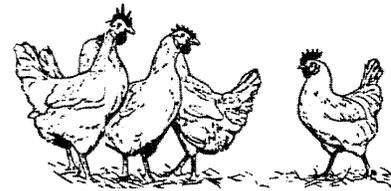


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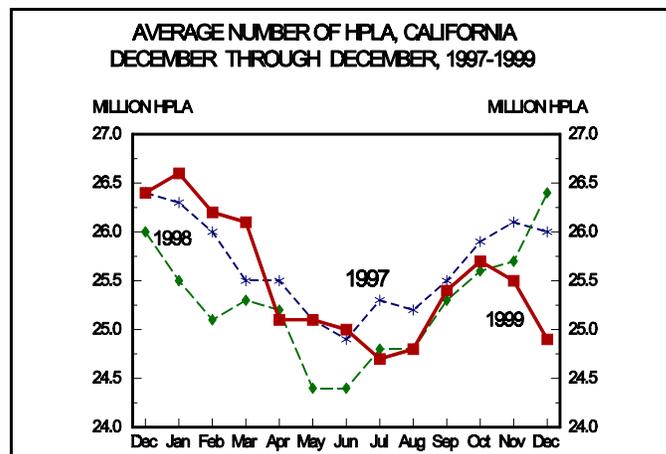
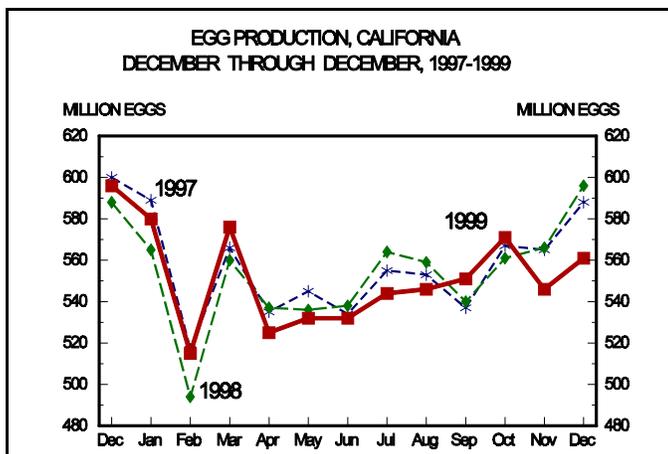
U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.27 billion during December 1999, up 3 percent from the 7.05 billion produced in 1998. Production included 6.19 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 1999 averaged 329 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during December 1998. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,213 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,190 eggs in December 1998.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2000 totaled 328 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 328 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 1999 averaged 70.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 70.3 a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing states produced 6.84 billion eggs during December, up 3 percent from December 1998. The average number of layers during December, at 309 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 561 million, 15.0 million more than last month, but 35.0 million less than last December. The average number of layers during the month totaled 24.9 million, slightly below November 1999. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,250 compared to 2,141 last month and 2,261 in December 1998.



DECEMBER LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1 FORCED MOLTING

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	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,576	10,431	1,957	1,975	207	206	4.5	1.5	13.5	13.0
Arkansas	14,851	15,782	1,919	1,926	285	304	2.5	1.0	8.0	8.0
California	26,357	24,931	2,261	2,250	596	561	7.5	4.0	38.5	39.0
Georgia	21,417	21,002	2,134	2,181	457	458	4.0	3.0	17.5	15.5
Indiana	21,965	22,743	2,213	2,335	486	531	1.0	2.0	29.5	32.0
Iowa	25,177	27,242	2,157	2,247	543	612	4.5	5.0	30.0	33.0
North Carolina	11,552	11,429	1,974	1,934	228	221	1.5	1.0	9.5	10.5
Ohio	30,344	31,454	2,304	2,283	699	718	4.5	0.5	12.0	13.0
Pennsylvania	22,752	22,720	2,334	2,271	531	516	4.5	4.5	21.0	21.0
Texas	17,608	17,899	2,175	2,252	383	403	6.0	2.5	25.5	21.0
UNITED STATES	321,782	328,646	2,190	2,213	7,047	7,274	4.1	2.9	22.5	23.0

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The December 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 748 million, was up 1 percent from December of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 624 million on January 1, 2000, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.00 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 1999. This was up 1 percent from December 1998.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 32.7 million, down 8 percent from December 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.5 million on January 1, 2000, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 175 thousand during December 1999. This was down 4 percent from December 1998.

