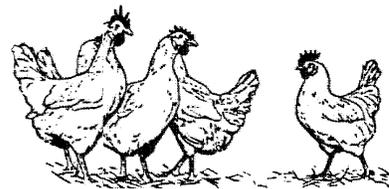


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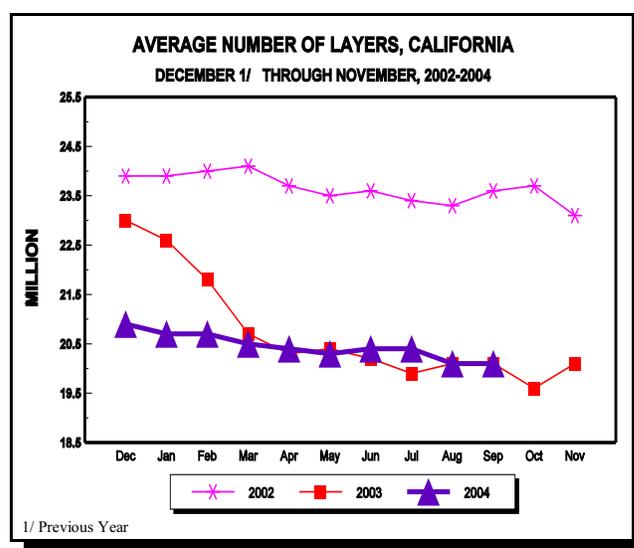
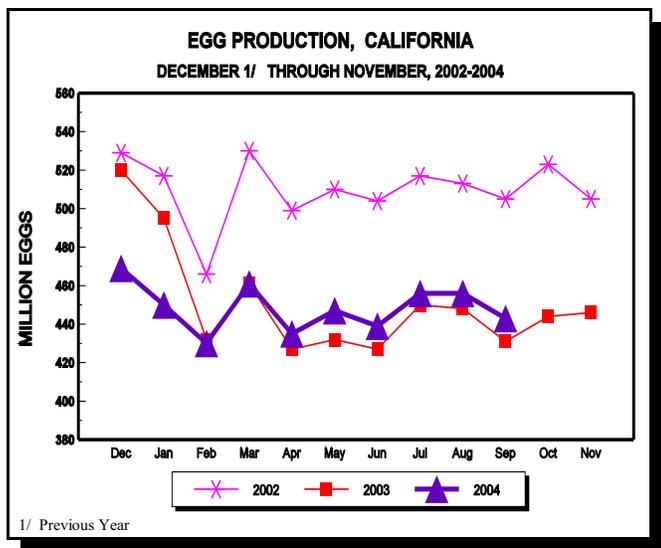
## U.S. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.32 billion during September 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2004 averaged 343 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,133 eggs, up slightly from September 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2004, totaled 344 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 344 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2004, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during September totaled 443 million, down 13.0 million from last month, but 12.0 million more compared to last September. Average number of layers during the month totaled 20.1 million, slightly less than last month, but slightly more than September 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,203 compared to 2,266 last month and 2,149 in September 2003.



## 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	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,568	9,273	1,871	1,887	179	175	2.0	0.0	3.0	6.0
Arkansas	14,628	14,187	1,846	1,875	270	266	2.5	1.5	10.5	10.5
California	20,058	20,105	2,149	2,203	431	443	7.5	5.0	34.0	34.5
Georgia	20,145	20,280	2,040	2,027	411	411	3.5	3.0	17.5	18.0
Indiana	22,613	23,885	2,162	2,135	489	510	6.0	4.5	33.0	32.0
Iowa	39,675	45,805	2,195	2,166	871	992	8.0	5.0	30.0	37.0
North Carolina	10,442	10,819	1,925	1,913	201	207	0.5	1.0	12.0	9.5
Ohio	28,699	28,388	2,150	2,138	617	607	6.5	7.5	24.0	20.5
Pennsylvania	24,019	23,774	2,250	2,255	541	536	5.0	1.0	20.5	15.0
Texas	18,304	18,194	2,087	2,171	382	395	4.0	3.0	22.5	20.5
UNITED STATES	334,198	343,120	2,128	2,133	7,112	7,319	5.2	3.9	23.1	23.8

