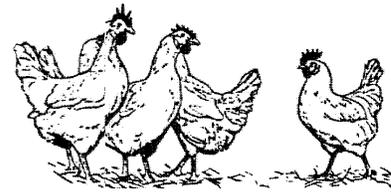


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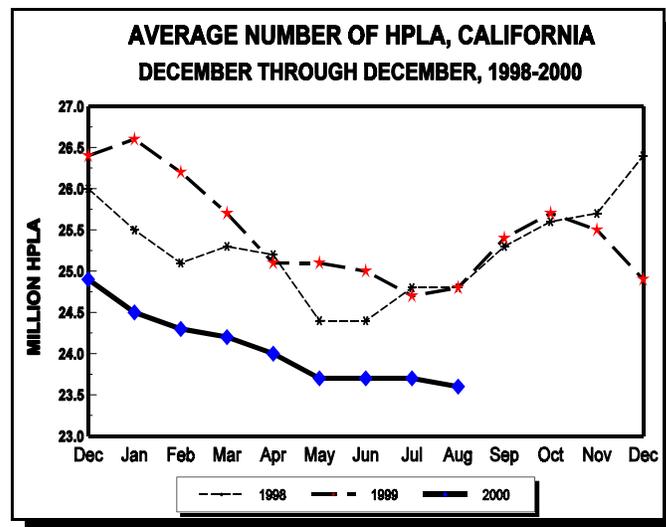
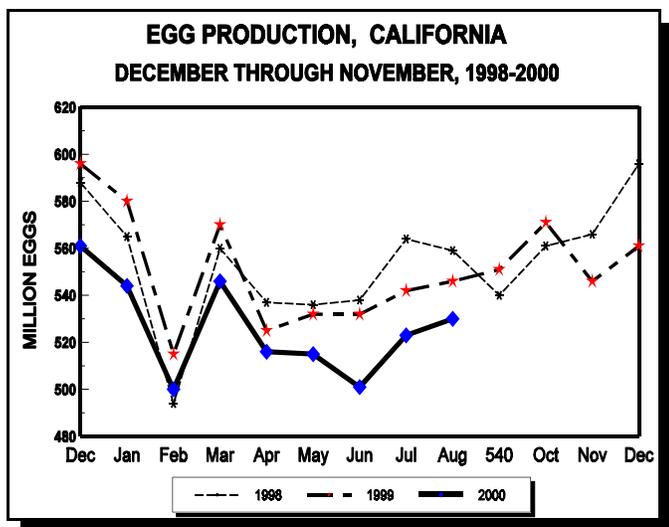
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U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.10 billion during August 2000, up 2 percent from the 6.97 billion produced in 1999. Production included 6.01 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg type. The total number of layers during August 2000 averaged 325 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during August 1999. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,181 eggs, up slightly from the 2,177 eggs in August 1999. All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2000 totaled 325 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 325 million layers consisted of 268 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.81 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2000 averaged 70.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.9 a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 530 million, 7.00 million more than last month, but 16.0 million less than last August. Average number of layers during the month totaled 23.6 million, virtually the same as last month and 1.20 million below August 1999. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,243 compared to 2,210 last month and 2,198 in August 1999.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, FORCED MOLTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,769	10,466	1,904	1,911	205	200	2.0	2.0	11.5	12.0
Arkansas	15,173	15,218	1,931	1,945	293	296	1.0	3.0	11.0	9.5
California	24,845	23,624	2,198	2,243	546	530	6.5	6.5	41.5	36.5
Georgia	20,386	20,730	2,046	2,055	417	426	3.5	3.0	17.0	21.0
Indiana	21,885	22,477	2,262	2,247	495	505	2.5	3.5	28.5	27.5
Iowa	26,114	27,394	2,240	2,282	585	625	3.5	4.0	28.0	28.5
North Carolina	11,058	10,872	1,926	1,858	213	202	2.5	1.5	9.5	9.0
Ohio	30,673	31,104	2,269	2,276	696	708	2.0	10.5	13.5	15.5
Pennsylvania	22,395	23,578	2,286	2,320	512	547	6.0	5.0	21.0	17.0
Texas	17,029	17,004	2,196	2,129	374	362	12.0	4.0	22.0	19.0
UNITED STATES	320,173	325,485	2,177	2,181	6,971	7,100	4.3	4.6	22.2	22.6

