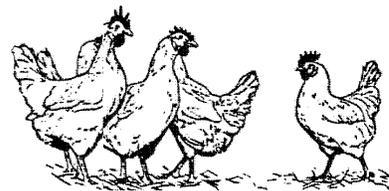


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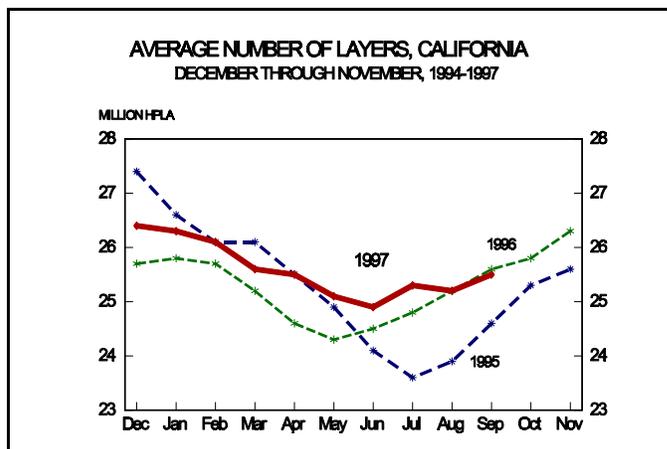
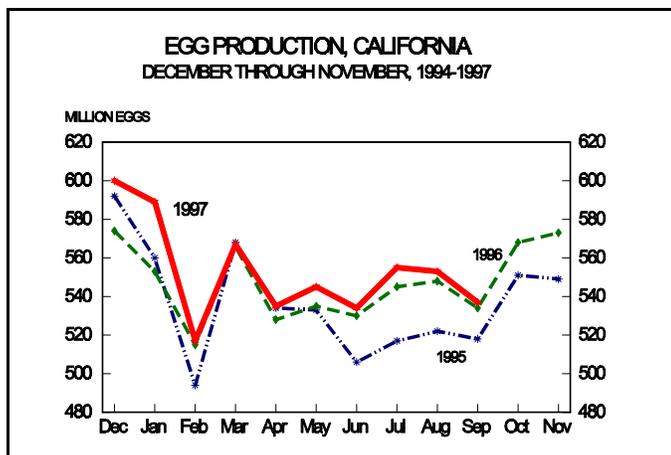
## U.S. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 6.33 billion during September 1997, up 2 percent from the 6.24 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.34 billion table eggs and 990 million hatching eggs, of which 934 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 1997 averaged 302 million, up 1 percent from the average number of layers during September 1996. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,097 eggs, compared with 2,094 in September 1996.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 1997, totaled 305 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 305 million layers consisted of 250 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 52.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.57 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 1997, averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from the 69.7 a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during September totaled 537 million, 16.0 million less than last month, and 3.00 million more than last September. Average number of layers during the month totaled 25.5 million, fractionally below September 1996. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,105, compared to 2,191 last month and 2,088 in September 1996.



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING SEPTEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF OCTOBER 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	10,481	10,703	1,918	1,906	201	204	2.0	4.0	16.0	14.5
Arkansas	14,520	14,396	1,860	1,827	270	263	2.5	2.5	10.5	13.0
California	25,571	25,516	2,088	2,105	534	537	8.5	8.5	41.0	35.5
Georgia	18,441	20,151	2,028	1,980	374	399	6.0	9.5	22.5	19.5
Indiana	21,752	21,285	2,193	2,218	477	472	3.0	4.5	19.0	21.5
Iowa	19,967	21,357	2,179	2,126	435	454	5.5	4.0	32.0	25.0
North Carolina	12,607	11,716	1,896	1,861	239	218	1.0	1.5	15.0	14.0
Ohio	24,436	26,056	2,185	2,234	534	582	3.0	3.0	12.0	14.0
Pennsylvania	20,493	21,378	2,181	2,189	447	468	4.5	5.0	22.0	14.0
Texas	16,428	17,219	1,911	2,027	314	349	7.5	5.0	22.0	26.0
United States	297,696	302,023	2,094	2,097	6,235	6,333	4.8	4.6	23.0	22.5

**U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 4 PERCENT**

The September 1997 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 683 million, was up 4 percent from September of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 566 million eggs on October 1, 1997, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.50 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 1997. This was up 5 percent from September 1996.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER**

State	1996	1997	1997/1996
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	86,773	90,327	104
Arkansas	103,717	103,254	100
Delaware	15,666	15,207	97
Florida	9,633	9,037	94
Georgia	98,687	104,403	106
Maryland	29,576	29,628	100
Mississippi	57,065	59,411	104
North Carolina	59,661	57,721	97
Pennsylvania	12,071	12,682	105
South Carolina	15,094	14,909	99
Texas	41,535	42,950	103
Virginia	22,808	23,061	101
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	31,874	34,745	109
Washington & Oregon	5,048	4,920	97
Other States 1/	69,768	80,994	116
UNITED STATES	658,976	683,249	104

