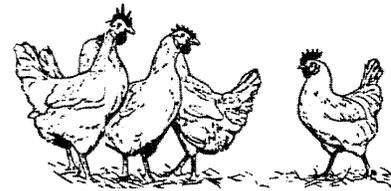


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## U.S. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

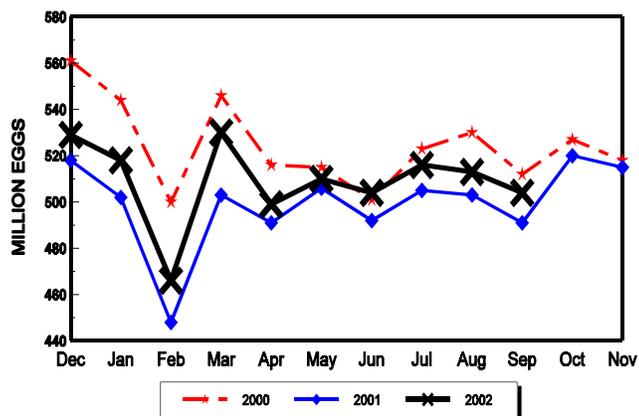
U.S. egg production totaled 7.15 billion during September 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.10 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 989 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2002 averaged 337 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,119 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,103 eggs in September 2001. September 2002 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to September 2001, which contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2002 totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.45 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on October 1, 2002 averaged 70.2 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

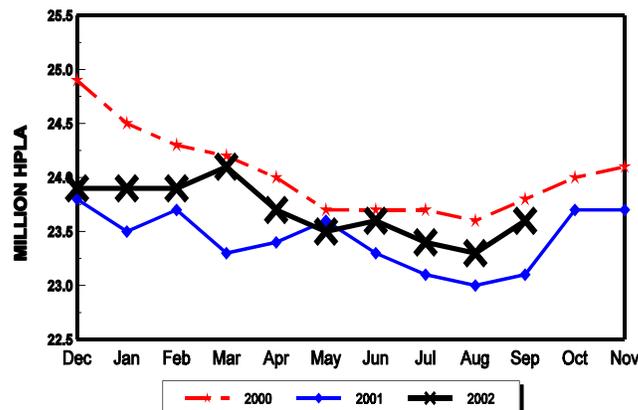
California's egg production during September totaled 504 million, 9.00 million less than last month, but 13.0 million more than last September. Average number of layers during the month totaled 23.6 million, 1 percent above last month and 2 percent higher than September 2001. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,136 compared to 2,206 last month and 2,122 in September 2001.

**EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



1/ Previous Year

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



1/ Previous Year

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

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,392	9,989	1,867	1,872	194	187	1.5	7.0	4.0	14.0
Arkansas	14,235	14,394	1,876	1,841	267	265	3.5	3.5	9.0	10.0
California	23,135	23,590	2,122	2,136	491	504	8.5	5.0	33.0	27.0
Georgia	21,124	20,237	1,979	2,016	418	408	5.0	4.5	13.5	17.0
Indiana	22,822	23,194	2,200	2,272	502	527	3.0	2.0	27.5	29.5
Iowa	33,569	37,562	2,187	2,194	734	824	3.5	5.5	31.5	30.5
North Carolina	11,090	10,692	1,903	1,899	211	203	0.0	1.5	8.0	10.5
Ohio	30,383	30,614	2,182	2,140	663	655	3.5	7.0	21.5	21.5
Pennsylvania	24,344	23,709	2,267	2,244	552	532	5.0	5.0	20.0	18.0
Texas	18,763	18,484	2,004	2,099	376	388	3.5	3.5	26.5	27.0
UNITED STATES	335,020	337,151	2,103	2,119	7,044	7,145	4.4	4.6	22.8	23.7

**U.S. BROILER HATCH UP SLIGHTLY**

The September 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 741 million, was up slightly from September of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 591 million on October 1, 2002, down 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.70 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2002. This was up 1 percent from September 2001.

