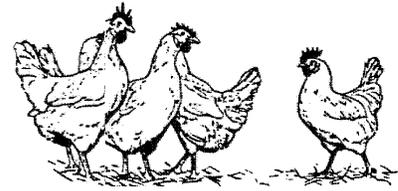


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U.S. OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

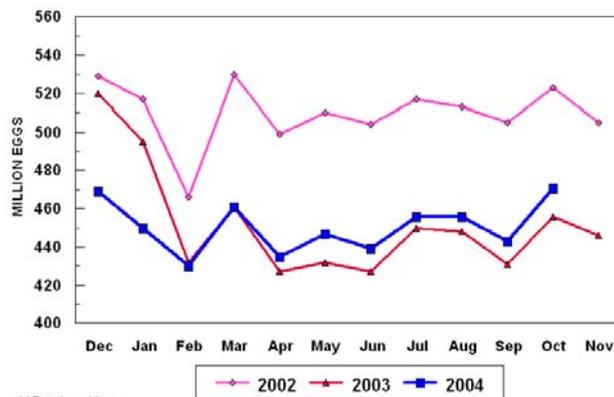
U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during October 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2004 averaged 344 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,221 eggs, up slightly from October 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2004, totaled 344 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 344 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.50 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2004, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

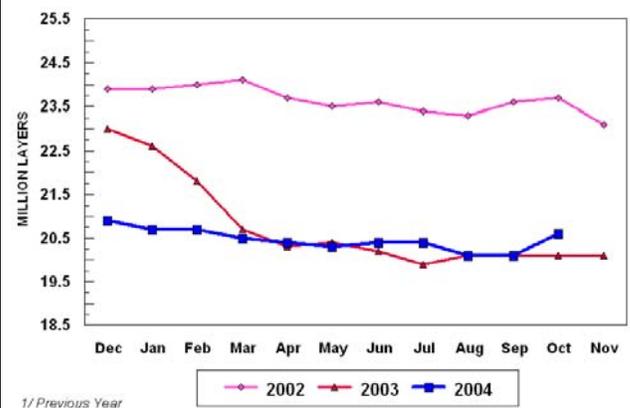
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during October totaled 471 million, an increase of 28.0 million from last month and 15.0 million more compared to last October. Average number of layers during the month totaled 20.6 million, 2 percent more than last month and October 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,289 compared to 2,203 last month and 2,264 in October 2003.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING OCTOBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF NOVEMBER 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	9,436	9,233	1,939	1,939	183	179	1.0	0.5	7.0	5.5
Arkansas	14,778	14,390	1,929	1,932	285	278	1.5	0.5	12.0	11.0
California	20,144	20,578	2,264	2,289	456	471	1.5	5.0	37.5	34.0
Georgia	20,200	20,323	2,139	2,140	432	435	1.0	6.5	18.5	17.0
Indiana	22,396	23,238	2,259	2,276	506	529	2.0	3.0	37.0	31.0
Iowa	40,094	46,197	2,369	2,260	950	1,044	9.0	5.0	28.0	37.5
North Carolina	10,576	10,826	1,995	1,977	211	214	1.0	1.0	11.0	8.0
Ohio	28,969	28,467	2,171	2,234	629	636	5.0	7.0	21.0	28.0
Pennsylvania	24,409	23,835	2,302	2,333	562	556	4.0	0.0	22.5	13.5
Texas	18,454	18,515	2,146	2,220	396	411	1.5	7.0	26.0	20.5
UNITED STATES	335,333	344,194	2,218	2,221	7,439	7,643	3.4	4.3	24.1	23.5

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The October 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 758 million, was up 3 percent from October of the previous year. There were 608 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.59 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2004, up 4 percent from October 2003.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	101,931	106,237	104
Arkansas	108,555	108,403	100
Delaware	12,770	13,140	103
Florida	4,977	4,933	99
Georgia	113,151	116,221	103
Kentucky	23,397	23,912	102
Louisiana	13,992	13,919	99
Maryland	30,669	30,087	98
Mississippi	65,873	69,188	105
North Carolina	60,023	63,039	105
Oklahoma	21,899	22,000	100
Pennsylvania	12,277	12,877	105
South Carolina	15,645	15,450	99
Texas	51,365	53,247	104
Virginia	22,395	22,900	102
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	56,823	63,078	111
Other States ^{1/}	19,219	18,899	98
UNITED STATES	734,961	757,530	103