**U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 4 PERCENT**

The September 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 770 million, was up 4 percent from September of the previous year. There were 617 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.76 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2004, up 17 percent from September 2003.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER**

State	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	103,395	107,539	104
Arkansas	107,587	111,459	104
Delaware	13,431	13,232	99
Florida	4,801	4,746	99
Georgia	113,442	117,942	104
Kentucky	24,135	24,811	103
Louisiana	13,212	13,859	105
Maryland	32,131	30,608	95
Mississippi	67,410	70,087	104
North Carolina	59,203	63,049	106
Oklahoma	21,767	23,257	107
Pennsylvania	12,313	13,340	108
South Carolina	15,584	14,361	92
Texas	51,638	54,142	105
Virginia	22,312	23,441	105
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	56,433	62,409	111
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	20,687	21,583	104
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>739,481</b>	<b>769,865</b>	<b>104</b>

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

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

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 36.8 million, up 3 percent from September 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.7 million on October 1, 2004, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 205,000 during September 2004, down 25 percent from September 2003.

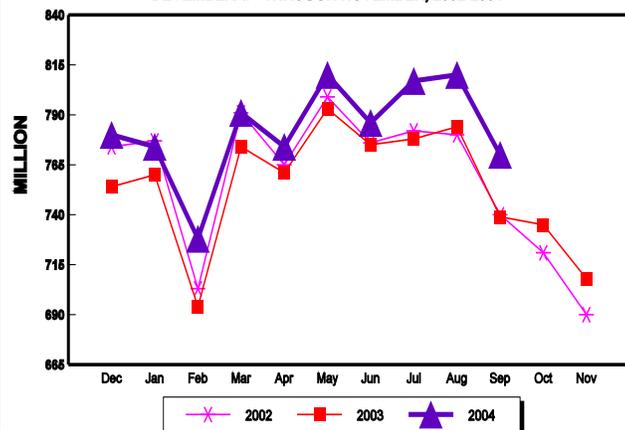
**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER**

State	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	836	777	93
Florida	596	537	90
Georgia	2,371	2,339	99
Indiana	5,247	5,104	97
Iowa	6,365	5,743	90
Minnesota	1,108	830	75
Pennsylvania	5,308	5,141	97
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	13,932	16,279	117
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>35,763</b>	<b>36,750</b>	<b>103</b>

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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES**

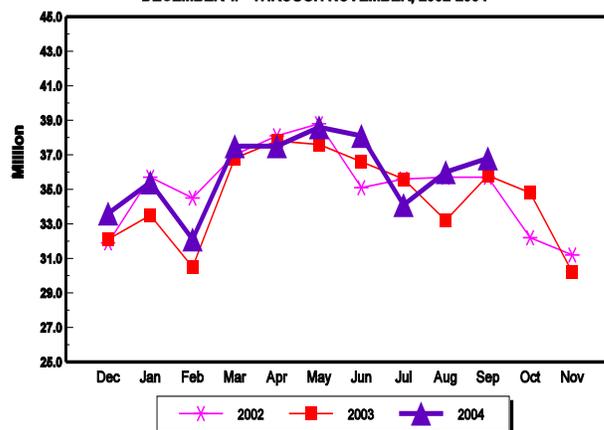
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES**

DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, OCTOBER 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$	2003	2004	$\frac{2004}{2003}$
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,389	11,666	102	5,398	5,581	103
East North Central	8,105	8,688	107	5,899	7,143	121
West North Central	20,767	21,717	105	6,791	6,820	100
South Atlantic	218,573	221,820	101	2,406	3,195	133
South Central	322,949	329,897	102	4,760	5,660	119
West	19,784	22,920	116	4,496	5,263	117
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>601,567</b>	<b>616,708</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>29,750</b>	<b>33,662</b>	<b>113</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average September prices received by California producers, when compared to August average prices, increased 2.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the September market egg price was 35.1 cents per dozen, 1.7 cents above August. The September broiler price was 40.0 cents per pound, a decrease of 6.0 cents from the August price. The September turkey price, at 46.5 cents per pound, was up 1.1 cents from last month.

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

Commodity	Unit	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	71.0	38.0	40.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.0	46.0	40.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	63.3	33.4	35.1
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	36.2	45.4	46.5

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/ Mid-month prices.

