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Chickens* & Eggs

*Excluding Broilers



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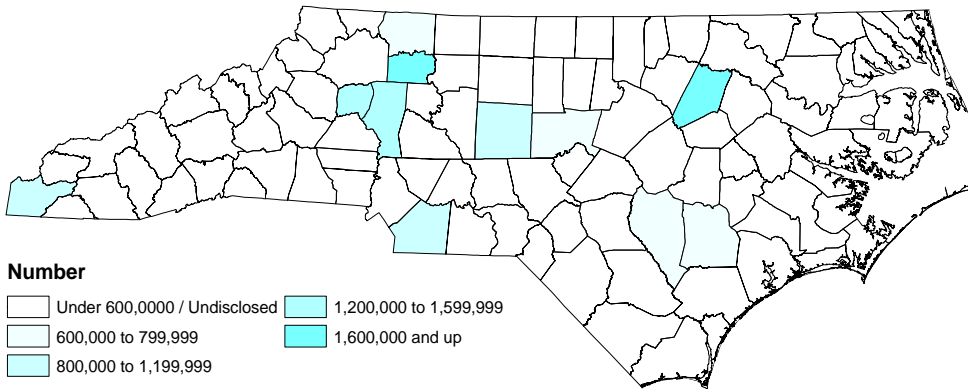
Herb Vanderberry, Director

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Quick Facts

- ❖ As of December 1, 2008, North Carolina ranked 9th and accounted for 4% of all egg production in the United States.
- ❖ North Carolina layers totaled 19.6 million head, which was 2.5 million head less than the record number of layers reported in 1969.
- ❖ North Carolina farmers produced 3,063 million eggs in 2008, 103,000 more eggs than in 2007.
- ❖ The value of production for eggs produced in 2008 was \$373,944,000, a 13.8% increase from 2007.

December 1, 2008 Inventory by County



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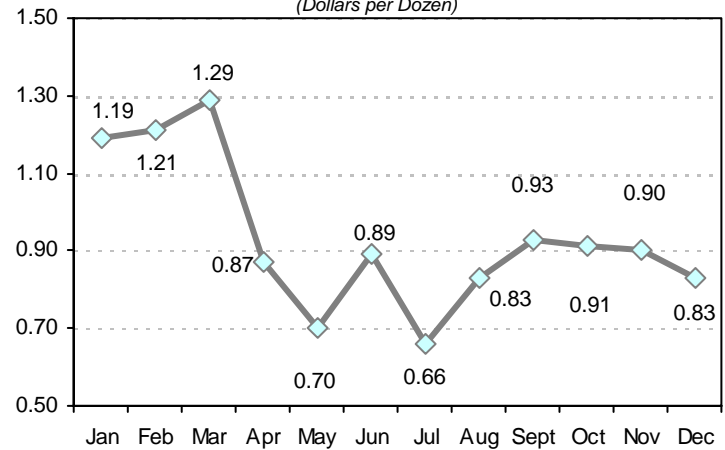
Leading Counties ¹	Head
Nash	1,860,000
Yadkin	1,800,000
Alexander	1,550,000
Iredell	1,250,000
Union	1,200,000

¹Ranking of Published Counties Only

Year	Eggs Produced (Million)	Table Eggs Produced (Million)	Hatching Eggs Produced (Million)
1999	2,587	1,006	1,581
2000	2,501	975	1,526
2001	2,535	930	1,605
2002	2,518	919	1,599
2003	2,523	963	1,560
2004	2,523	965	1,558
2005	2,573	951	1,622
2006	2,636	993	1,643
2007	2,960	1,269	1,691
2008	3,063	1,433	1,630

Prices Received for Eggs

(Dollars per Dozen)



Chicken Inventory

(Thousand Head)

