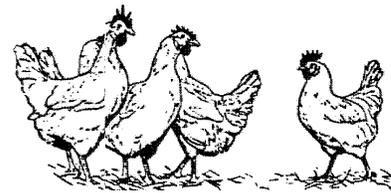


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## U.S. NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

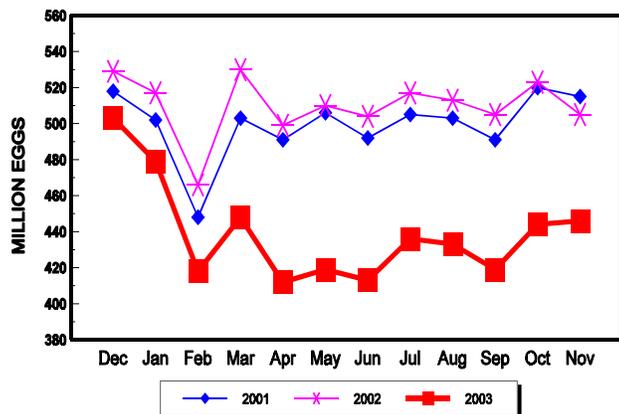
U.S. egg production totaled 7.28 billion during November 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 968 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2003 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2002.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during November totaled 446 million, 2.00 million more than last month, but 59.0 million less than last November. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.1 million, 3 percent above last month, but 13 percent lower than November 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,217 compared to 2,263 last month and 2,190 in November 2002.

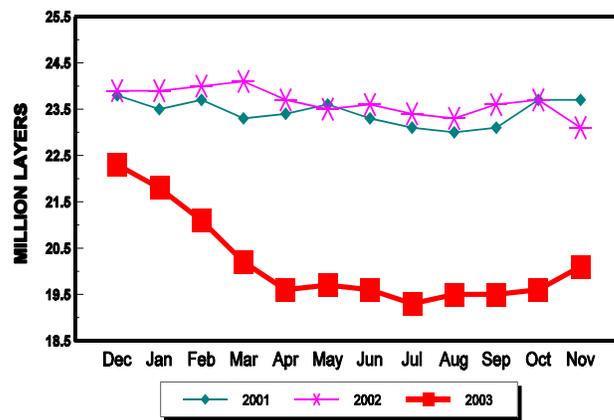
All layers in the U.S. totaled 338 million on December 1, 2003, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers on December 1, 2003, up 2 percent from a year ago.

**EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING NOVEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF DECEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,692	9,364	1,826	1,901	177	178	0.0	0.5	13.5	7.0
Arkansas	14,645	14,637	1,857	1,886	272	276	0.0	0.0	11.5	11.0
California	23,059	20,119	2,190	2,217	505	446	4.0	2.0	33.0	35.5
Georgia	20,122	20,499	2,092	2,059	421	422	1.5	0.5	17.0	17.5
Indiana	23,189	22,839	2,191	2,220	508	507	2.5	2.0	31.0	32.0
Iowa	37,961	40,128	2,221	2,295	843	921	3.5	2.0	32.0	28.0
North Carolina	10,768	10,732	1,922	1,910	207	205	1.0	0.0	12.5	10.5
Ohio	30,645	29,238	2,105	2,151	645	629	6.0	5.5	21.5	22.0
Pennsylvania	24,042	23,716	2,275	2,239	547	531	3.0	3.0	17.5	23.5
Texas	18,707	18,409	2,160	2,129	404	392	0.0	5.5	15.5	17.5
United States	337,808	336,052	2,139	2,165	7,226	7,275	2.7	2.5	23.7	22.6

**U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 3 PERCENT**

The November 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 708 million, was up 3 percent from November of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 636 million on December 1, 2003, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.95 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2003, up slightly from November 2002.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER**