DECEMBER BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

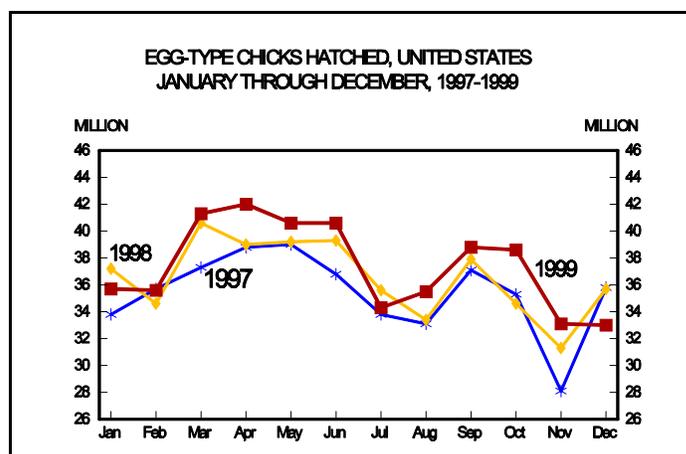
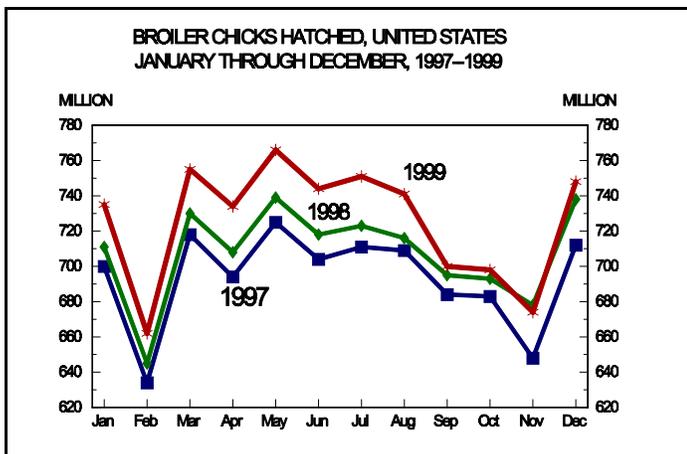
State	1998	1999	1999 1998
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	98,238	100,713	103
Arkansas	108,872	110,968	102
Delaware	15,479	15,792	102
Florida	9,966	9,677	97
Georgia	112,103	110,801	99
Maryland	31,384	31,470	100
Mississippi	63,512	65,048	102
North Carolina	61,333	63,631	104
Pennsylvania	12,811	12,795	100
South Carolina	16,173	16,963	105
Texas	48,636	50,161	103
Virginia	23,822	23,420	98
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	40,015	40,899	102
Other States 1/	95,496	95,567	100
UNITED STATES	737,840	747,905	101

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

DECEMBER EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	1998	1999	1999 1998
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	659	727	110
Florida	1,006	885	88
Georgia	1,718	1,652	96
Indiana	7,372	5,757	78
Iowa	4,418	4,989	113
Kansas	415	267	64
Minnesota	1,919	1,156	60
Missouri	306	306	100
Pennsylvania	6,096	4,757	78
Other States 1/	11,824	12,234	103
UNITED STATES	35,733	32,730	92

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JANUARY 1 EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,095	11,961	99	5,827	5,792	99
East North Central	8,233	8,124	99	8,677	7,715	89
West North Central	22,570	20,437	91	5,374	5,735	107
South Atlantic	235,463	234,443	100	5,189	3,352	65
South Central	316,978	325,116	103	3,808	3,028	80
West	23,768	23,693	100	3,961	4,843	122
UNITED STATES	619,107	623,774	101	32,836	30,465	93

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average December prices received by California producers, when compared to November average prices, decreased 4 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased 10.9 cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the December average prices received by producers decreased 0.6 of a cent per pound for broilers and 3.4 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased 5.7 cents per dozen.

POULTRY/EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	December 1998	Nov. 15, 1999	Dec. 15, 1999
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	42.00	---	---
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	71.00	48.90	38.00
Turkeys	Lb.	45.00	50.00	46.00
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	39.00	37.40	36.80
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	62.90	49.00	43.30
Turkeys	Lb.	40.30	45.60	42.20

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/ Published annually starting in May 1999.

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

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2000 in the United States totaled 31.8 million, up 1 percent from January 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 2 percent from the December 1 total of 31.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 4 percent; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 2 percent; South Central, up 2 percent; and West, down 2 percent.

