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Chickens* & Eggs

*Excluding Broilers



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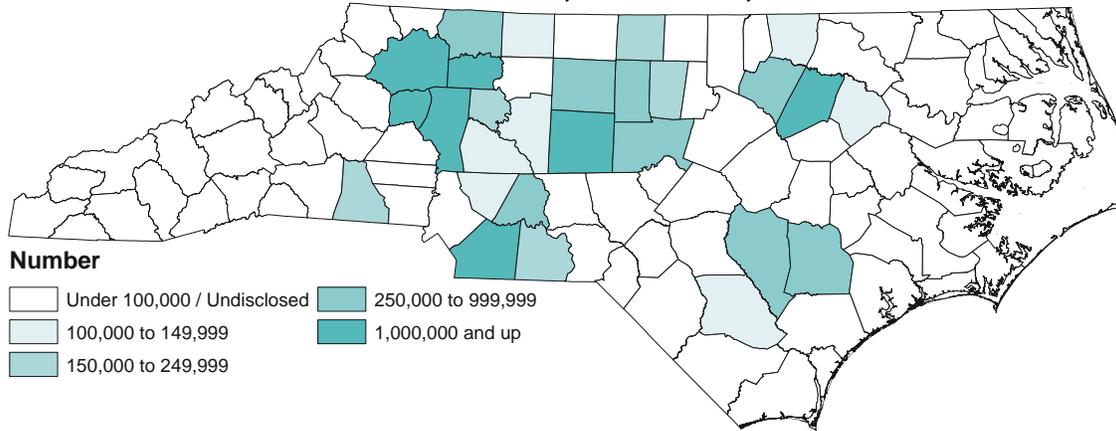
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Steve Troxler, Commissioner

Quick Facts

- At 20.8 million head, North Carolina ranks 9th and accounts for 4.6% of all chicken production in the United States.
- Record number of chickens raised in North Carolina was in 1969 at 22.1 million birds.
- North Carolina farmers produced 2.96 million eggs in 2007, 324,000 more than in 2006.

Number on Farms, December 1, 2007



Leading Chicken
Producing Counties

| Leading Counties ¹ | Head |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Alexander | 1,790,000 |
| Nash | 1,720,000 |
| Yadkin | 1,650,000 |
| Iredell | 1,505,000 |
| Union | 1,300,000 |
| Randolph | 1,240,000 |
| Wilkes | 1,020,000 |
| Duplin | 740,000 |
| Chatham | 680,000 |
| Sampson | 665,000 |

¹Ranking of Published Counties Only

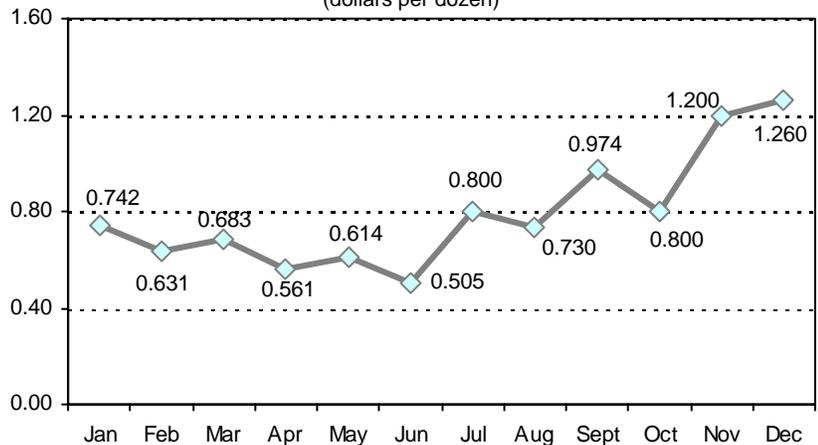
Eggs

Total Produced, Table & Hatching

| Year | Eggs Produced | Table Eggs | Hatching Eggs |
|------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| | (million) | (million) | (million) |
| 1998 | 2,555 | 1,026 | 1,529 |
| 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 |

2007 Monthly Prices Received for Eggs

(dollars per dozen)



Chicken Inventory

(thousand head)