State	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	93,835	96,042	102
Arkansas	96,547	102,438	106
Delaware	11,849	12,511	106
Florida	7,999	4,781	60
Georgia	100,472	106,252	106
Kentucky	20,732	21,814	105
Louisiana	12,122	13,529	112
Maryland	32,905	29,950	91
Mississippi	61,013	62,361	102
North Carolina	60,877	61,682	101
Oklahoma	20,512	21,616	105
Pennsylvania	11,345	11,593	102
South Carolina	15,550	14,162	91
Texas	50,197	48,962	98
Virginia	20,816	22,501	108
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	52,747	56,622	107
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	20,534	20,803	101
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>690,052</b>	<b>707,619</b>	<b>103</b>

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

**U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN 3 PERCENT**

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 30.1 million, down 3 percent from November 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.3 million on December 1, 2003, up 14 percent from a year ago.

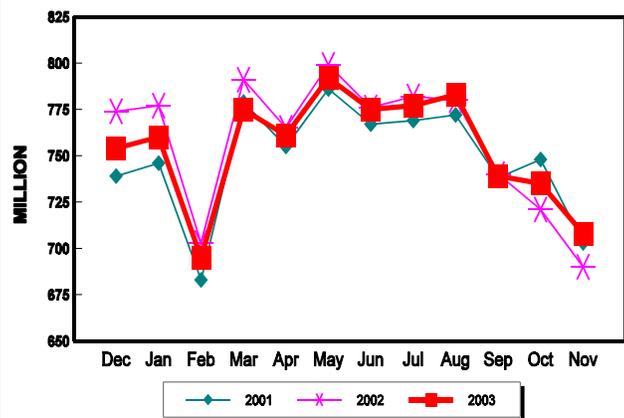
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 315 thousand during November 2003, up 39 percent from November 2002.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER**

State	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	967	943	98
Florida	647	688	106
Georgia	1,855	1728	93
Indiana	4,277	4023	94
Iowa	4,630	4989	108
Minnesota	1,616	1110	69
Pennsylvania	3,544	3873	109
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	13,610	12,775	94
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>31,146</b>	<b>30,129</b>	<b>97</b>

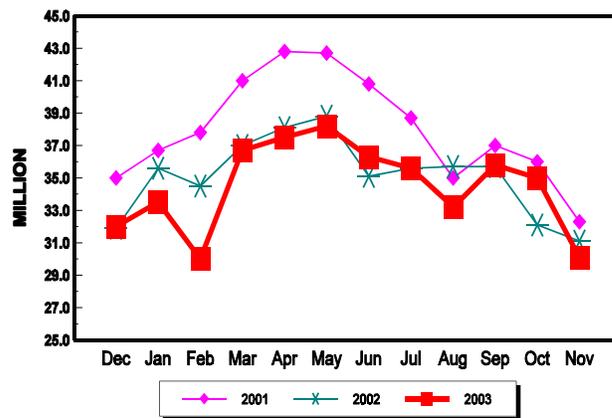
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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003**



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003**



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, DECEMBER 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	<u>2003/2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003/2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,458	12,315	107	4,513	5,249	116
East North Central	7,345	8,206	112	5,479	7,763	142
West North Central	19,256	22,510	117	6,133	8,173	133
South Atlantic	229,289	229,778	100	3,337	2,152	64
South Central	328,671	338,851	103	5,045	5,314	105
West	23,570	24,751	105	4,616	4,670	101
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>619,589</b>	<b>636,411</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>29,123</b>	<b>33,321</b>	<b>114</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average November prices received by California producers, when compared to October average prices, increased 22 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the November average prices received by producers remained the same for broilers, while turkey prices increased 2.1 cents per pound compared to last month. Prices for market eggs increased 22.3 cents per dozen.

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

Commodity	Unit	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	55.0	75.0	97.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	28.0	37.0	37.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	55.9	70.3	92.6
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	39.8	38.6	40.7

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/ Mid-month prices.

