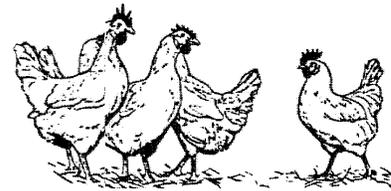


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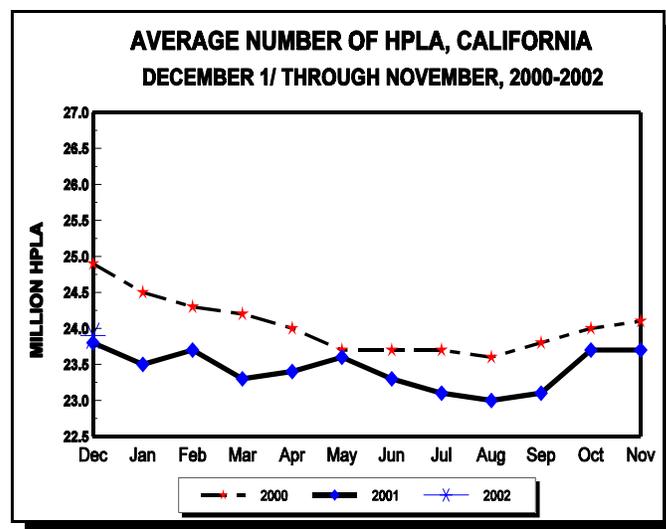
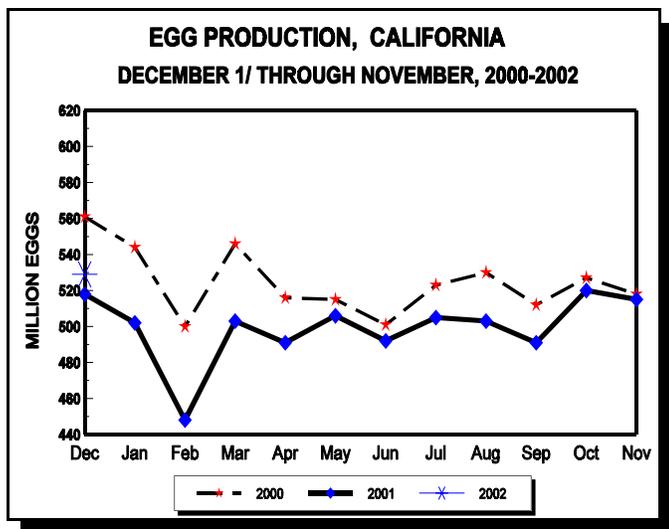
U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.40 billion during December 2001, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2001 averaged 339 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during December 2000. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,187 eggs, slightly below the 2,193 eggs in December 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2002, totaled 339 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.59 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on January 1, 2002, averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.4 eggs a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg-producing states produced 6.95 billion eggs during December 2001, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during December, at 317 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 529 million, 14.0 million more than last month and 8.00 million more than last December. Average number of layers during the month totaled 23.9 million, slightly higher than last month and 1 percent higher than December 2000. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,211 compared with 2,169 last month and 2,187 in December 2000.



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	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,247	10,443	1,923	1,915	197	200	2.5	3.0	8.5	4.5
Arkansas	15,250	14,886	1,974	1,894	301	282	1.0	1.0	13.0	11.0
California	23,826	23,923	2,187	2,211	521	529	9.0	2.0	39.5	32.0
Georgia	20,775	21,489	2,108	2,066	438	444	2.0	5.0	22.5	13.0
Indiana	23,129	22,481	2,235	2,237	517	503	4.0	4.5	33.5	35.0
Iowa	31,106	35,225	2,324	2,263	723	797	3.5	5.0	31.5	30.5
North Carolina	11,093	11,160	1,974	1,935	219	216	0.0	0.5	8.5	7.0
Ohio	29,459	30,071	2,186	2,268	644	682	3.0	4.0	26.5	20.5
Pennsylvania	23,931	23,820	2,328	2,317	557	552	5.5	5.0	18.5	21.0
Texas	18,624	19,291	2,185	2,198	407	424	0.5	4.0	20.5	17.5
UNITED STATES	332,259	338,513	2,193	2,187	7,287	7,404	3.4	4.1	24.1	22.6

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The December 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 769 million, was up 4 percent from December of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 638 million eggs on January 1, 2002, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.58 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2001, up 2 percent from December 2000.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 31.5 million, down 9 percent from December 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.5 million on January 1, 2002, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 206 thousand during December 2001, down 16 percent from December 2000.