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**U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 12 PERCENT**

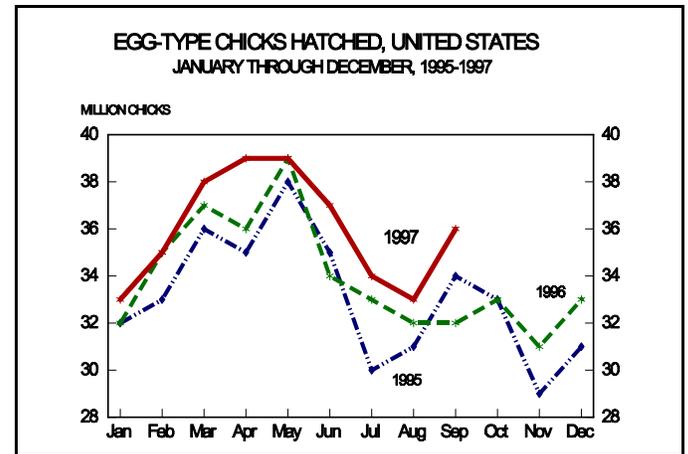
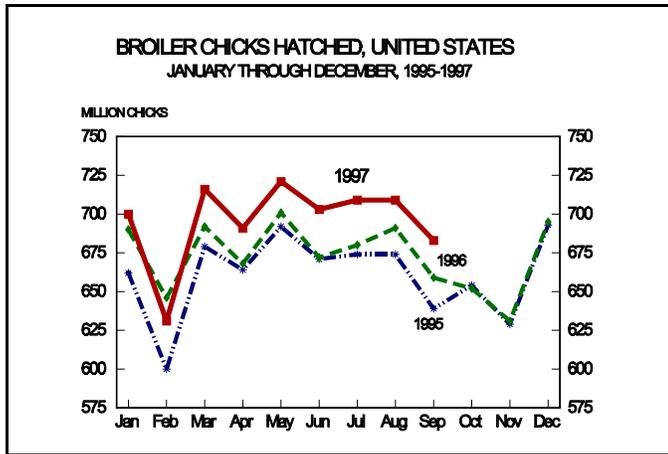
Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 35.8 million, up 12 percent from September 1996. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.4 million on October 1, 1997, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 397 thousand during September 1997. This was up 72 percent from the 231 thousand of September 1996.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER**

State	1996	1997	1997/1996
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	591	696	118
Florida	1,281	1,192	93
Georgia	2,113	2,012	95
Indiana	6,849	7,437	109
Iowa	2,920	3,899	134
Kansas	331	219	66
Minnesota	1,684	2,041	121
Missouri	359	378	105
Pennsylvania	5,156	5,548	108
Other States 1/	10,786	12,372	115
UNITED STATES	32,070	35,794	112

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**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, OCTOBER 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1996	1997	1997/1996	1996	1997	1997/1996
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
North Atlantic	10,830	12,028	111	4,921	4,887	99
East North Central	7,837	6,931	88	8,394	8,116	97
West North Central	20,215	20,647	102	5,048	5,330	106
South Atlantic	209,297	215,691	103	4,675	4,405	94
South Central	271,629	292,557	108	3,201	3,898	122
West	19,617	18,619	95	4,395	3,805	87
UNITED STATES	539,425	566,473	105	30,634	30,441	99

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average September prices received by California producers, when compared to August average prices, increased 1.0 cents for turkeys and 6.0 cents per dozen for market eggs. Prices for broilers decreased 0.5 cents.

Nationally, the September average prices received by producers decreased 1.6 cents per pound for broilers. Prices for turkeys increased 0.4 cents per pound and market eggs increased 7.8 cents per dozen.

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

Commodity	Unit	Sept. 1996	Aug. 15, 1997	Sept. 15, 1997
--- Cents ---				
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	43.0	40.5	40.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	71.0	52.0	58.0
Turkeys	Lb.	45.0	41.0	42.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	40.2	40.1	38.5
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	65.1	49.8	57.6
Turkeys	Lb.	44.2	40.7	41.1

