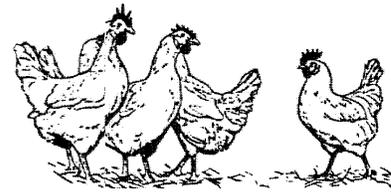


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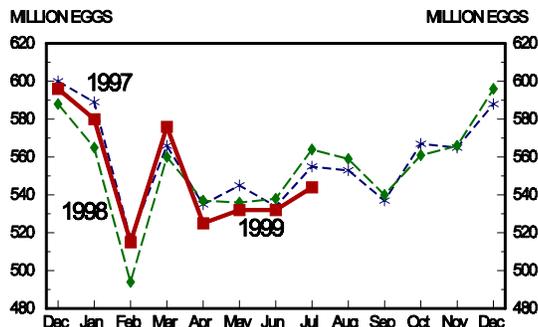
## U.S. JULY EGG PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 6.91 billion during July 1999, up 3 percent from the 6.72 billion produced in 1998. Production included 5.80 billion table eggs and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 1999 averaged 320 million, up 4 percent from the total average number of layers during July 1998. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,159 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,175 eggs in July 1998. All layers in the U.S. totaled 319 million on August 1, 1999, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 319 million layers consisted of 260 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.80 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 1999 averaged 69.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.2 a year ago.

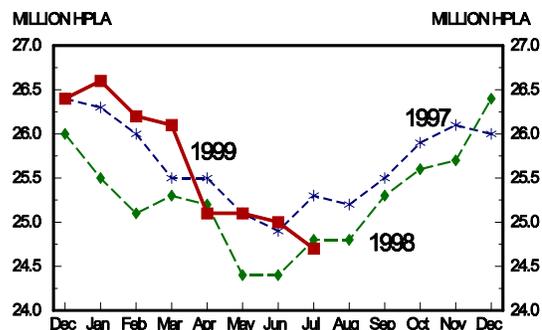
## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during July totaled 544 million, 12.0 million more than last month, but 20.0 million less than last July. Average number of layers during the month totaled 24.7 million, 1 percent below last month and fractionally below July 1998. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,203 compared to 2,124 last month and 2,278 in July 1998.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JULY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF AUGUST 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	11,019	10,749	1,869	1,926	206	207	1.0	2.5	9.0	11.0
Arkansas	14,614	15,466	1,841	1,920	269	297	3.5	2.5	8.0	11.5
California	24,758	24,698	2,278	2,203	564	544	6.0	9.5	34.5	42.5
Georgia	21,131	20,742	1,992	2,044	421	424	5.5	6.0	16.0	14.5
Indiana	21,522	21,989	2,337	2,274	503	500	2.5	1.0	33.0	29.5
Iowa	23,095	25,935	2,247	2,155	519	559	5.0	7.0	32.0	30.0
North Carolina	11,314	11,236	1,918	1,913	217	215	2.0	1.5	9.5	9.0
Ohio	27,751	30,448	2,223	2,246	617	684	5.0	2.0	13.0	15.5
Pennsylvania	21,598	22,462	2,343	2,239	506	503	4.0	6.5	18.5	20.0
Texas	16,692	17,071	2,157	2,185	360	373	3.5	3.0	24.0	24.5
UNITED STATES	308,927	319,889	2,175	2,159	6,720	6,906	3.9	4.5	21.7	23.0

### U.S. BROILER HATCH

The July 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 751 million, was up 4 percent from July of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 626 million on August 1, 1999, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.09 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 1999. This was up 4 percent from July 1998.

#### BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	1998	1999	1999 1998
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	94,823	98,073	103
Arkansas	104,738	109,626	105
Delaware	16,520	16,467	100
Florida	8,754	9,986	114
Georgia	110,602	113,234	102
Maryland	31,342	31,906	102
Mississippi	64,000	66,012	103
North Carolina	62,387	64,124	103
Pennsylvania	13,198	13,306	101
South Carolina	15,588	17,130	110
Texas	46,615	48,791	105
Virginia	24,245	24,502	101
California, W. Virginia & Tennessee	39,218	41,637	106
Other States 1/	90,685	95,753	106
UNITED STATES	722,715	750,547	104

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

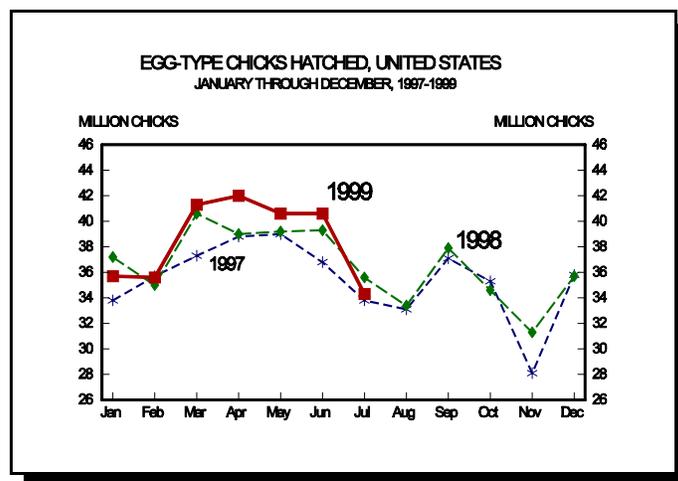
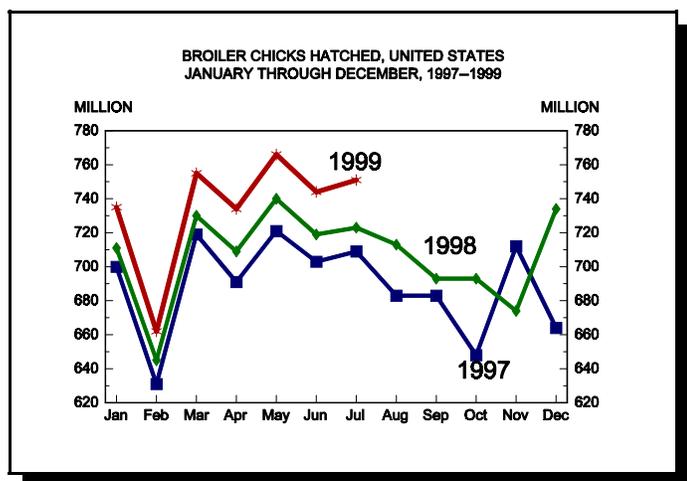
Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 34.3 million, down 4 percent from July 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.5 million on August 1, 1999, up 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 231 thousand during July 1999. This was down 22 percent from July 1998.

#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	1998	1999	1999 1998
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	759	773	102
Florida	646	1,060	164
Georgia	2,009	1,708	85
Indiana	7,403	5,675	77
Iowa	4,250	3,948	93
Kansas	278	212	76
Minnesota	1,659	1,637	99
Missouri	336	336	100
Pennsylvania	5,462	4,918	90
Other States 1/	12,756	14,002	110
UNITED STATES	35,558	34,269	96

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#### EGGS IN INCUBATORS, AUGUST 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,839	11,876	100	4,447	4,959	112
East North Central	8,533	8,818	103	7,935	7,747	98
West North Central	22,449	22,276	99	5,447	4,699	86
South Atlantic	232,187	236,783	102	3,094	2,650	86
South Central	304,445	321,762	106	3,448	4,394	127
West	24,071	24,121	100	3,072	5,016	163
UNITED STATES	603,524	625,636	104	27,443	29,465	107

### U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 32.1 million on August 1, 1999, up 3 percent from August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 5 percent from the July 1 total of 33.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 2 percent; West North Central, up 9 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 2 percent; South Central, down 2 percent, West, down 8 percent. The 26.8 million poults placed during July 1999 in the United States were up 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 4 percent from the June total of 25.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 3 percent; West North Central, up 3 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 8 percent; South Central, up 9 percent, West, down 14 percent.

#### ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators August 1		1999 1998	Poults Placed during July 1/		1999 1998
	1998	1999		1998	1999	
	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent		
E.N. Central	4,987	5,095	102	3,845	3,714	97
W.N. Central	9,956	10,853	109	8,566	8,858	103
N.&S. Atlantic	9,547	9,725	102	7,533	8,150	108
S. Central	3,386	3,313	98	2,805	3,053	109
West	3,451	3,162	92	3,498	2,993	86
UNITED STATES	31,327	32,148	103	26,247	26,768	102

1/ Excludes exported poults.

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

Month	Total All Breeds 2/		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	24,590	94	123,726	115,615	93
Feb.	25,093	23,722	95	148,819	139,337	94
Mar.	26,362	25,917	98	175,181	165,254	94
Apr.	25,747	26,817	104	200,928	192,071	96
May	25,677	26,097	102	226,605	218,168	96
June	26,957	25,621	95	253,562	243,789	96
July	26,247	26,768	102	279,809	270,557	97
Aug.	24,450	---	---	304,259	---	---

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised January, February, March, April, and June 1998-99 data.

### U.S. TURKEYS RAISED DOWN 4 PERCENT

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 1999 is 275 million, down 4 percent from the 285 million raised during 1998. The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1999:

**North Carolina** is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 48.5 million birds, 3 percent less than 1998.

**Minnesota** ranks second with 43.5 million, down 2 percent from last year.

**Arkansas** is in third place by producing 27.0 million birds, 4 percent less than a year ago.

**Virginia** is the nation's fourth largest producing State with 25.0 million birds, down 4 percent from a year ago.

**Missouri** is in fifth place with 22.0 million birds, unchanged from last year's production.

**California** expects to raise 18.0 million turkeys, 5 percent below a year earlier.

#### TURKEYS RAISED IN 1998-99 1/

State	Number		1999/1998
	1998	1999	
	Thousand Head	Percent	
AR	28,000	27,000	96
CA	19,000	18,000	95
CT	5	5	100
IA	7,000	7,500	107
IL	3,200	2,600	81
IN	13,500	13,500	100
MA	81	83	102
MD & DE	600	445	74
MN	44,500	43,500	98
MO	22,000	22,000	100
NC	50,000	48,500	97
ND	1,800	1,700	94
NH	14	14	100
NJ	71	55	77
NY	500	480	96
OH	5,500	5,200	95
PA	10,500	10,100	96
SC	10,600	8,500	80
SD	3,800	3,900	103
VA	26,000	25,000	96
VT	41	43	105
WV	4,300	4,500	105
Other States 2/	34,192	32,261	94
UNITED STATES	285,204	274,886	96

1/ Revised 1998 figures.

2/ CO, GA, KS, MI, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

#### PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	July 1998	June 1999 1/	July 1999	July 1999 July 1998	July 1999 June 1999
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	107,135	98,876	104,021	97	105
Chickens	Lbs.	25,678	52,521	52,997	206	101
Ducks	Lbs.	826	182	188	23	103
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	153,801	154,617	157,206	102	102
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	701,776	556,136	601,957	86	108
Chickens	Lbs.	578,511	842,034	943,190	163	112
Ducks	Lbs.	4,937	5,536	5,335	108	96
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,285,224	1,403,706	1,550,482	121	110
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	11,758	11,272	11,137	95	99

1/ Revised.

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average July prices received by California producers, when compared to June average prices, decreased 3.5 cents per dozen for market eggs. Turkeys increased 2 cents per pound.

Nationally, the July average prices received by producers decreased 0.4 of a cent per pound for broilers. Market eggs increased 2.3 cents per dozen and 0.3 of a cent per pound for turkeys.

**POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/**

Commodity	Unit	July 1998	June 15, 1999	July 15, 1999
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	43.0	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Market Eggs <u>3/</u>	Doz.	42.5	37.5	34.0
Turkeys	Lb.	37.0	42.0	44.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	43.2	38.5	38.1
Market Eggs <u>3/</u>	Doz.	43.2	37.6	39.9
Turkeys	Lb.	37.5	41.5	41.8

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/ Broiler prices published annually effective May 1999.

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