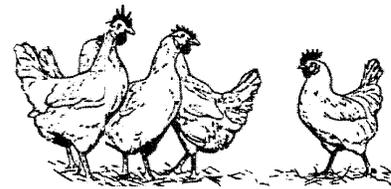


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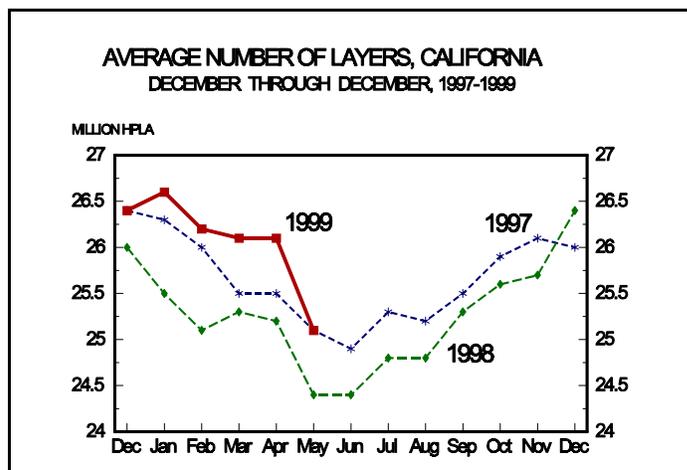
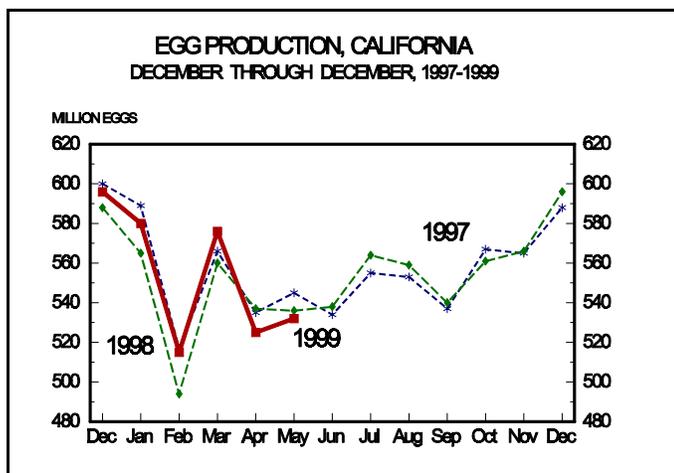
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## U.S. MAY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.92 billion during May 1999, up 4 percent from the 6.67 billion produced in 1998. Production included 5.81 billion table eggs and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 69.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 1999 averaged 320 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during May 1998. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,153 eggs in May 1998. All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 1999 totaled 320 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 320 million layers consisted of 260 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 1999 averaged 70 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.1 a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg-producing states produced 6.54 billion eggs during May, up 4 percent from May 1998. The average number of layers during May, at 302 million, was up 3 percent from a year earlier.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during May totaled 532 million, 7.00 million more than last month, but 4.00 million less than last May. Average number of layers during the month totaled 25.1 million, fractionally below last month, but 3 percent above May 1998. Eggs per 100 layers during the month averaged 2,120, compared to 2,089 last month and 2,198 in May 1998.



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

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,919	10,641	1,960	1,973	214	210	3.0	5.0	12.0	12.0
Arkansas	14,652	14,863	1,911	1,951	280	290	4.5	1.5	7.5	11.0
California	24,382	25,098	2,198	2,120	536	532	9.5	10.5	31.0	41.0
Georgia	20,964	20,858	2,051	2,033	430	424	9.5	5.5	14.0	15.5
Indiana	21,475	21,907	2,291	2,237	492	490	2.0	3.0	34.0	31.0
Iowa	22,997	25,627	2,205	2,244	507	575	5.0	4.0	33.5	28.0
North Carolina	11,278	11,258	1,933	1,936	218	218	1.0	3.5	11.0	7.5
Ohio	27,705	30,887	2,231	2,360	618	729	2.0	3.5	14.5	12.5
Pennsylvania	21,592	22,449	2,283	2,285	493	513	5.0	7.5	16.5	17.0
Texas	17,040	17,333	1,978	2,100	337	364	6.0	7.0	23.5	22.0
United States	309,615	319,872	2,153	2,164	6,665	6,922	4.8	5.1	21.4	22.2

