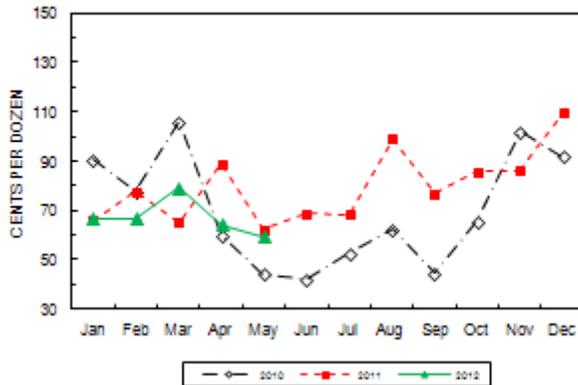
Commodity	Unit	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012
		Cents		
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	50.0	51.0	53.0
Market Eggs 2/ 3/	Doz.	62.2	64.2	59.4
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	67.9	73.7	73.8

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.

3/ Also referred to as table eggs.

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



## U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 2012 in the U.S. totaled 28.5 million, up 1 percent from June 1, 2011. Eggs in incubators were down 4 percent from the May 1, 2012 total of 29.6 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during May 2012 in the U.S. totaled 25.5 million, up 6 percent from May 2011. Poults hatched were up 5 percent from the April 2012 total of 24.3 million poults.

The 25.1 million net poults placed during May 2012 in the U.S. were up 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 2 percent from the April 2012 total of 24.7 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	25,234	104
Apr.	27,720	28,231	102	23,735	24,291	102
May	27,754	29,648	107	24,082	25,461	106
June	28,215	28,524	101	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	25,055	106	156,513	161,256	103
Apr.	23,378	24,675	106	179,891	185,931	103
May	23,893	25,068	105	203,784	210,999	104
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	May 31, 2011	April 30, 2012	May 31, 2012	<u>May. 2012</u> May. 2011	<u>May. 2012</u> Apr. 2012
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	23,893	20,964	25,289	106	121
Chickens	Lbs.	47,820	35,961	32,994	69	92
Ducks	Lbs.	3,514	422	353	10	84
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	75,227	57,347	58,636	78	102
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	447,895	438,384	500,035	112	114
Chickens	Lbs.	757,975	600,913	646,841	85	108
Ducks	Lbs.	5,468	3,287	4,250	78	129
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,211,338	1,042,584	1,151,126	95	110
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	29,025	32,528	34,453	119	106

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