DECEMBER BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	101,969	107,548	105
Arkansas	107,517	111,607	104
Delaware	14,723	12,719	86
Florida	8,827	8,612	98
Georgia	110,410	113,555	103
Maryland	29,025	31,445	108
Mississippi	65,767	68,571	104
North Carolina	64,762	67,404	104
Pennsylvania	12,841	13,549	106
South Carolina	17,062	16,491	97
Texas	53,568	54,206	101
Virginia	22,617	24,258	107
California, Tennessee and West Virginia	40,302	39,711	99
Other States ^{1/}	89,274	99,743	112
UNITED STATES	738,664	769,419	104

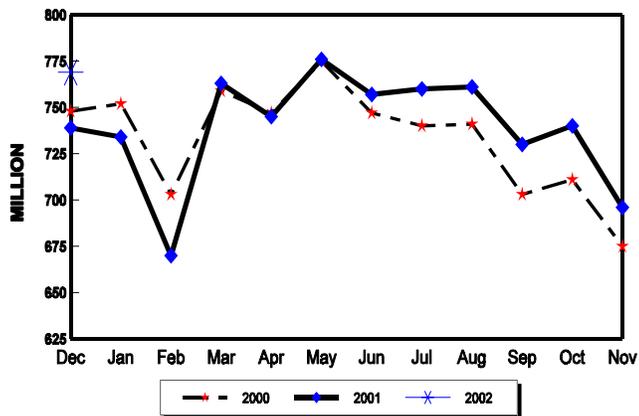
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DECEMBER EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

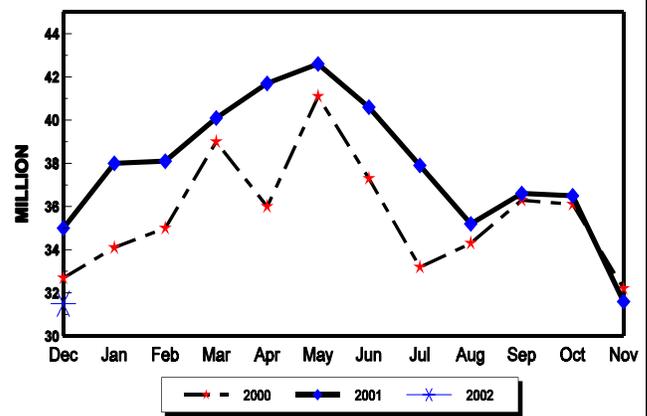
State	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	738	605	82
Florida	1,030	975	95
Georgia	2,133	2,269	106
Indiana	6,167	4,153	67
Iowa	4,578	4,414	96
Minnesota	1,368	1,095	80
Pennsylvania	5,418	4,565	84
Other States ^{1/}	13,258	13,428	101
UNITED STATES	34,690	31,504	91

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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002**



**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002**



JANUARY 1 EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,426	12,197	107	5,767	4,708	82
East North Central	6,951	7,496	108	7,869	6,663	85
West North Central	18,419	20,815	113	6,818	6,357	93
South Atlantic	230,208	235,615	102	3,646	4,442	122
South Central	319,489	340,074	106	5,232	4,918	94
West	24,219	22,011	91	4,590	4,411	96
UNITED STATES	610,712	638,208	105	33,922	31,499	93

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average December prices received by California producers, when compared to November average prices, decreased six cents per pound for turkeys. Prices for market eggs decreased eight cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the December average prices received by producers decreased two cents per pound for broilers, while turkey prices decreased 5.8 cents per pound. Prices for market eggs decreased 7.5 cents per dozen.

POULTRY/EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	December 2000	Nov. 15, 2001	Dec. 15, 2001
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	68.0	46.0	38.0
Turkeys	Lb.	50.0	50.0	44.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	35.0	39.0	37.0
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	69.4	48.5	41.0
Turkeys	Lb.	40.5	44.3	38.5

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. TURKEYS RAISED UP 1 PERCENT

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2001 totaled 272 million birds, up 1 percent from the 270 million raised in 2000. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 44.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 43.0 million, Arkansas with 27.0 million, Missouri and Virginia with 24.0 million, California with 18.7 million, and Indiana with 14.0 million. These states accounted for 72 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2001.