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

The May 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 766 million, was up 4 percent from May of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 636 million on June 1, 1999. This was up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.74 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 1999. This was up 10 percent from May 1998.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY**

State	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	97,046	100,134	103
Arkansas	107,749	111,701	104
Delaware	16,478	16,475	100
Florida	10,184	9,734	96
Georgia	111,552	114,469	103
Maryland	32,229	32,551	101
Mississippi	65,139	66,416	102
North Carolina	63,157	66,160	105
Pennsylvania	13,269	13,100	99
South Carolina	15,460	17,015	110
Texas	45,666	50,054	110
Virginia	24,826	24,992	101
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	40,664	42,275	104
Other States 1/	95,900	101,085	105
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>739,319</b>	<b>766,161</b>	<b>104</b>

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**U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED**

Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 40.6 million, up 4 percent from May 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.3 million on June 1, 1999. This was up 1 percent from a year ago.

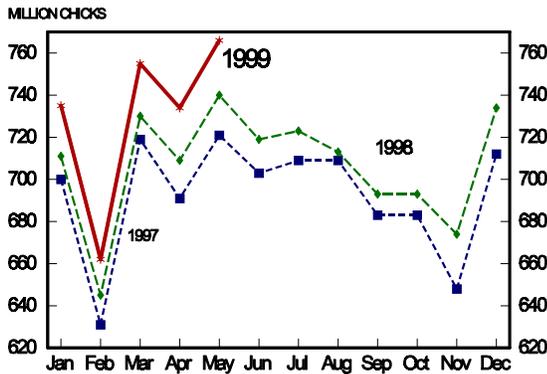
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 283 thousand during May 1999. This was up 47 percent from May 1998.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY**

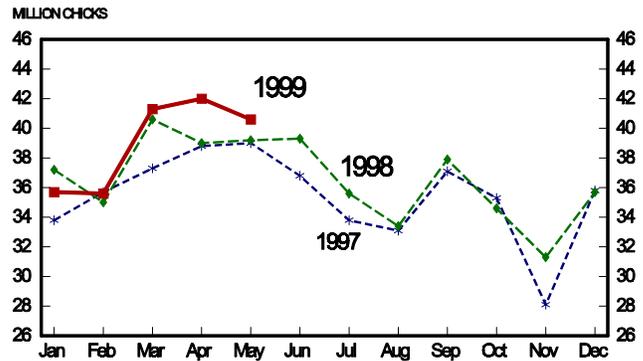
State	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	819	1,013	124
Florida	1,190	996	84
Georgia	2,088	2,319	111
Indiana	6,949	8,004	115
Iowa	4,350	5,567	128
Kansas	323	348	108
Minnesota	2,068	1,856	90
Missouri	403	403	100
Pennsylvania	4,967	5,088	102
Other States 1/	16,035	14,996	94
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>39,192</b>	<b>40,590</b>	<b>104</b>

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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999**



**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999**



**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JUNE 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,421	11,630	94	6,686	7,110	106
East No. Central	9,509	8,998	95	9,170	9,159	100
West No. Central	23,374	22,519	96	7,005	7,439	106
South Atlantic	233,478	240,832	103	5,111	4,153	81
South Central	311,736	326,245	105	3,488	3,787	109
West	23,954	26,097	109	5,279	5,620	106
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>614,472</b>	<b>636,321</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>36,739</b>	<b>37,268</b>	<b>101</b>

**QUARTERLY LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION -- MARCH THROUGH MAY**

Geographic Division	Average Number of Layers on Hand:			Total Eggs Produced		
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	10,946	10,694	98	639	627	98
Arkansas	14,836	15,071	102	840	869	103
California	24,941	25,312	101	1,633	1,627	100
Georgia	21,115	20,999	99	1,322	1,298	98
Indiana	21,573	21,996	102	1,451	1,457	100
Iowa	22,991	25,230	110	1,508	1,699	113
North Carolina	11,258	11,475	102	646	661	102
Ohio	27,870	30,840	111	1,869	2,108	113
Pennsylvania	21,928	22,610	103	1,505	1,551	103
Texas	17,189	17,431	101	1,078	1,097	102
United States	294,542	321,102	109	19,040	20,734	109

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average May prices received by California producers, when compared to April average prices, remained the same for live turkeys. Prices for market eggs decreased 11.9 cents per dozen. Effective May 1999, California's monthly broiler prices are no longer published.