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The August 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 740 million, was down slightly from August of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 614 million on September 1, 2000, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.29 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2000. This was down 5 percent from August 1999.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> <u>1999</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	98,573	103,430	105
Arkansas	107,813	108,535	101
Delaware	16,111	14,656	91
Florida	9,646	9,616	100
Georgia	111,909	107,355	96
Maryland	30,655	30,621	100
Mississippi	65,706	66,305	101
North Carolina	63,624	63,793	100
Pennsylvania	12,634	13,035	103
South Carolina	16,628	16,595	100
Texas	47,583	49,101	103
Virginia	24,400	23,717	97
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	40,334	38,601	96
Other States ^{1/}	96,100	94,571	98
UNITED STATES	741,716	739,931	100

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 34.3 million, down 3 percent from August 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on September 1, 2000, down 2 percent from a year ago.

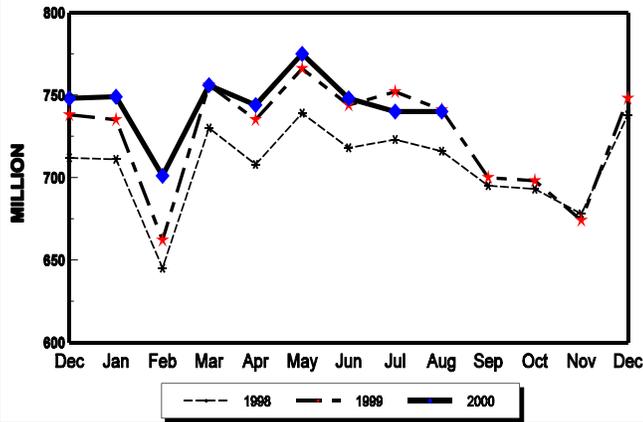
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 275 thousand during August 2000. This was down 14 percent from August 1999.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

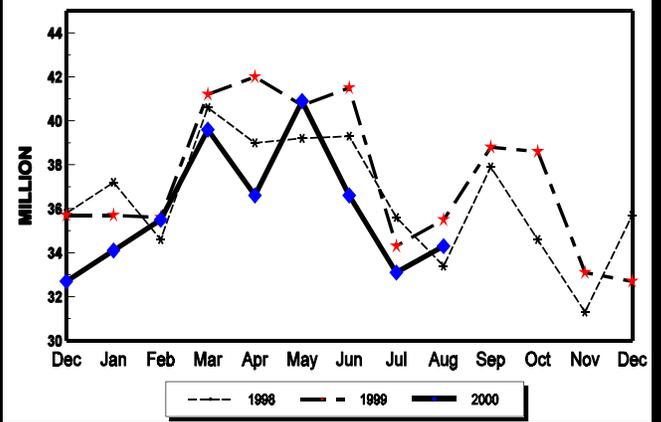
State	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> <u>1999</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	813	1,067	131
Florida	990	983	99
Georgia	2,019	1,955	97
Indiana	6,259	4,771	76
Iowa	4,225	5,106	121
Kansas	370	405	109
Minnesota	1,422	1,468	103
Missouri	336	336	100
Pennsylvania	4,612	5,688	123
Other States ^{1/}	14,408	12,538	87
UNITED STATES	35,454	34,317	97

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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000**



**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000**



U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,286	10,469	85	6,253	6,174	99
East North Central	8,295	7,585	91	9,033	8,518	94
West North Central	20,768	19,832	95	5,966	6,031	101
South Atlantic	231,721	226,241	98	5,199	4,526	87
South Central	319,388	326,104	102	4,683	4,634	99
West	24,670	23,458	95	4,068	4,487	110
UNITED STATES	617,128	613,689	99	35,202	34,370	98

