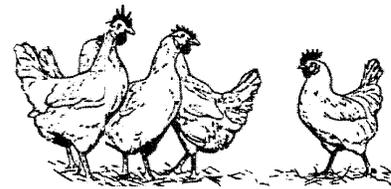


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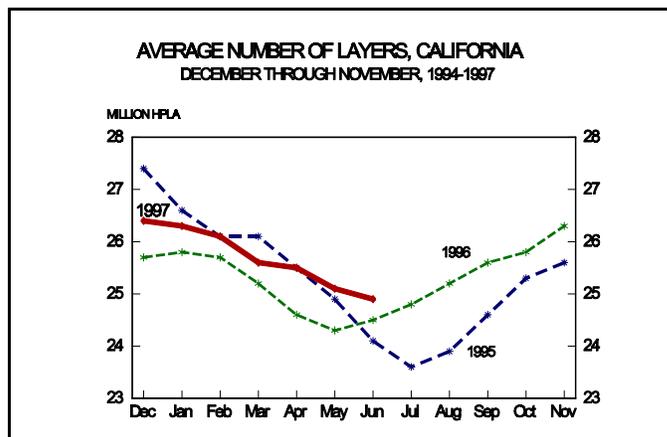
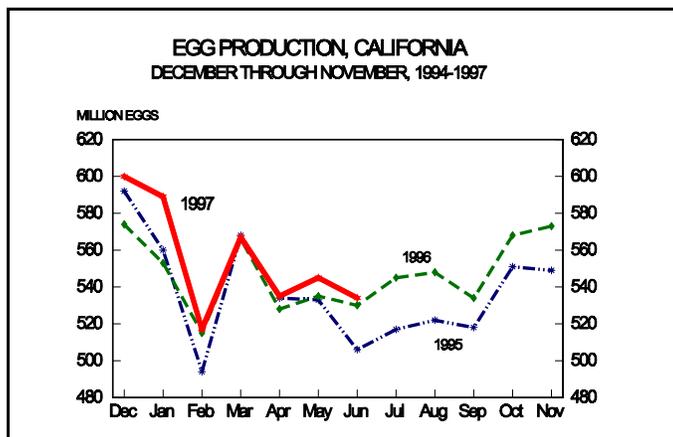
## U.S. JUNE EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 6.27 billion during June 1997, up 2 percent from the 6.17 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.25 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 958 million were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 1997 averaged 299 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers during June 1996. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,092 eggs, compared with 2,099 in June 1996.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 1997 totaled 299 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 299 million layers consisted of 243 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.52 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 1997 averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.3 a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during June totaled 534 million, 11.0 million less than last month, but 4.00 million more than last June. Average number of layers during the month was 24.9 million, 2 percent above June 1996. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,142, compared to 2,172 last month and 2,161 in June 1997.



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JUNE, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JULY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		---- Percent ----			
Alabama	10,367	11,093	1,929	1,902	200	211	4.5	2.0	10.5	8.5
Arkansas	14,788	14,135	1,880	1,825	278	258	3.5	3.5	9.5	10.0
California	24,521	24,926	2,161	2,142	530	534	8.0	9.0	45.0	36.5
Georgia	18,062	19,449	2,021	2,010	365	391	2.5	5.0	24.0	22.0
Indiana	21,057	21,241	2,170	2,184	457	464	1.0	1.5	22.5	19.0
Iowa	18,983	21,680	2,176	2,200	413	477	3.0	3.0	32.5	27.5
North Carolina	12,707	12,810	1,873	1,881	238	241	3.5	3.0	15.5	12.0
Ohio	24,201	25,378	2,182	2,199	528	558	2.5	4.0	7.0	10.5
Pennsylvania	20,538	20,663	2,196	2,221	451	459	3.0	2.5	20.5	16.0
Texas	15,650	16,818	2,045	2,039	320	343	4.0	7.0	20.0	26.0
United States	293,915	299,483	2,099	2,092	6,169	6,266	4.0	4.8	22.9	21.1

### U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 5 PERCENT

The June 1997 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 703 million, was up 5 percent from June of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 588 million on July 1, 1997, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.01 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 1997. This was down 3 percent from June 1996.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JUNE**

State	1996	1997	1997 1996
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	87,814	91,718	104
Arkansas	104,259	106,195	102
Delaware	15,919	16,736	105
Florida	10,305	9,169	89
Georgia	100,613	107,859	107
Maryland	31,092	30,323	98
Mississippi	57,826	62,375	108
North Carolina	59,739	61,597	103
Pennsylvania	11,700	12,363	106
South Carolina	14,750	15,405	104
Texas	40,690	45,933	113
Virginia	22,750	23,434	103
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	34,858	34,887	100
Washington & Oregon	5,245	5,848	111
Other States 1/	74,608	78,669	105
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>672,168</b>	<b>702,511</b>	<b>105</b>