Nationally, the May average prices received by producers increased 3.5 cents per pound for broilers and one cent per pound for live turkeys. Prices for market eggs decreased 8.2 cents per dozen.

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

Commodity	Unit	May 15, 1998	Apr. 15, 1999	May 15, 1999
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	37.0	36.4	2/
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	37.0	45.9	34.0
Turkeys	Lb.	37.0	41.0	41.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	36.9	34.3	37.8
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	39.0	43.2	35.0
Turkeys	Lb.	35.4	38.7	39.7

- 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/ California's broiler prices published annually effective May 1999.
- 3/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 1999 in the United States totaled 33.5 million, down 1 percent from June 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up slightly from the May 2 total of 33.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 9 percent; West North Central, up 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 9 percent; South Central, down 7 percent; West, up 10 percent

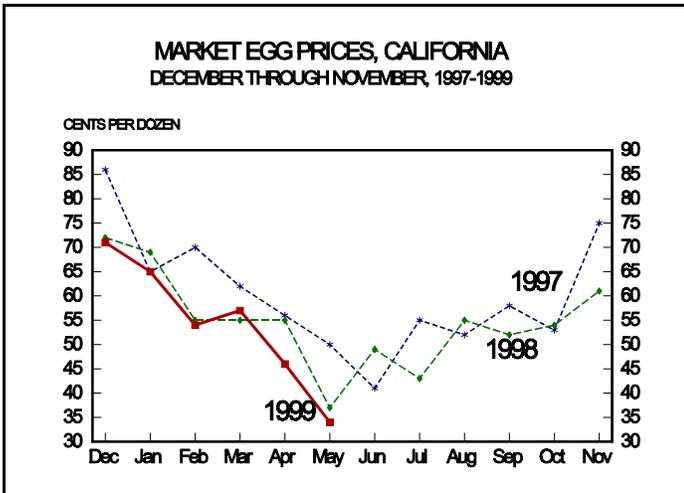
The 26.2 million poult placed during May 1999 in the United States were up 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2 percent from the April total of 26.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 3 percent; West North Central, up 11 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 4 percent; South Central, down 5 percent; West, up 7 percent.

**ALL TURKEYS**

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators June 1		1999 1998	Poult Placed during May 1/		1999 1998
	1998	1999		1998	1999	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	5,006	5,434	109	3,454	3,359	97
W N Central	11,122	11,210	101	8,063	8,948	111
N&S Atlantic	10,546	9,575	91	8,090	7,763	96
S Central	3,398	3,164	93	2,998	2,838	95
West	3,707	4,084	110	3,072	3,297	107
U.S.	33,779	33,467	99	25,677	26,205	102

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1997-1999**



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

Month	Total All Breeds		98-99 97-98	Cumulative Total		98-99 97-98
	1997-98	1998-99		1997-98	1998-99	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,907	21,124	88	23,907	21,124	88
Oct.	24,587	22,749	93	48,494	43,873	90
Nov.	23,281	22,167	95	71,775	66,040	92
Dec.	25,711	24,985	97	97,486	91,025	93
Jan.	26,240	24,448	93	123,726	115,473	93
Feb.	25,093	23,604	94	148,819	139,077	93
Mar.	26,362	26,170	99	175,181	165,247	94
Apr.	25,747	26,856	104	200,928	192,103	96
May	25,677	26,205	102	226,605	218,308	96
June	26,957			253,562		
July	26,247			279,809		
Aug.	24,450			304,259		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	May 1998	April 1999 <u>a/</u>	May 1999	May 1999 May 1998	May 1999 Apr. 1999
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	90,100	74,887	76,775	85	103
Chickens	Lbs.	28,168	51,668	52,189	185	101
Ducks	Lbs.	565	146	112	20	77
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	118,833	126,701	129,076	109	102
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	614,140	455,514	493,293	80	108
Chickens	Lbs.	683,572	810,622	815,809	119	101
Ducks	Lbs.	5,430	6,010	5,458	101	91
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,303,142	1,272,146	1,314,560	101	103
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	12,867	9,356	9,563	74	102

a/ Revised.