

**EGG INDUSTRY STATISTICAL REPORT**

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**For: November 2006**

- \* The November hatch was down 269,000 pullets compared to 2005. This projects forwards to a 14.3 million pullet placement for April of 2007 or about 240,000 less than the 2006 figure.  
Eggs in incubators on Dec.1, 2006 were up 3.2% compared to 2005.
- \* Current (Dec.1) US table egg layer numbers (290.1 millions) are down 600 thousand compared to last year's numbers at this time (290.7 millions)  
California's Nov. layer count is currently estimated to be 19.3 million - practically the same as 2005.
- \* In Nov., Iowa leads the nation with 51.1 million laying hens compared to 26.8 million in Ohio, 23.9 million in Indiana and 21.8 million in Pennsylvania. California is now in 5th position.
- \* The November U.S. rate of lay was estimated to be 74.8% compared to 74.7 in 2005. The Nation's average flock is slightly younger with 32.1% older than 72 weeks vs 33.4% in 2005
- \* Southern California producer large egg prices for Dec. 2006 were estimated to average 75.5 cents per dozen compared to 61.2 cents in 2005. Blend prices averaged 69.9 cents/dozen vs.56.0 in 2005.
- \* Eggs imported into California in 2006 totaled 7.046 million cases compared to 6.067 million in 2005 - up 15.8%.
- \* Shell eggs broken for products in November totaled 5.388 million cases - down 3.9% compared to 2005. Monthly egg breaking in 2006 has averaged 5.639 million cases or 31.4% of total egg production.

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

	<b>U.S.</b>		<b>California</b>	
Hatch	-1.7		n/a	
Layers (table eggs)	+0.2		+0.1	
Rate of lay	+0.1		n/a	
Molting (Dec 1, 2006) (in + out of a molt)	+2.2		+3.0	
Imports into California (Dec)	n/a		+12.5	
2006 projected year-end layers - millions	288.6		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	