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

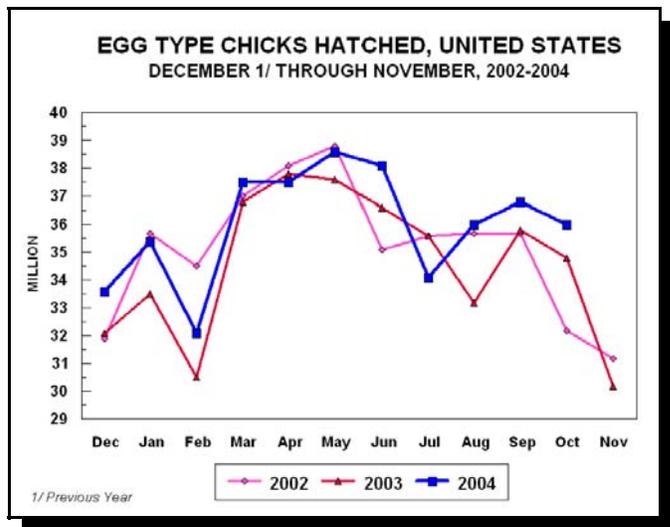
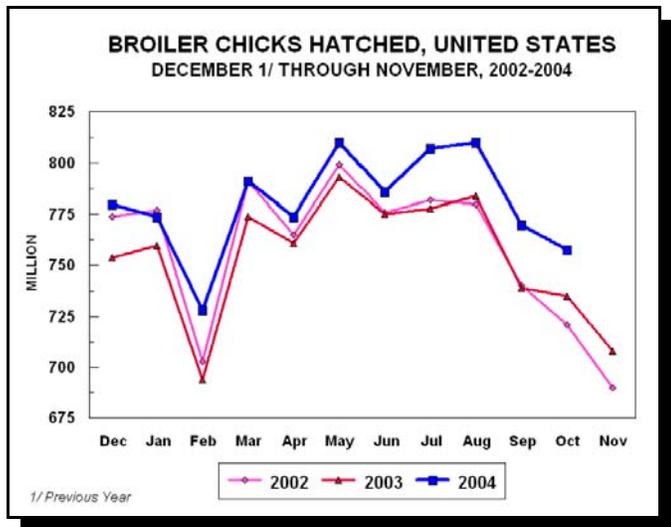
Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 36.0 million, up 3 percent from October 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on November 1, 2004, up 27 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 268,000 during October 2004, down 14 percent from October 2003.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	777	835	107
Florida	685	520	76
Georgia	2,360	2,397	102
Indiana	4,756	4,762	100
Iowa	6,030	6,075	101
Minnesota	1,112	820	74
Pennsylvania	5,111	5,183	101
Other States ^{1/}	13,981	15,379	110
UNITED STATES	34,812	35,971	103

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, NOVEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,028	12,296	111	5,002	6,594	132
East North Central	8,212	8,582	105	5,715	7,728	135
West North Central	19,507	20,022	103	7,123	8,097	114
South Atlantic	215,623	222,397	103	2,040	3,757	184
South Central	310,782	320,431	103	4,827	5,904	122
West	22,771	23,866	105	4,381	4,921	112
UNITED STATES	587,923	607,594	103	29,088	37,001	127

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average October prices received by California producers, when compared to September average prices, decreased 4.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the October market egg price is 30.3 cents per dozen, 4.8 cents below September. The October broiler price is 39.0 cents per pound, a decrease of 1.0 cents from the September price. The October turkey price, at 48.4 cents per pound, is up 1.9 cents from last month.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	75.0	40.0	36.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.0	40.0	39.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	70.6	35.1	30.3
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	39.1	46.5	48.4

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

Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 27.4 million, 4 percent below November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the October 2004 total of 26.7 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 4 percent, West North Central up 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 11 percent, South Central down 19 percent, and West down slightly.

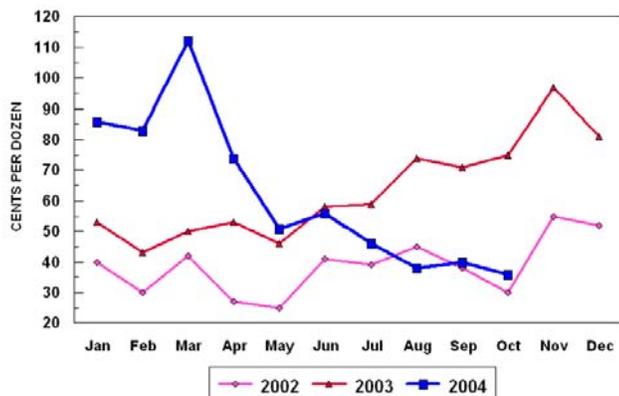
The 20.8 million poult placed during October 2004 in the United States were down 9 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2 percent from the September 2004 total of 21.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 10 percent, West North Central down 12 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, South Central down 15 percent, and West up 4 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

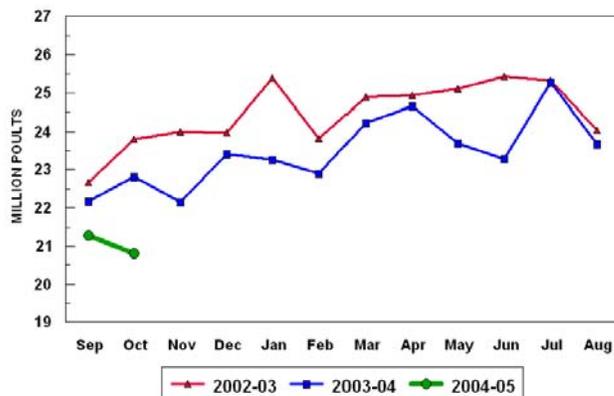
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Nov. 1		2004 2003	Poults Placed During Oct. 1/		2004 2003
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,534	4,368	96	3,359	3,009	90
W N Central	10,169	10,568	104	9,141	8,074	88
N & S Atlantic	9,564	8,541	89	7,091	6,743	95
S Central	2,447	1,981	81	1,934	1,649	85
West	1,936	1,927	100	1,280	1,331	104
U.S.	28,650	27,385	96	22,805	20,806	91

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/

Month	Total All Breeds		04-05 03-04	Cumulative Total		04-05 03-04
	2003-04	2004-05		2003-04	2004-05	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96
Oct.	22,805	20,806	91	44,976	42,074	94
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/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	Oct. 2003	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004	Oct. 04 Oct. 03	Oct. 04 Sept. 04
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	72,660	45,198	44,531	61	99
Chickens	Lbs.	29,611	34,366	39,473	133	115
Ducks	Lbs.	81	89	43	53	48
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	102,352	79,653	84,047	82	106
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	582,683	527,388	490,375	84	93
Chickens	Lbs.	600,664	777,874	800,245	133	103
Ducks	Lbs.	2,690	918	826	31	90
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,186,037	1,306,180	1,291,446	109	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	16,854	18,720	17,970	107	96