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**

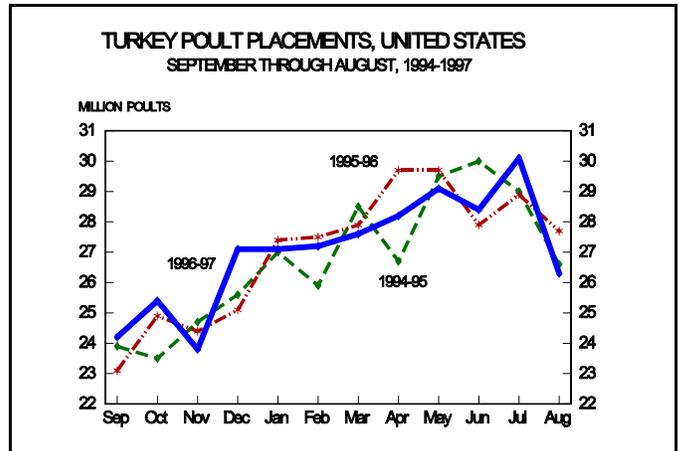
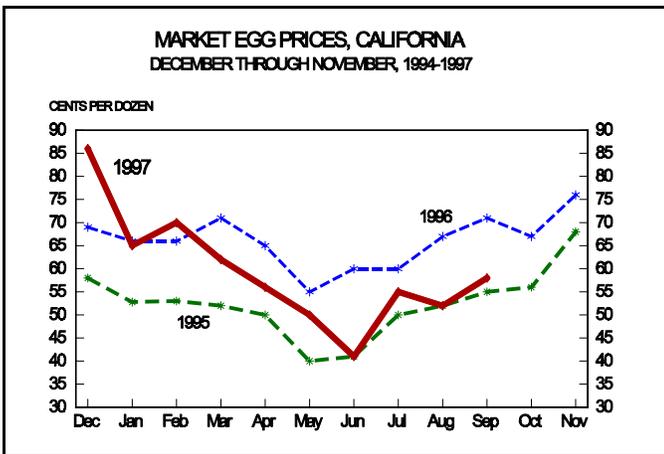
U.S. turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 1997 totaled 31.4 million, down 3 percent from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 2 percent from the revised September 1 total of 30.9 million. Regional percent changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 8; W N Central, up 11; N & S Atlantic, down 5; S Central, down 18; West, down 6.

The 23.9 million poult placed during September 1997 in the United States were down 1 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 9 percent from the revised August 1997 total of 26.3 million. Regional percent changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 3; W N Central, up 15; N & S Atlantic, down 9; S Central, down 1; West, down 7.

**ALL TURKEYS**

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators October 1		1997 1996	Poults Placed during Sept. 1/		1997 1996
	1996	1997		1996	1997	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	5,008	4,587	92	3,348	3,250	97
W N Central	8,335	9,285	111	6,128	7,077	115
N&S Atlantic	12,304	11,715	95	9,542	8,646	91
S Central	3,969	3,256	82	2,763	2,722	99
West	2,717	2,542	94	2,373	2,212	93
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>32,333</b>	<b>31,385</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>24,154</b>	<b>23,907</b>	<b>99</b>

1/ Excludes exported poults.

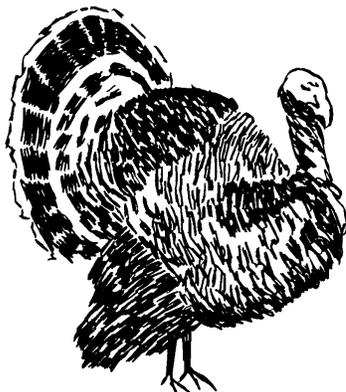


**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/ 2/**

Month	Total All Breeds		97-98 96-97	Cumulative Total		97-98 96-97
	1996-97	1997-98		1996-97	1997-98	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	24,154	23,907	99	24,154	23,907	99
Oct.	25,354			49,508		
Nov.	23,830			73,338		
Dec.	27,119			100,457		
Jan.	27,121			127,578		
Feb.	27,145			154,723		
Mar.	27,610			182,333		
Apr.	28,220			210,553		
May	29,120			239,673		
June	28,380			268,053		
July	30,092			298,145		
Aug.	26,321			324,466		

1/ Data for 1996-97 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 1996 Summary".

2/ Excludes exported poults.



**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	September 1996	August 1997 <sup>1/</sup>	September 1997	Sept. 1997 Sept. 1996	Sept. 1997 Aug. 1997
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>			---- Thousands ----		-- Percent --	
Turkeys	Lbs.	103,743	105,534	131,480	127	125
Chickens	Lbs.	36,739	43,430	41,397	113	95
Ducks	Lbs.	452	447	527	117	118
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	140,934	149,411	173,404	123	116
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	721,021	742,016	769,537	107	104
Chickens	Lbs.	587,491	566,945	552,897	94	98
Ducks	Lbs.	1,570	2,277	2,633	168	116
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,310,082	1,311,238	1,325,067	101	101
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	14,936	11,104	10,815	72	97

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.