

EGG INDUSTRY STATISTICAL REPORT

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For: January/February 2007

(There is no separate report for January, 2007)

- * The Jan/Feb hatch was up 2.3 million pullets compared to 2006. This projects forwards to a 16.7 and a 16.6 million pullet placement for June/July respectively or about 1 million/month more than the 2006 figure. Eggs in incubators on Mar., 2007 were about the same as 2006.
- * Current (Mar 1, '07) US table egg layer numbers (287.8 millions) are down 3.2 million compared to last year's numbers at this time (291.0 millions)
California's February layer count is currently estimated to be 19.3 million - practically the same as 2006.
- * In Feb., Iowa leads the nation with 50.8 million laying hens compared to 26.6 million in Ohio, 23.8 million in Indiana and 21.3 million in Pennsylvania. California is now in 5th position.
- * The Feb/Mar. U.S. rate of lay was estimated to be 73.2% compared to 73.5 in 2006. The Nation's average flock is slightly older with 32.4% older than 72 weeks vs 30.8% in 2005
- * Southern California producer large egg prices for Jan-Mar 2007 were estimated to average 81.8 cents per dozen compared to 50.0 cents in 2006. Blend prices averaged 76.1cents/dozen vs.45.7 in 2006.
- * Eggs imported into California in Jan-Mar 2007 totaled 1.8 million cases compared to 1.6 million in 2006 - up 14.4%, reflecting the major deficiency of egg production in California..
- * Shell eggs broken for products in Jan/Feb totaled 10.2 million cases - down 4.3% compared to 2006. Monthly egg breaking in 2006 averaged 5.620 million cases or 31.2% of total egg production.

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

	U.S.	California
Hatch	+9.2	n/a
Layers (table eggs)	-1.0	+0.6
Rate of lay	+0.1	n/a
Molting (Mar 1, 2007) (in + out of a molt)	-1.2	-7.5
Imports into California (Mar)	n/a	+23.7
2007 year-end layer estimated	278.8	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