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EGG INDUSTRY STATISTICAL REPORT

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* The November hatch was up 1.2 million pullets compared to 2006. This projects forwards to a 15.3 million pullet placement for April of 2008 or about 1 million more than the 2006 figure. Eggs in incubators on December 1, 2007 were 0.7% more than on December 1, 2006.

* Current (December 1, 2007) U.S. table egg layer numbers (284.2 million) are down 5.9 million compared to last year's numbers at this time (290.1 million). California's November layer count is currently estimated to be 19.1 million - about the same as Dec, 2006.

* *In November, Iowa leads the nation with 52.7 million laying hens compared to 25.8 million in Ohio, 23.4 million in Indiana, and 20.1 millions in Pennsylvania. California is now in 5th position.*

* The November, 2007 U.S. rate of lay was estimated to be 75.3% compared to 74.8% in 2006. The Nation's flock in 2008 is expected to be slightly younger than in 2007 due to the increase in hatch..

* Southern California producer large egg prices for December 2007 were estimated to average 138 cents per dozen compared to 75.5 cents in 2006. Blend prices averaged 130.5 cents/dozen in Dec. 2007.

*** Eggs imported into California in Jan-October of 2007 totaled 5.659 million cases compared to 5.517 million in 2006 - up 2.6%, reflecting the continuing deficiency of egg production in California.**

* Shell eggs broken for products in Jan-Nov totaled 61.0 million cases - down 1.6% compared to 2006. Jan-Nov egg breaking in 2006 totaled 62.0 million cases (31.5% of total egg production).

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

	U.S.	California
Hatch	+7.7	n/a
Layers (table eggs)	-1.8	-0.6
Rate of lay	+0.5	n/a
Molting (Dec 1, 2007) (in + out of a molt)	-3.0	-5.5
Imports into California (October)	n/a	miss
2007 year-end layer estimated (current)	284.5	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