TURKEY GROWERS PLAN 1 PERCENT INCREASE IN 2002

Turkey growers in 23 states intend to increase the number of birds raised by 1 percent in 2002. These states produced more than 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2001. Intentions for the top seven producing states compared with 2001 are as follows: Minnesota, North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, and Arkansas unchanged; Missouri was up 8 percent; and California was up 3 percent. The number of turkeys actually raised in 2002 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	2000	2001 a/	2001	2002	2002
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	28,000	27,000	96	27,000	100
California	18,000	18,700	104	19,300	103
Indiana	13,500	14,000	104	14,000	100
Iowa	7,100	7,100	100	6,800	96
Minnesota	43,500	44,000	101	44,000	100
Missouri	23,000	24,000	104	26,000	108
North Carolina	41,000	43,000	105	43,000	100
Pennsylvania	9,300	9,500	102	9,500	100
South Carolina	9,900	9,200	93	9,400	102
Virginia	25,500	24,000	94	24,000	100
U.S. Total	269,969	272,059	101	274,100	101

a/ Revised.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 32.2 million on January 1, 2002, up 2 percent from January 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 6 percent from the December 1 total of 30.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, unchanged; West North Central, up 12 percent; North and South Atlantic, down slightly; South Central, down 3 percent; and West, down 18 percent.

The 24.9 million poults placed during December 2001 in the United States were up 7 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 3 percent from the November 2001 total of 24.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up 12 percent; West North Central, up 12 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 5 percent; South Central, up 5 percent; and West, down 12 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

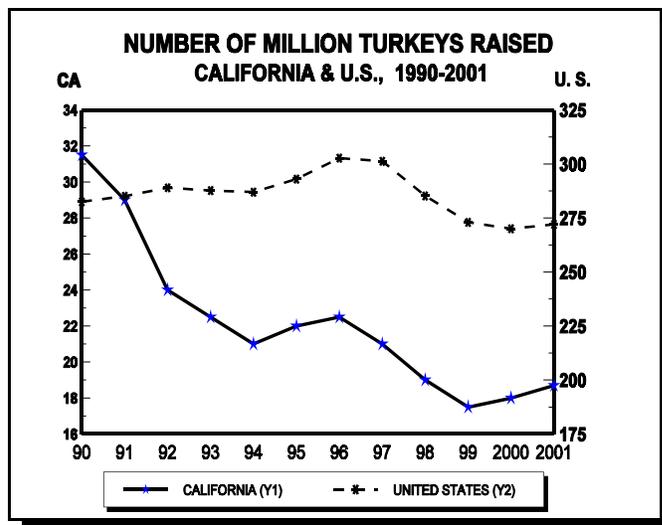
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Jan. 1		2002 2001	Poults Placed During Dec.		2001 2000
	2001	2002		2000	2001	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,836	4,839	100	3,261	3,646	112
W N Central	10,377	11,607	112	8,084	9,055	112
N & S Atlantic	10,193	10,149	100	7,290	7,649	105
S Central	3,064	2,961	97	2,576	2,695	105
West	3,198	2,616	82	2,086	1,838	88
U.S.	31,668	32,172	102	23,297	24,883	107

U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		01-02 00-01	Cumulative Total		01-02 00-01
	2000-01	2001-02		2000-01	2001-02	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept. 2/	23,016	22,408	97	23,016	22,408	97
Oct.	23,672	24,428	103	46,688	46,836	100
Nov.	23,357	24,226	104	70,045	71,062	101
Dec.	23,297	24,883	107	93,342	95,945	103
Jan.	25,612			118,954		
Feb.	23,775			142,729		
Mar.	26,148			168,877		
Apr.	25,858			194,735		
May	26,682			221,417		
June	26,121			247,538		
July	27,064			274,602		
Aug.	25,032			299,634		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised 2001-02 data for "Total All Breeds."



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2000	November 30, 2001 <u>a/</u>	December 31, 2001	Dec. 2001 Dec. 2000	Dec. 2001 Nov. 2001
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	30,675	31,068	28,784	94	93
Chickens	Lbs.	39,160	37,732	39,482	101	105
Ducks	Lbs.	77	73	73	95	100
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	69,912	68,873	68,339	98	99
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	241,284	259,729	251,702	104	97
Chickens	Lbs.	806,560	683,192	716,901	89	105
Ducks	Lbs.	3,403	8,301	6,961	205	84
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,051,247	951,222	975,564	93	103
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	14,971	7,334	7,534	50	103

a/ Revised.