**U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN 4 PERCENT**

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 35.4 million, down 4 percent from September 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.8 million on October 1, 2002, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 259 thousand during September 2002, up 18 percent from September 2001.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER**

State	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	103,072	102,721	100
Arkansas	106,160	104,631	99
Delaware	12,239	12,110	99
Florida	8,139	7,729	95
Georgia	109,741	110,611	101
Kentucky	22,692	23,318	103
Maryland	33,081	34,012	103
Mississippi	66,022	66,572	101
North Carolina	61,872	63,156	102
Oklahoma	21,718	23,513	108
Pennsylvania	12,784	12,722	100
South Carolina	16,666	17,008	102
Texas	51,934	51,600	99
Virginia	23,240	22,262	96
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	69,403	68,814	99
Other States 1/	19,592	20,361	104
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>738,355</b>	<b>741,140</b>	<b>100</b>

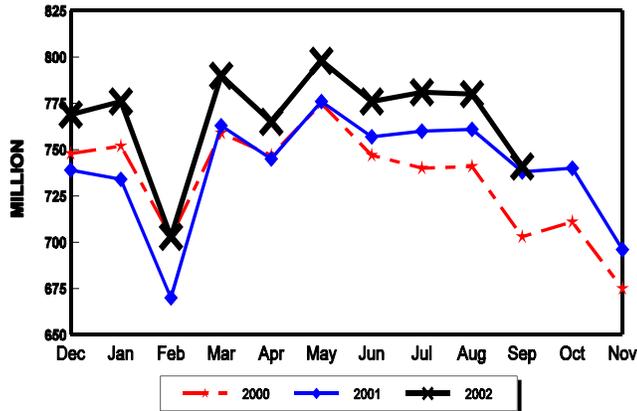
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**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER**

State	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	755	794	105
Florida	970	550	57
Georgia	2,158	2,248	104
Indiana	4,079	4,534	111
Iowa	6,004	5,302	88
Minnesota	1,438	1,662	116
Pennsylvania	5,135	4,381	85
Other States 1/	16,377	15,920	97
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>36,916</b>	<b>35,391</b>	<b>96</b>

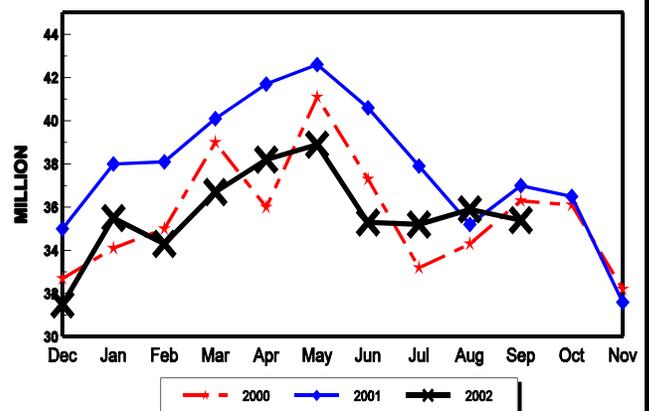
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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002**



1/ Previous Year

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



1/ Previous Year

**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, OCTOBER 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,135	10,887	90	4,896	4,549	93
East North Central	7,356	7,725	105	5,996	6,047	101
West North Central	19,167	17,688	92	6,984	6,299	90
South Atlantic	230,332	218,443	95	4,367	3,739	86
South Central	326,008	315,364	97	4,987	5,241	105
West	20,144	21,206	105	4,638	4,967	107
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>615,142</b>	<b>591,313</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>31,868</b>	<b>30,842</b>	<b>97</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average September prices received by California producers, when compared to August average prices, decreased seven cents per dozen for market eggs. California's monthly turkey prices were discontinued.

Nationally, the September average prices received by producers increased one cent per pound for broilers, but turkey prices decreased one cent per pound. Prices for market eggs decreased 4.9 cents per dozen.

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

Commodity	Unit	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	41.0	45.0	38.0
Turkeys 4/ 5/	Lb.	48.0	---	---
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	43.0	29.0	30.0
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	37.7	43.9	39.0
Turkeys 5/	Lb.	40.5	37.9	36.9

- 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/ Published annually.
- 3/ Average for market (table) eggs sold retail by producers.
- 4/ Discontinued in 2002.
- 5/ Mid-month prices.

**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 29.1 million on October 1, 2002, down 3 percent from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the September 1 total of 29.5 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up slightly; West North Central, up 5 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 7 percent; South Central, down 16 percent; and West, down 10 percent.

