This paper introduces the current situation and future development of the laying hen sector in Turkey, identifying and offering solutions to sectoral problems.

Egg production in Turkey was 384,930 tonnes in 1990, and increased by 92.25% to 740,024 tonnes in 2010. Although annual egg consumption in Turkey exceeds the world average (8.9 kg/person/year), it would be right to state that it is not at the optimum level in comparison with the developed countries. In 2010, Turkey ranked 6th, with egg exports valued at approximately 156.2 million dollars. Turkey's primary export market is Iraq, representing almost 72%. It has been calculated that the increase in the retail price of an egg was at about 50% and increase in the production cost of an egg was 71.11% in the period of 2007-2011. The principal problems of the laying egg sector in Turkey are: high costs, breeding animal, feed, external dependence on vaccine and medicine, epidemics, the lack of any production planning and inefficient consumption of egg products.