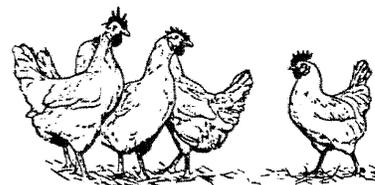


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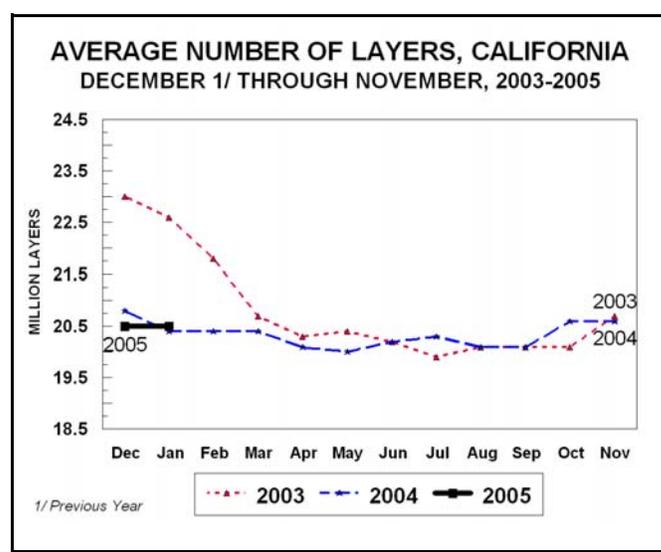
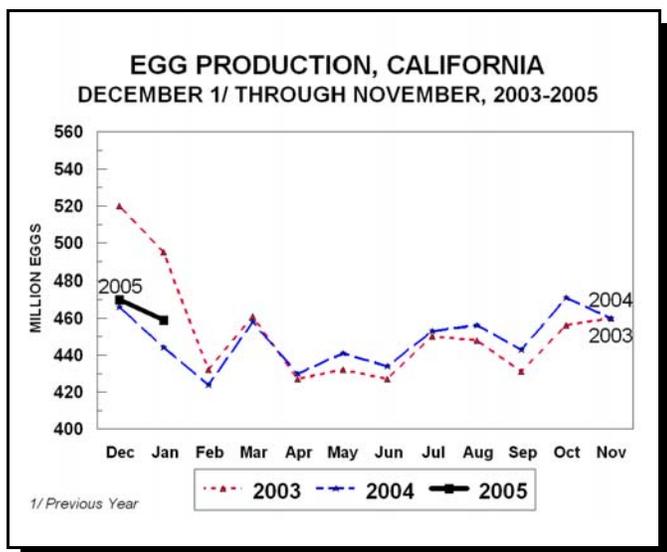
U.S. JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.61 billion during January 2005, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2005 averaged 348 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,188 eggs, up slightly from January 2004.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 348 million on February 1, 2005, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 348 million layers consisted of 289 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers on February 1, 2005, up slightly from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during January totaled 459 million, 11.0 million below last month, but 15.0 million more than last January. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.5 million, slightly less than last month, but slightly more than January 2004. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,238 compared to 2,290 last month and 2,172 in January 2004.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JANUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF FEBRUARY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,367	9,255	1,890	1,945	177	180	1.0	1.0	4.5	5.0
Arkansas	15,366	15,138	1,900	1,936	292	293	2.5	3.5	9.0	8.5
California	20,442	20,512	2,172	2,238	444	459	5.5	6.0	29.0	34.5
Georgia	20,674	20,365	2,075	2,121	429	432	5.5	2.5	16.5	17.0
Indiana	23,195	23,463	2,250	2,212	522	519	5.0	5.5	32.5	30.5
Iowa	40,565	49,771	2,246	2,176	911	1,083	7.0	4.0	33.5	29.0
North Carolina	10,839	10,954	1,947	1,981	211	217	0.0	1.5	9.5	6.5
Ohio	27,231	28,017	2,218	2,252	604	631	7.5	7.0	23.0	23.0
Pennsylvania	23,643	24,484	2,301	2,336	544	572	3.0	5.0	20.0	14.5
Texas	18,543	18,064	2,206	2,176	409	393	3.0	4.0	23.0	16.5
UNITED STATES	338,550	347,739	2,182	2,188	7,386	7,607	4.9	4.6	22.7	21.8

CALIFORNIA LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION

Month	Average Number of Layers			Eggs Per 100 Layers			Total Egg Production		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands		Percent	Number		Percent	Million		Percent
December ^{1/}	23,016	20,769	90	2,259	2,244	99	520	466	90
January	22,565	20,442	91	2,194	2,172	99	495	444	90
February	21,825	20,416	94	1,979	2,077	105	432	424	98
March	20,749	20,398	98	2,222	2,245	101	461	458	99
April	20,260	20,110	99	2,108	2,138	101	427	430	101
May	20,392	20,014	98	2,118	2,203	104	432	441	102
June	20,223	20,171	100	2,111	2,152	102	427	434	102
July	19,921	20,298	102	2,259	2,232	99	450	453	101
August	20,101	20,127	100	2,229	2,266	102	448	456	102
September	20,058	20,105	100	2,149	2,203	103	431	443	103
October	20,144	20,578	102	2,264	2,289	101	456	471	103
November	20,721	20,614	99	2,220	2,231	100	460	460	100
Avg./Total ^{2/}	20,831	20,337	98	2,176	2,204	101	5,437	5,380	99

^{1/} December of previous year.

