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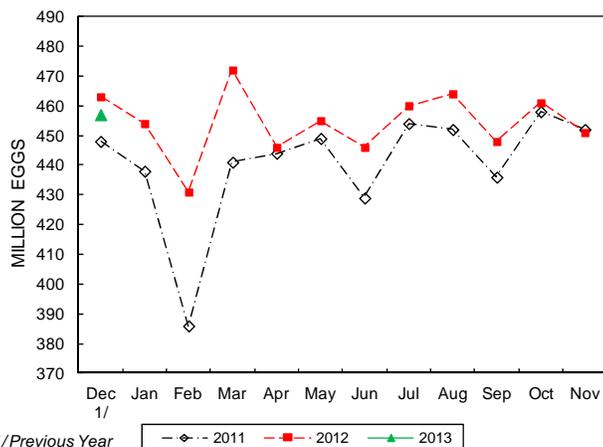
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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 457 million, up six million from November's production, but down six million from December 2011. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.5 million, down one percent from last month, and down one percent from December 2011. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,341, compared to 2,284 a month earlier, and 2,351 in December 2011.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2011-2013

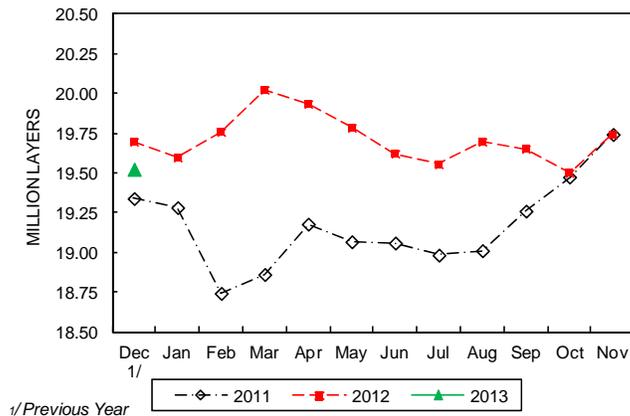


U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 8.07 billion during December 2012, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.03 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 969 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2012 averaged 344 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,346 eggs, unchanged from December 2011.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2013 totaled 343 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.97 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2013, averaged 75.1 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2011-2013



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DECEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JANUARY 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	2012	2013	2012	2013
	Thousands	Thousands	Number	Number	Millions	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alabama	8,998	9,137	2,000	1,992	180	182	0.0	0.5	7.0	5.5
Arkansas	11,822	12,288	2,115	2,091	250	257	1.0	2.0	8.0	10.5
California	19,697	19,525	2,351	2,341	463	457	7.0	2.5	26.5	29.5
Georgia	16,270	17,380	2,262	2,146	368	373	1.0	3.5	12.5	12.0
Indiana	23,076	25,994	2,344	2,335	541	607	3.0	4.0	33.0	24.0
Iowa	52,135	52,443	2,355	2,403	1,228	1,260	6.0	4.0	30.5	26.0
North Carolina	12,706	12,897	2,101	2,101	267	271	0.0	2.0	16.0	12.5
Ohio	28,314	28,312	2,373	2,455	672	695	4.0	2.5	9.5	27.0
Pennsylvania	25,284	24,918	2,456	2,508	621	625	1.0	1.0	10.5	8.0
Texas	17,993	18,860	2,445	2,317	440	437	0.0	5.0	23.5	21.0
UNITED STATES	338,158	344,097	2,346	2,346	7,932	8,073	2.8	2.9	19.9	19.2

--- Represents zero.

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2012 totaled 763 million, up 1 percent from December 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 611 million on January 1, 2013, down 4 percent from a year earlier.

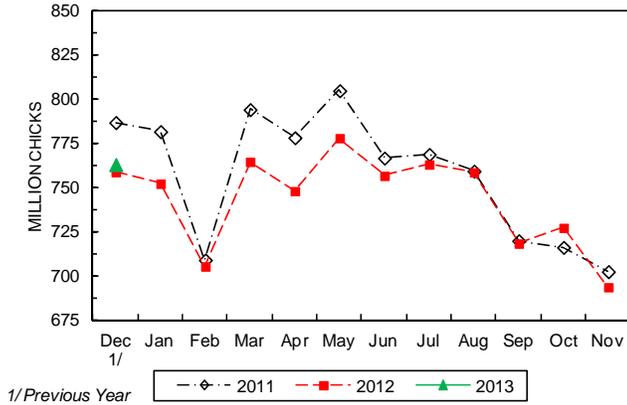
Leading breeders placed 6.63 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2012, up 3 percent from December 2011.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, DECEMBER

State	2011	2012	<u>2012</u>
	Thousands		2011
			Percent
Alabama	104,652	105,039	100
Arkansas	76,645	80,857	105
Delaware	11,449	12,726	111
Florida	4,943	4,963	100
Georgia	118,803	120,375	101
Kentucky	27,922	27,722	99
Louisiana	12,636	12,446	98
Maryland	27,135	26,632	98
Mississippi	66,778	65,733	98
Missouri	30,321	30,125	99
North Carolina	74,553	73,969	99
Oklahoma	24,697	25,044	101
Pennsylvania	14,024	13,902	99
South Carolina	19,305	19,182	99
Texas	54,829	54,498	99
Virginia	22,507	23,552	105
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	41,638	39,313	94
Other States 1/	25,545	26,612	104
UNITED STATES	758,382	762,690	101

