

**FOR DECEMBER 2007 AND THE ENTIRE YEAR - 2007**

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**EGG INDUSTRY STATISTICAL REPORT**

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\* The December hatch was up 1.2 million pullets compared to 2006. This projects forwards to 16.0 million pullet placement for May of 2008 or about 1 nmillion more than the 2007 figure. Eggs in incubators on January 1, 2008 were 4.0% more than on January 1, 2007.

\* Current (January 1, 2008) U.S. table egg layer numbers (285.1 million) are down 4.4 million compared to last year's numbers at this time (289.5 million). California's December 2007 layer count is currently estimated to be 19.2 million - about the same as Dec, 2006 (19.4).

\* *In December, Iowa leads the nation with 53.0 million laying hens compared to 26.2 million in Ohio, 23.3 million in Indiana, and 20.4 millions in Pennsylvania. California is now in 5th position.*

\* The December, 2007 U.S. rate of lay was estimated to be 75.2% compared to 74.2% 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-December of 2007 totaled 6.784 million cases compared to 6.736 million in 2006 - up 0.7%, reflecting the continuing deficiency of egg prodction in California.**

\* Shell eggs broken for products in Jan-Dec totaled 66.3 million cases - down 1.7% compared to 2006. Ja Dec egg breaking in 2006 totaled 67.4 million cases (31.1% of total egg production).

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

	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>California</b>
Hatch	+7.1	n/a
Layers (table eggs)	-2.0	-1.0
Rate of lay	+1.0	n/a
Molting (Jan 1, 2008) (in + out of a molt)	-3.5	n/c
Imports into California (December)	n/a	-8.3
2007 year-end layer - millions (current)	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