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

### U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 8 PERCENT

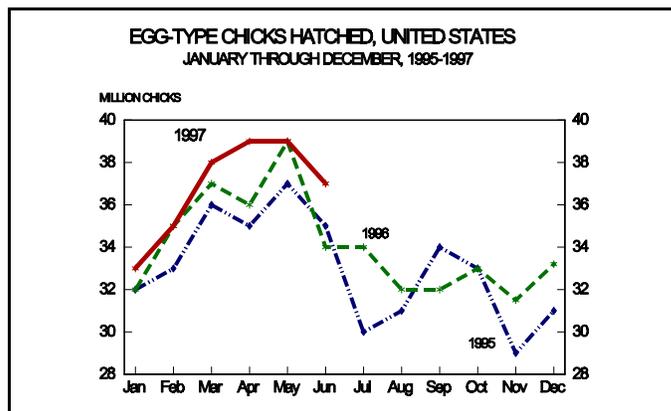
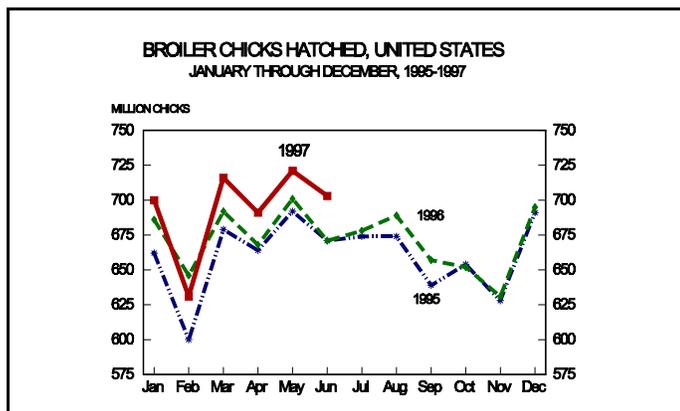
Egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 37.0 million, up 8 percent from June 1996. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.9 million on July 1, 1997, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 256 thousand during June 1997. This was down 9 percent from the 282 thousand of June 1996.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JUNE**

State	1996	1997	1997 1996
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	895	825	92
Florida	1,339	1,190	89
Georgia	1,957	2,055	105
Indiana	6,502	7,200	111
Iowa	3,658	4,316	118
Kansas	236	308	131
Minnesota	2,022	1,828	90
Missouri	376	398	106
Pennsylvania	3,984	5,517	138
Other States 1/	13,107	13,318	102
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>34,076</b>	<b>36,955</b>	<b>108</b>

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### EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JULY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1996	1997	1997/1996	1996	1997	1997/1996
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
North Atlantic	11,566	12,300	106	5,743	5,860	102
East North Central	7,586	7,522	99	7,026	6,835	97
West North Central	23,137	21,322	92	6,080	6,067	100
South Atlantic	221,295	228,822	103	4,398	4,245	97
South Central	278,845	295,011	106	2,881	2,779	96
West	21,922	22,684	103	4,153	4,161	100
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>564,351</b>	<b>587,661</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>30,281</b>	<b>29,947</b>	<b>99</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average June prices received by California producers, when compared to May average prices, increased one cent per pound for broilers. Prices for live turkeys increased one cent per pound. Prices for market eggs decreased nine cents per dozen.

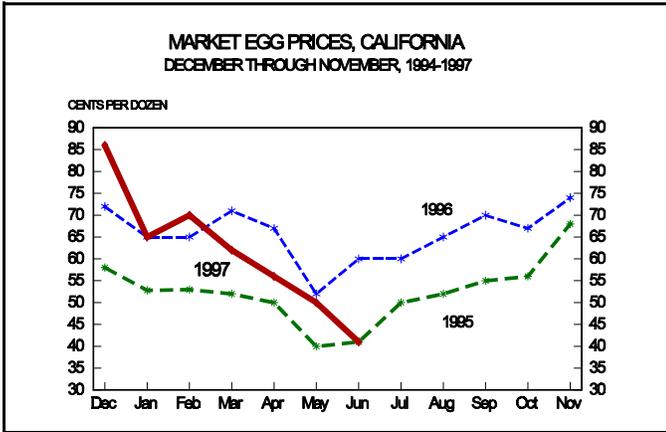
Nationally, the June average prices received by producers increased one cent per pound for broilers. Live turkey prices increased 0.3 cents per pound. Market eggs decreased 5.7 cents per dozen.

**POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/**

Commodity	Unit	June 1996	May 15, 1997	June 15, 1997
--- Cents ---				
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	41.0	37.5	38.5
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	60.0	50.0	41.0
Turkeys	Lb.	45.0	39.0	40.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	40.6	36.4	37.4
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	58.3	51.1	45.4
Turkeys	Lb.	44.4	41.2	41.5

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.



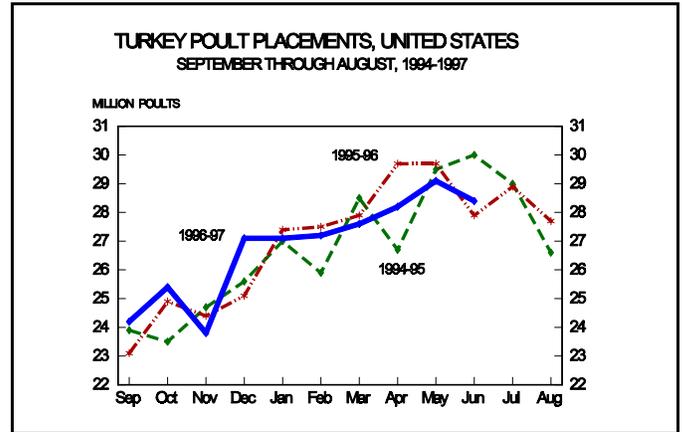
**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators on July 1, 1997 in the United States totaled 38.5 million, up 2 percent from July 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 5 percent from the revised June 1 total of 36.8 million. Regional percent changes from the previous year were: E N Central, up 2; W N Central, up 6; N & S Atlantic, down 1; S Central, unchanged; West, up 5. The 28.4 million poult placed during June 1997 in the United States were up 1 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2 percent from the updated May 1997 total of 29.1 million. Regional percent changes from the previous year were: E N Central, up 5; W N Central, up 14; N & S Atlantic, down 7; S Central, up 2; West, down 6.

**ALL TURKEYS**

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators July 1		1997/1996	Poults Placed during June 1/		1997/1996
	1996	1997		1996	1997	
East No. Central	- Thousands -		Pct.	- Thousands -		Pct.
Central	5,043	5,153	102	3,468	3,652	105
West No. Central	10,907	11,554	106	7,760	8,820	114
No. & So. Atlantic	13,103	13,016	99	10,296	9,608	93
So. Central	4,034	4,021	100	3,211	3,274	102
West	4,598	4,805	105	3,252	3,045	94
U.S.	37,685	38,549	102	27,987	28,399	101

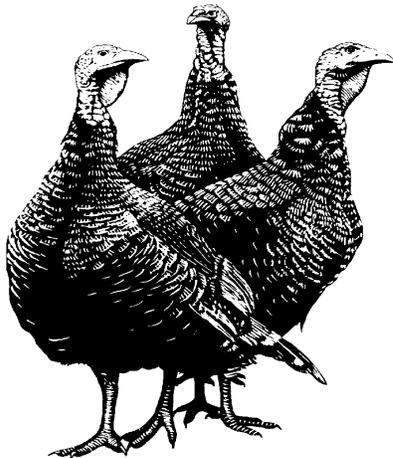
1/ Excludes exported poults.



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/**

Month	Total All Breeds		96-97/95-96	Cumulative Total		96-97/95-96
	1995-96	1996-97		1995-96	1996-97	
	- Thousands -		Percent	- Thousands -		Percent
Sept.	23,371	24,154	103	23,371	24,154	103
Oct.	25,158	25,354	101	48,529	49,508	102
Nov.	24,619	23,830	97	73,148	73,338	100
Dec.	25,269	27,119	107	98,417	100,457	102
Jan.	27,391	27,130	99	125,808	127,587	101
Feb.	27,596	27,152	98	153,404	154,739	101
Mar.	27,932	27,607	99	181,336	182,346	101
Apr.	29,725	28,180	95	211,061	210,526	100
May	29,668	29,106	98	240,729	239,632	100
June	27,987	28,399	101	268,716	268,031	100
July	28,913			297,629		
Aug.	27,496			325,125		

1/ Excludes exported poults.



**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	June 30, 1996	May 31, 1997 <sup>1/</sup>	June 30, 1997	<u>June 1997</u> June 1996	<u>June 1997</u> May 1997
		---- Thousands ----			-- Percent --	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	75,917	73,639	81,136	107	110
Chickens	Lbs.	45,770	49,329	45,650	100	93
Ducks	Lbs.	314	125	432	138	346
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	122,001	123,093	127,218	104	103
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	679,739	611,775	666,465	98	109
Chickens	Lbs.	665,171	731,490	709,681	107	97
Ducks	Lbs.	2,418	3,225	4,419	183	137
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,347,328	1,346,490	1,380,565	102	103
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	11,735	8,374	8,588	73	103

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.