**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 28.1 million on December 1, 2003, down 6 percent from December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent below the November 2003 total of 28.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up 5 percent; West North Central, down 4 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 10 percent; South Central, down 17 percent; and West, down 17 percent.

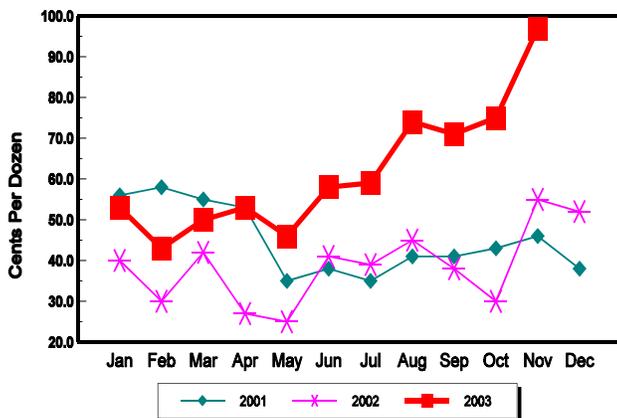
The 22.0 million poult placed during November 2003 in the United States were down 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 4 percent from the October 2003 total of 22.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central, down 8 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 7 percent; South Central, down 18 percent; and West, down 6 percent.

**ALL TURKEYS**

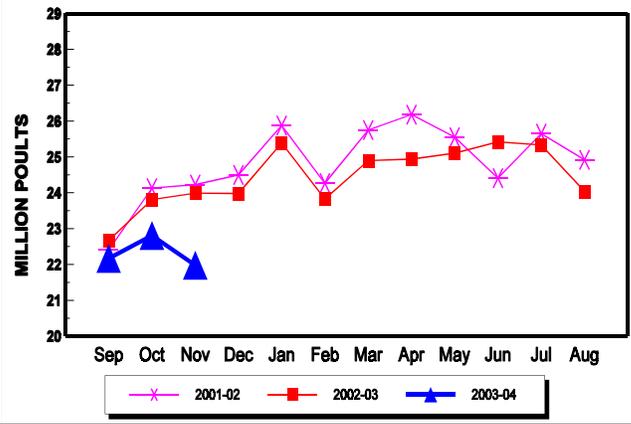
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators December 1		2003 2002	Poult Placed During Nov. 1/		2003 2002
	2002	2003		2002	2003	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,656	4,887	105	3,634	3,448	95
W N Central	11,185	10,771	96	8,788	8,061	92
N & S Atlantic	9,511	8,556	90	7,470	6,922	93
S Central	2,589	2,139	83	2,426	1,983	82
West	2,148	1,791	83	1,669	1,564	94
U.S.	30,089	28,144	94	23,987	21,978	92

1/ Excludes exported poult.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2001-2003**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES  
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2001-2004**



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

Month	Total All Breeds		03-04 02-03	Cumulative Total		03-04 02-03
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct. 2/	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov.	23,987	21,978	92	70,468	66,954	95
Dec.	23,977			94,445		
Jan.	25,389			119,834		
Feb.	23,833			143,667		
Mar.	24,902			168,569		
Apr.	24,938			193,507		
May	25,111			218,618		
June	25,422			244,040		
July	25,330			269,370		
Aug.	24,036			293,406		

1/ Excludes exported poult.

2/ Revised 2003-04 Total All Breeds data.

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	<u>Nov. 2003</u> Nov. 2002	<u>Nov. 2003</u> Oct. 2003
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	27,929	72,660	36,731	132	51
Chickens	Lbs.	54,952	29,611	28,451	52	96
Ducks	Lbs.	80	81	64	80	79
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	82,961	102,352	65,246	79	64
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	334,339	582,683	353,353	106	61
Chickens	Lbs.	800,423	600,664	583,846	73	97
Ducks	Lbs.	7,551	2,690	1,836	24	68
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,142,313	1,186,037	939,035	82	79
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	11,199	16,854	14,922	133	89

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