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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 93 million eggs during January, down 5 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 71 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,188,000 birds, down 3 percent from 4,317,000 a year ago. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,221 eggs, compared with 2,270 in 2012.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.99 billion during January 2013, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.94 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 985 million were broiler-type and 74 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2013 averaged 344 million, up 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,326 eggs, up slightly from January 2012.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2012**

During the month of January, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.1 million chicks, down 6 percent from last year's 19.3 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2013 totaled 762 million, up 1 percent from January 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 614 million on February 1, 2013, up 2 percent from a year earlier.