**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 26.7 million on October 1, 2004, down 5 percent from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 5 percent below the September 2004 total of 28.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 1 percent; West North Central, down 6 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 5 percent; South Central, down 11 percent; and West, up 5 percent.

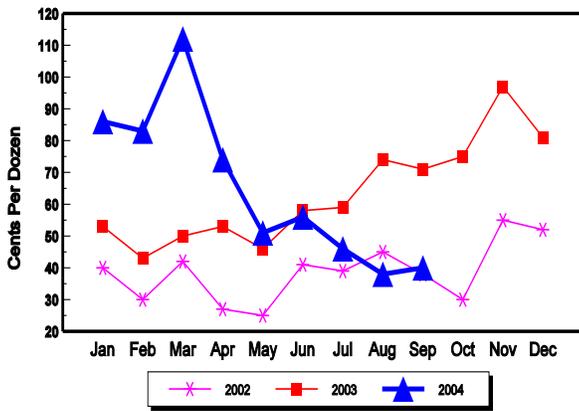
The 21.3 million poult placed during September 2004 in the United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 10 percent from the August 2004 total of 23.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 12 percent; West North Central, down 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 1 percent; South Central, up 5 percent; and West, down 1 percent.

**ALL TURKEYS**

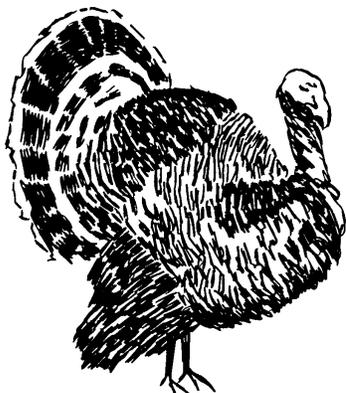
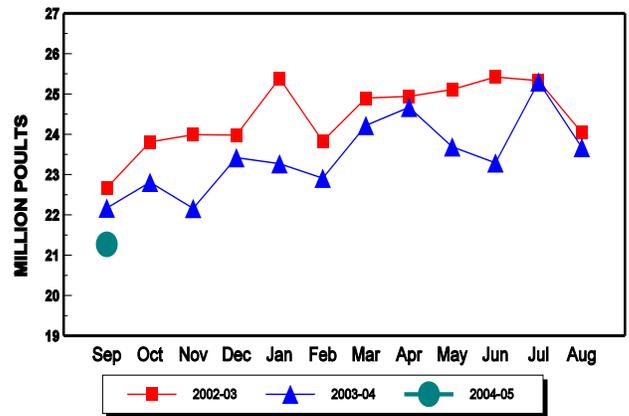
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators October 1		2004 2003	Poults Placed During Sept. 1/		2004 2003
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,374	4,345	99	3,559	3,125	88
W N Central	11,247	10,533	94	8,796	8,200	93
N & S Atlantic	8,506	8,092	95	6,608	6,668	101
S Central	2,342	2,079	89	1,758	1,839	105
West	1,612	1,695	105	1,450	1,436	99
U.S.	28,081	26,744	95	22,171	21,268	96

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2002-2004**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES  
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2002-2005**



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

Month	Total All Breeds		04-05	Cumulative Total		04-05
	2003-04	2004-05	03-04	2003-04	2004-05	03-04
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96
Oct.	22,805			44,976		
Nov.	22,155			67,131		
Dec.	23,424			90,555		
Jan.	23,273			113,828		
Feb.	22,905			136,733		
Mar.	24,215			160,948		
Apr.	24,664			185,612		
May	23,692			209,304		
June	23,291			232,595		
July	25,275			257,870		
Aug.	23,674			281,544		

1/ Data for 2003-04 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 2003 Summary."

2/ Excludes exported poults.

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Sept. 2004 Sept. 2003	Sept. 2004 Aug. 2004
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	66,498	47,715	49,558	75	104
Chickens	Lbs.	31,300	30,671	36,405	116	119
Ducks	Lbs.	67	76	93	139	122
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	97,865	78,462	86,056	88	110
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	647,535	600,185	530,046	82	88
Chickens	Lbs.	604,501	715,469	766,608	127	107
Ducks	Lbs.	2,924	969	873	30	90
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,254,960	1,316,623	1,297,527	103	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	16,640	17,267	18,705	112	108