The 25.3 million poults placed during December 1999 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 8 percent from the November total of 23.5 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 9 percent; West North Central, down 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 12 percent; South Central, unchanged; and West, down 8 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Jan. 1		2000 1999	Poults Placed during Dec. 1/		1999 1998
	1999	2000		1998	1999	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	5,060	4,875	96	3,623	3,302	91
W N Central	10,274	10,469	102	8,844	8,742	99
N & S Atlantic	9,564	9,733	102	7,657	8,546	112
S Central	3,471	3,538	102	2,770	2,763	100
West	3,219	3,146	98	2,091	1,932	92
U.S.	31,588	31,761	101	24,985	25,285	101

1/ Excludes exported poults.

U.S. TURKEYS RAISED IN 1999

Turkeys raised in the United States during 1999 totaled 273 million birds, down 4 percent from the 285 million turkeys raised during 1998. North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 46.5 million, followed by Minnesota with 43.5 million, Arkansas with 27.0 million, Virginia with 24.0 million, Missouri with 22.0 million, California with 17.5 million, and Indiana with 13.5 million. These states accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1999.

U.S. TURKEY GROWERS PLAN FOR 2000

Turkey growers in twenty states, which produced 96 percent of the turkeys raised in 1999, intend to increase the number of birds raised in 2000 by 1 percent. Intentions for the top seven producing states compared with 1999 are as follows: North Carolina down 1 percent, Missouri up 9 percent, California up 14 percent, Indiana down 4 percent, and Minnesota, Arkansas and Virginia unchanged. The number of turkeys actually raised in 2000 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED AND INTENTIONS

State	1998	1999	1999 1998	2000 Intentions	2000 1999
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	28,000	27,000	96	27,000	100
California	19,000	17,500	92	20,000	114
Indiana	13,500	13,500	100	13,000	96
Iowa	7,000	7,800	111	7,500	96
Minnesota	44,500	43,500	98	43,500	100
Missouri	22,000	22,000	100	24,000	109
North Carolina	50,000	46,500	93	46,000	99
Pennsylvania	10,500	9,800	93	9,600	98
South Carolina	10,600	9,500	90	9,100	96
Virginia	26,000	24,000	92	24,000	100
UNITED STATES	285,204	272,994	96	264,400	101

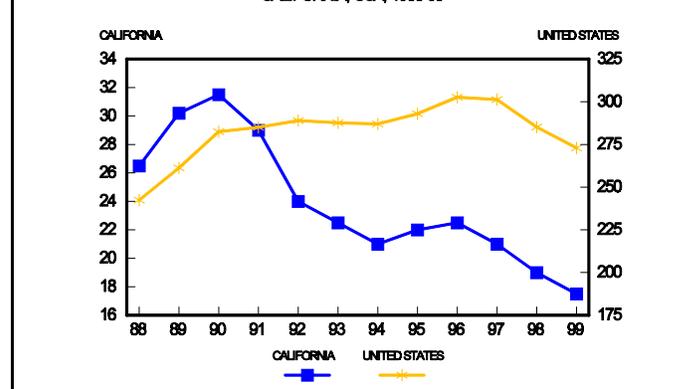
U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		99-00 98-99	Cumulative Total		99-00 98-99
	1998-99	1999-00		1998-99	1999-00	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,124	21,794	103	21,124	21,794	103
Oct.	22,749	22,313	98	43,873	44,107	101
Nov. 2/	22,167	23,500	106	66,040	67,607	102
Dec.	24,985	25,285	101	91,025	92,892	102
Jan.	24,590			115,615		
Feb.	23,722			139,337		
Mar.	25,917			165,254		
Apr.	26,817			192,071		
May	26,085			218,156		
June	25,621			243,777		
July	26,755			270,532		
Aug.	24,755			295,287		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised data for 1999-00 Total All Breeds.

NUMBER OF MILLION TURKEYS RAISED CALIFORNIA, USA, 1988-99



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 1998	November 30, 1999 <u>a/</u>	December 31, 1999	Dec. 1999 Dec. 1998	Dec. 1999 Nov. 1999
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	40,967	32,605	28,763	70	88
Chickens	Lbs.	32,400	53,474	58,197	180	109
Ducks	Lbs.	79	397	344	435	87
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	73,446	86,476	87,304	119	101
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	304,309	252,271	252,167	83	100
Chickens	Lbs.	717,349	795,239	802,922	112	101
Ducks	Lbs.	3,757	4,497	3,760	100	84
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,025,415	1,052,007	1,058,849	103	101
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	11,034	8,454	10,135	92	120

a/ Revised.