

EGG INDUSTRY STATISTICAL REPORT

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- * The January hatch was up 1.6 million pullets compared to 2007. This projects forwards to a 17.4 million pullet placement for June of 2008 or about 800 thousand more than the 2007 figure.
Eggs in incubators on Feb 1, 2008 were slightly fewer than in 2007.
- * Current (Feb. 1, '07) US table egg layer numbers (284.2 millions) are down 5.2 million compared to last year's numbers at this time (289.4 millions)
California's January layer count is currently estimated to be 18.7 million - down 700 thousand from 2007.
- * In Jan., Iowa leads the nation with 53.5 million laying hens (up 2.6 million since 2007) compared to 26.0 million in Ohio, 23.7 million in Indiana, and 20.4 million in Pennsylvania. California is now in 5th position.
- * The January U.S. rate of lay was estimated to be 73.9% compared to 73.0 in 2006. The Nation's average flock is younger with only 29.3% older than 72 weeks vs 33.0% in 2007
- * Southern California producer large egg prices for Jan-Feb 2008 were estimated to average 133.4 cents per dozen compared to 77.5 cents in 2007. Blend prices averaged 125.8 cents/dozen vs.77.5 in 2007.
- * Eggs imported into California in Jan-Feb 2008 totaled 1.11 million cases compared to 1.25 million in 2007 - down 11.3%.
- * Shell eggs broken for products in Jan. 2008 totaled 6.735 million cases - up 7.8% compared to 2007. Monthly egg breaking in 2007 averaged 5.548 million cases or 31.1% of total egg production.

Monthly Hi-lites (Compared to January a year ago) (% change)

	U.S.		California
Hatch	+8.8		n/a
Layers (table eggs)	-1.4		-3.6
Rate of lay	+0.9		n/a
Molting (Feb 1, 2008) (in + out of a molt)	-2.1		+0.5
Imports into California (Feb)	n/a		-11.7
2008 year-end layer estimated	286.9		n/a
2007 year-end layers -millions	285.1		n/a
2006 year-end layers - millions	289.5		n/a
2005 year-end layers - millions	290.8		n/a
2004 year-end layers - millions	284.8		n/a
2003 year-end layers - millions	279.5		n/a
2002 year-end layers - millions	279.2		n/a
2001 year-end layers - millions	279.9		n/a
2000 year-end layers - millions	273.6		n/a