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EGG PRODUCING
COMPANIES
IN THE U.S.**

**A Survey Of Strategies,
Operations And Products**

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THE LARGEST U.S. EGG PRODUCING

After eight consecutive quarters of profits, the list of U.S. egg producing firms owning a million or more table egg laying chickens isn't any longer but the count of layers represented on the list is higher than ever before.

Compared to 1989, when there was the dramatic acquisition by Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., of the Cargill, Inc., shell egg operations, when Gold Kist dropped out of the shell egg business, the year just past might, at first glance, seem to have been rather quiet. A number of firms have been remodeling facilities and consolidating operations. Several firms reportedly are making plans for some bold new moves in 1991.

A lot happened in 1990, nonetheless, in terms of the top flock rankings. There are 29 listings that show a net change in number of birds owned compared to 1989: 22 firms are listed with an increase and seven firms with a decrease.

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., the largest U.S. shell egg production company, reduced its number of layers by one million. The Jackson, Mississippi-based company, however, is likely to add to its layer ownership through acquisition before the 1991 rankings appear.

Michael Foods, Inc., Minneapolis, ranked second (Waldbaum Company and Crystal Foods), registered a net 3.5-million rise in ownership.

Rose Acre Farms, Inc., Seymour, Indiana, quiet in the 1990 rankings while remodeling and building goes on, may add at least a million layers in 1991.

The listing for Croton Egg Farms, Croton, like the other Ohio-based firms, didn't change from last year.

Ise Farms, Inc., Lakewood, New Jersey, is listed at 6.0 million layers, reflecting the inclusion of birds and a facility leased to the company in Maryland by DeCoster Farms.

Further down in the listings, Hillandale Farms of Florida, Lake Butler, acquired certain shell egg operations of American Agrinvest, Tampa, which exited the shell egg business in 1990. There was a rise in layer ownership among several other Florida egg firms as adjustments were made in the Florida market.

For more analysis of the largest U.S. egg producing companies please turn to page 22.

Following are EGG INDUSTRY estimates of how leading egg firms rank in size, based on number of layers on hand December 31, 1990.

Company	Number of layers in millions	Company	Number of layers in millions
CAL-MAINE FOODS, INC. Jackson, MS	14.0	FORT RECOVERY EQUITY & EXCHANGE Ft. Recovery, OH	2.6
MICHAEL FOODS, INC. (Includes MILTON G. WALDBAUM CO. and CRYSTAL FOODS, INC.) Minneapolis, MN	11.4	KOFKOFF EGG FARMS Fitchville, CT	2.5
ROSE ACRE FARMS, INC. Seymour, IN	10.0	PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORP. Pittsburg, TX	2.4
ISE FARMS, INC., and SEABOARD FOODS, INC. Lakewood, NJ	6.0	CRYSTAL FARMS Chestnut Mountain, GA	2.3
CROTON EGG FARMS Croton, OH	5.8	NORCO RANCH, INC. Norco, CA	2.3
DECOSTER EGG FARMS Turner, ME	4.5	VAUGHAN BROTHERS Knob Noster, MO	2.3
AGRI-GENERAL CORP. Columbus, OH	3.5	CYPRESS FOODS, INC. Winter Haven, FL	2.2
MIDWEST POULTRY SERVICES, INC. Mentone, IN	3.5	HILLANDALE FARMS OF FL Lake Butler, FL	2.2
WABASH VALLEY PRODUCE AND AFFILIATES DuBois, IN	3.5	VALLEY FRESH FOODS, INC. Turlock, CA	2.2
NULAIID FOODS, INC. Ripon, CA	3.2	TAMPA FARM SERVICES, INC. Dover, FL	2.1
EGG CITY Moorpark, CA	3.1	ZEPHYR EGG CO. Zephyrhills, FL	2.1
MAHARD EGG FARM, INC. Prosper, TX	3.0	NATIONAL POULTRY & FOODS, INC. Lumber City, GA	2.0
MCANALLY ENTERPRISES, INC. Yucaipa, CA	3.0	SMITH FARMS Flatonia, TX	2.0
MOARK PRODUCTIONS, INC. Neosho, MO	3.0	SPARBOE COMPANIES Litchfield, MN	1.9
NATIONAL FOOD CORP. Seattle, WA	3.0	DAYLAY EGG FARM West Mansfield, OH	1.8
		DEMLER EGG RANCHES San Jacinto, CA	1.8

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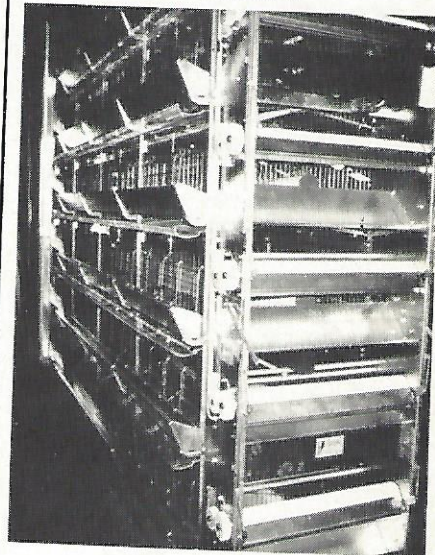
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Company	Number of layers in millions	Company	Number of layers in millions
HUDSON FOODS, INC. Rogers, AR (includes MCEL RATH FARMS & NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS CORP.)	1.8	DIXIE EGG COMPANY Jacksonville, FL	1.2
KREIDER POULTRY Middletown, PA	1.8	EGGS WEST West Covina, CA	1.2
SUNNYSIDE EGGS, INC. Greenville, NC	1.8	WILLAMETTE EGG FARMS Canby, OR	1.2
EMBLY RANCH El Cajon, CA	1.7	SOUTHERN EMPIRE EGG FARMS, INC. Shady Dale, GA	1.1
BRONSON FARMS Sorrento, FL	1.5	VILLINES FEED Green Forest, AR	1.1
WAYNE DETLING FARMS, INC. Rossburg, Ohio	1.5	DUTCH COUNTRY EGG FARMS Fredericksburg, PA	1.1
PENNFIELD FARMS Ephrata, PA	1.5	GEMPERLE ENTERPRISES Turlock, CA	1.0
CREIGHTON BROTHERS Warsaw, IN	1.4	HAYRE'S EGG PRODUCERS Lathrop, CA	1.0
GEORGE'S, INC. Springdale, AR	1.4	HILLDALE FARMS OF PA North Versailles, PA	1.0
ARMSTRONG EGG FARMS Valley Center, CA	1.3	MAXIM FARM EGG CO. Boling, TX	1.0
HERBRUCK POULTRY RANCH Saranac, MI	1.3	OLSON FARMS, INC. Sherman Oaks, CA	1.0
WEAVER BROTHERS Versailles, OH	1.3	SAVANNAH VALLEY EGG CO., INC. Hartwell, GA	1.0
BOOMSMA'S PRODUCE Des Moines, IA	1.2	TOTAL	147.6



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