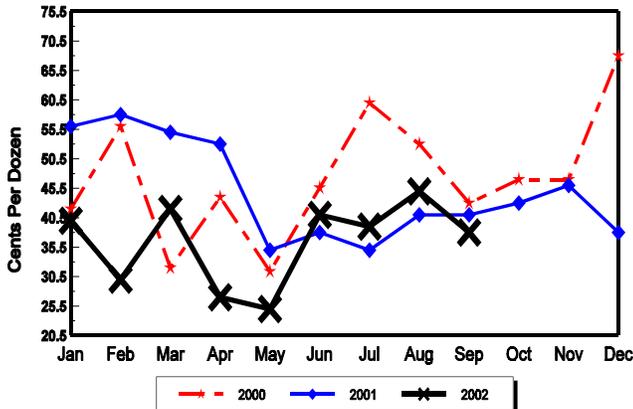
The 22.7 million poult placed during September 2002 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 9 percent from the August 2002 total of 24.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up 10 percent; West North Central, up 13 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 12 percent; South Central, down 11 percent; and West, up 7 percent.

**ALL TURKEYS**

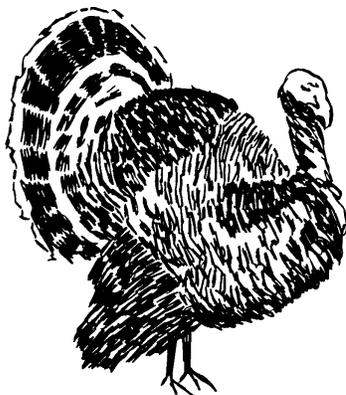
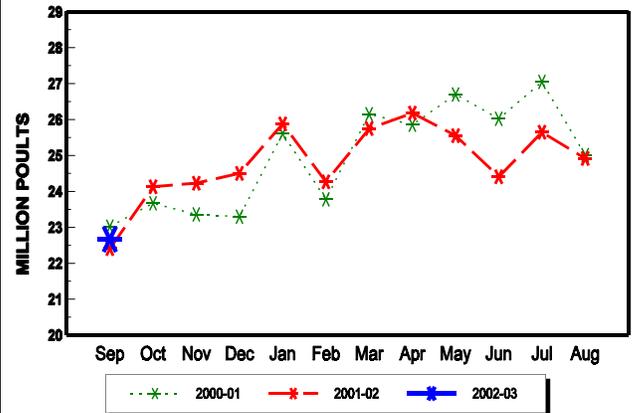
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators October 1		2002 2001	Poults Placed During Sept. 1/		2002 2001
	2001	2002	Pct.	2001	2002	Pct.
	Thousands			Thousands		
E N Central	4,954	4,961	100	3,178	3,487	110
W N Central	10,717	11,295	105	7,471	8,475	113
N & S Atlantic	9,343	8,671	93	7,508	6,581	88
S Central	3,026	2,529	84	2,374	2,116	89
West	1,863	1,678	90	1,883	2,011	107
U.S.	29,903	29,134	97	22,414	22,670	101

- 1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2000-2002**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES  
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2000-2003**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/ 2/**

Month	Total All Breeds		02-03 01-02	Cumulative Total		02-03 01-02
	2001-02	2002-03	Percent	2001-02	2002-03	Percent
	Thousands			Thousands		
Sept.	22,414	22,670	101	22,414	22,670	101
Oct.	24,128			46,542		
Nov.	24,226			70,768		
Dec.	24,499			95,267		
Jan.	25,880			121,147		
Feb.	24,266			145,413		
Mar.	25,746			171,159		
Apr.	26,184			197,343		
May	25,551			222,894		
June	24,409			247,303		
July	25,646			272,949		
Aug.	24,924			297,873		

- 1/ Data for 2001-02 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 2001 Summary."
- 2/ Excludes exported poults.

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	<u>Sept. 2002</u> <u>Sept. 2001</u>	<u>Sept. 2002</u> <u>Aug. 2002</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	98,383	83,065	85,262	87	103
Chickens	Lbs.	36,883	59,122	59,468	161	101
Ducks	Lbs.	188	165	138	73	84
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	135,454	142,352	144,868	107	102
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	541,975	685,621	672,067	124	98
Chickens	Lbs.	624,866	824,021	831,875	133	101
Ducks	Lbs.	10,133	7,654	7,697	76	101
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,176,974	1,517,296	1,511,639	128	100
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	17,703	13,178	13,202	75	100