QUARTERLY LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION - JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Geographic Division	Average Number Of Layers On Hand			Total Eggs Produced		
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands		Percent	Millions		Percent
Alabama	10,740	10,485	98	615	592	96
Arkansas	15,268	15,216	100	876	887	101
California	24,855	23,673	95	1,620	1,554	96
Georgia	20,701	20,732	100	1,258	1,255	100
Indiana	21,997	22,562	103	1,484	1,522	103
Iowa	25,882	27,630	107	1,692	1,881	111
North Carolina	11,184	11,001	98	638	609	95
Ohio	30,513	31,025	102	2,061	2,077	101
Pennsylvania	22,431	23,043	103	1,504	1,573	105
Texas	17,153	16,726	98	1,112	1,065	96
UNITED STATES	320,142	325,438	102	20,616	20,967	102

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average August prices received by California producers, when compared to July average prices, increased one cent per pound for live turkeys. Prices for market eggs increased 13 cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the August average prices received by producers decreased 2.5 cents per pound for broilers. Market eggs increased 13.3 cents per dozen. Turkey prices increased one cent per pound.

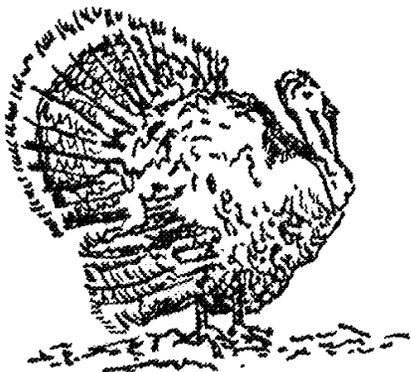
POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	August 1999	July 15, 2000	August 15, 2000
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	43.6	40.0	53.0
Turkeys	Lb.	46.0	47.0	48.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.2	37.5	35.0
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	42.2	37.4	50.7
Turkeys	Lb.	43.0	41.9	42.9

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 broiler prices published annually starting in May 1999.

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



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 29.9 million on September 1, 2000, up 4 percent from September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 5 percent from the August 1 total of 31.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 4 percent; West North Central, up 5 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 1 percent; South Central, up 1 percent; and West, up 22 percent.

The 25.4 million poult placed during August 2000 in the United States were up 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 6 percent from the July total of 27.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 3 percent; West North Central, down 4 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 9 percent; South Central, up 4 percent; and West, up 13 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators September 1		2000	Poults Placed during Aug. 1/		2000
	1999	2000	1999	1999	2000	1999
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,621	4,815	104	3,639	3,518	97
W N Central	9,203	9,656	105	8,472	8,146	96
N & S Atlantic	9,243	9,196	99	7,883	8,567	109
S Central	3,183	3,219	101	2,588	2,692	104
West	2,437	2,976	122	2,173	2,454	113
U.S.	28,687	29,862	104	24,755	25,377	103

1/ Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/ 2/

Month	Total All Breeds		99-00	Cumulative Total		99-00
	1998-99	1999-00	98-99	1998-99	1999-00	98-99
	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.	22,167	23,379	105	66,040	67,486	102
Dec.	24,985	24,358	97	91,025	91,844	101
Jan.	24,590	24,676	100	115,615	116,520	101
Feb.	23,722	24,197	102	139,337	140,717	101
Mar.	25,917	25,741	99	165,254	166,458	101
Apr.	26,817	25,094	94	192,071	191,552	100
May	26,085	26,277	101	218,156	217,829	100
June	25,621	26,975	105	243,777	244,804	100
July	26,755	27,122	101	270,532	271,926	101
Aug.	24,755	25,377	103	295,287	297,303	101

1/ Data for 2000 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 2000 Summary".

2/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	August 31, 1999	July 31, 2000 <u>a/</u>	August 31, 2000	<u>Aug. 2000</u> Aug. 1999	<u>Aug. 2000</u> July 2000
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	105,008	76,255	78,100	74	102
Chickens	Lbs.	47,894	47,266	46,837	98	99
Ducks	Lbs.	211	163	131	62	80
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	153,113	123,654	125,068	82	101
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	580,306	524,141	524,604	90	100
Chickens	Lbs.	846,338	825,126	807,020	95	98
Ducks	Lbs.	5,322	5,054	5,065	95	100
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,431,966	1,354,321	1,336,689	93	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	8,810	14,393	14,912	169	104

a/ Revised.