

EGG INDUSTRY STATISTICAL REPORT
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- * The May hatch was up 2.3 million pullets compared to 2007. This projects forwards to an 19.3 million pullet placement for October of 2008 or about 2.1 million more than in 2007.
- * Current (June 1, 2008) US table egg layer numbers (280.1 millions) are down 1.0 million compared to last year's numbers at this time (281.1 millions).
 California's May layer count is currently estimated to be 19.9 million - up 1 million from 2007.
- * In May, Iowa leads the nation with 52.8 million laying hens (up 1.7 million since 2007) compared to 25.5 million in Ohio, 23.6 million in Indiana, and 20.1 million in Pennsylvania. California is now in 5th position.
- * The May U.S. rate of lay was estimated to be 74.0% compared to 73.9% in 2007. The Nation's average flock is younger with only 27.6% older than 72 weeks vs 32.1% in 2007.
- * Southern California producer large egg prices for Jan-June 2008 were estimated to average 114.9 cents per dozen compared to 74.2 cents in 2007. Blend prices averaged 107.5 cents/dozen vs 68.7 in 2007.
- * Eggs imported into California in Jan-June 2008 totaled 3.479 million cases compared to 3.571 million in 2007 - down 2.6%.
- * Shell eggs broken for products in May 2008 totaled 5.933 million cases - up 0.8% compared to 2007. Monthly egg breaking in 2008 has averaged 5.609 million cases or 31.8% of total egg production.

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

				U.S.	California
Hatch				+12.2	n/a
Layers (table eggs)				-0.8	+5.2
Rate of lay				+0.1	n/a
Molting (June 1, 2008) (in + out of a molt)				-3.5	-2.0
Imports into California (June)				n/a	-2.6
2009 year-end layers estimated				290.1	n/a
2008 year-end layers estimated				292.4	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