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

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2011-2013**



U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICK HATCH

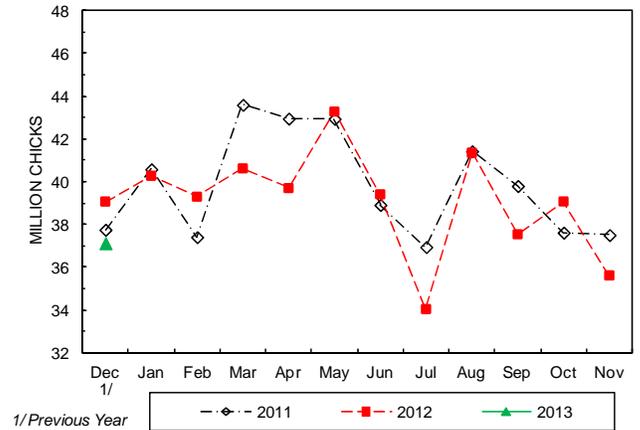
Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2012 totaled 37.1 million, down 5 percent from December 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.5 million on January 1, 2013, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 191 thousand during December 2012, down 31 percent from December 2011.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

State	2011	2012	<u>2012</u>
	Thousands		2011
			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	39,410	101
Jul	36,950	34,041	92
Aug	41,431	41,357	100
Sep	39,805	37,542	94
Oct	37,624	39,077	104
Nov	37,512	35,617	95
Dec	39,071	37,130	95

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2011-2013**



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JANUARY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2012	2013	<u>2013</u>	2012	2013	<u>2013</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	13,251	12,427	94	4,904	4,288	87
East North Central	11,776	12,066	102	6,517	7,185	110
West North Central	29,593	28,810	97	8,901	10,027	113
South Atlantic	241,514	233,990	97	4,756	4,471	94
South Central	314,811	302,943	96	5,557	5,752	104
West	22,957	20,472	89	8,183	5,763	70
UNITED STATES	633,902	610,708	96	38,818	37,486	97

U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the December market egg price, at 95.7 cents per dozen, is down 6.3 cents from November, and down 14.3 cents from last year. The December broiler price, at 60.0 cents per pound, increased 3.0 cents from last month, and 13.0 cents from a year ago. The December turkey price, at 66.9 cents per pound, is down 8.2 cents from November, and down 4.6 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	December	November	December
		2011	2012	2012
Cents				
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	47.0	57.0	60.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	110.0	102.0	95.7
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	71.5	75.1	66.9

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. TURKEY EGGS IN INCUBATORS AND POULTS HATCHED BY MONTH

Month	Eggs in incubators first of month		2012-13		Poults hatched entire month		2012-13	
	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	Percent	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	Percent
	Thousands		Percent		Thousands		Percent	
Sept.	28,072	26,366	94		23,157	21,429	93	
Oct.	27,170	27,015	99		22,423	23,292	104	
Nov.	27,502	27,622	100		22,734	23,677	104	
Dec.	28,741	26,700	93		24,812	22,020	89	
Jan.	28,308	28,144	99		24,463			
Feb.	28,044				23,191			
Mar.	29,039				25,234			
Apr.	28,231				24,291			
May	29,648				25,483			
June	30,385				25,021			
July	29,758				26,199			
Aug.	28,891				23,814			

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2011	November 30, 2012	December 31, 2012	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	8,006	13,500	16,123	201	119
Chickens	Lbs.	40,930	36,086	37,352	91	104
Ducks	Lbs.	698	355	192	28	54
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	49,634	49,941	53,667	108	107
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	210,787	255,191	295,104	140	116
Chickens	Lbs.	629,791	671,791	679,284	108	101
Ducks	Lbs.	2,402	1,540	2,363	98	153
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	842,980	928,522	976,751	116	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	36,491	27,251	27,190	75	100

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2013, in the U.S. totaled 28.1 million, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012. Eggs in incubators were up 5 percent from the December 1, 2012 total of 26.7 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during December 2012, in the U.S. totaled 22.0 million, down 11 percent from December 2011. Poults hatched were down 7 percent from the November 2012 total of 23.7 million poults.

The 21.1 million net poults placed during December 2012 in the U.S. were down 12 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 9 percent from the November 2012 total of 23.2 million.

NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2012-13	Cumulative Total		2012-13
	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,320	20,848	93	22,320	20,848	93
Oct.	21,407	23,067	108	43,727	43,915	100
Nov.	22,090	23,159	105	65,817	67,074	102
Dec.	23,893	21,115	88	89,710	88,189	98
Jan.	23,636			113,346		
Feb.	22,855			136,201		
Mar.	25,055			161,256		
Apr.	24,675			185,931		
May	25,082			211,013		
June	24,868			235,881		
July	26,410			262,291		
Aug.	23,378			285,669		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

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