

## EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA egg production in 2007 totaled 1.19 billion eggs. This was 7 percent below the 1.28 billion eggs produced in 2006 and 8 percent below the 1.29 produced in 2005.

The average number of layers on hand during 2007 was 4,749,000, down 5 percent from the 5,010,000 on hand in 2006 and 6 percent below 2005's 5,042,000 layers.

The annual average rate of lay per layer (including breeders) was 250 eggs in 2007 and 256 eggs in 2006 and 2005.

South Carolina ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation for egg production in 2007 with Iowa 1<sup>st</sup>, Georgia 7<sup>th</sup>, and North Carolina 9<sup>th</sup>. Within the State, Newberry County ranked 1<sup>st</sup> followed by Kershaw, Saluda, and Orangeburg and Barnwell counties tied for fourth.

### Average Number of Layers, Rate of Lay, and Egg Production, by Counties, SOUTH CAROLINA, 2006 and 2007

County	Average Number Layers during Year		Rate of Lay per Layer during Year		Total Egg Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	--- Thou. Head ---		--- Eggs ---		--- Thou. Eggs ---	
Abbeville	94	91	281	256	26,400	23,300
Aiken	94	93	212	190	19,900	17,700
Barnwell	1/	185	1/	341	1/	63,000
Berkeley	1/	24	1/	433	1/	10,400
Chester	66	96	211	164	13,900	15,700
Clarendon	15	15	200	240	3,000	3,600
Colleton	1/	31	1/	342	1/	10,600
Dorchester	1/	118	1/	343	1/	40,500
Edgefield	36	1/	211	1/	7,600	1/
Greenwood	185	160	264	246	48,800	39,300
Kershaw	1,082	1,048	286	181	309,800	189,200
Laurens	88	1/	264	1/	23,200	1/
Lexington	165	154	209	237	34,500	36,500
McCormick	33	1/	279	1/	9,200	1/
Newberry	1,044	937	264	245	275,500	230,000
Oconee	46	1/	276	1/	12,700	1/
Orangeburg	252	267	202	236	51,000	63,000
Saluda	594	483	262	243	155,600	117,300
Other Counties <sup>1/</sup>	1,216	1,047	236	313	288,900	327,900
<b>STATE</b>	5,010	4,749	256	250	1,280,000	1,188,000

<sup>1/</sup> Not published separately due to established agency guidelines.

### Average Number of Layers and Egg Production, by Districts, SOUTH CAROLINA, 2006 and 2007

Year and Commodity	District							STATE
	North West	North Central	Eastern	West Central	Central	Southern	Other Districts	
<b>2006</b>								
No. Layers.....Thou. Head	184	1,151	1/	2,080	436	1/	1,159	5,010
Production.....Thou. Eggs	49,300	324,600	1/	543,000	89,700	1/	273,400	1,280,000
<b>2007</b>								
No. Layers.....Thou. Head	1/	1,147	1/	1,801	440	364	997	4,749
Production.....Thou. Eggs	1/	205,500	1/	434,700	104,300	126,900	316,600	1,188,000

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