^{2/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The January 2005 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 796 million, was up 3 percent from January of the previous year. There were 654 million eggs in incubators on February 1, 2005, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.29 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2005, down 8 percent from January 2004.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 36.8 million, up 4 percent from January 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.3 million on February 1, 2005, up 9 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 157 thousand during January 2005, down 4 percent from January 2004.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	109,670	109,263	100
Arkansas	113,114	114,494	101
Delaware	13,544	14,702	109
Florida	4,940	4,854	98
Georgia	119,894	123,719	103
Kentucky	24,876	25,499	103
Louisiana	13,411	14,661	109
Maryland	32,079	31,788	99
Mississippi	71,206	72,503	102
North Carolina	64,309	66,311	103
Oklahoma	22,527	23,595	105
Pennsylvania	12,642	14,168	112
South Carolina	13,191	17,293	131
Texas	52,895	54,510	103
Virginia	23,179	23,587	102
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	61,268	65,033	106
Other States ^{1/}	21,225	20,046	94
UNITED STATES	773,970	796,026	103

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Florida	709	908	128
Georgia	2,519	2,327	92
Indiana	5,096	5,538	109
Iowa	6,018	5,832	97
Minnesota	1,110	818	74
Pennsylvania	4,935	5,818	118
Other States ^{1/}	14,963	15,520	104
UNITED STATES	35,350	36,761	104

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, FEBRUARY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,093	11,898	98	5,610	5,242	93
East North Central	8,075	8,699	108	5,961	6,978	117
West North Central	21,614	23,200	107	6,490	4,793	74
South Atlantic	230,351	236,272	103	2,559	4,644	181
South Central	339,080	348,833	103	4,683	6,504	139
West	24,913	25,142	101	5,217	5,116	98
UNITED STATES	636,126	654,044	103	30,520	33,277	109

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average January prices received by California producers, when compared to December average prices, decreased twelve cents per dozen for market eggs.

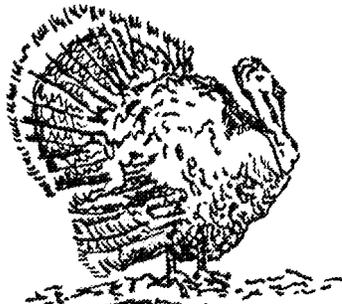
Nationally, the January market egg price of 37.3 cents per dozen is down 11.5 cents from December and down 43.3 cents from January 2004. The January broiler price of 43.0 cents per pound is up four cents from December, but unchanged from January 2004. The January turkey price, at 39.3 cents per pound, is down 6.9 cents from last month.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	86.0	54.0	42.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	43.0	39.0	43.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	80.6	48.8	37.3
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	34.9	46.2	39.3

^{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

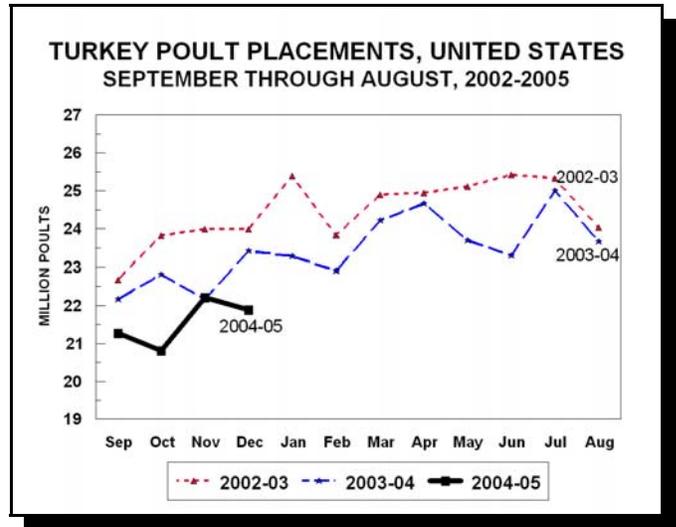
Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 27.1 million on February 1, 2005, 6 percent below February 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 3 percent below the January 1, 2005 total of 28.0 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 8 percent, West North Central down 13 percent, North and South Atlantic up slightly, South Central down 10 percent, and West down 14 percent.

The 21.9 million poult placed during January 2005 in the United States were down 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1 percent from December 2004. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central down 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 11 percent, South Central down 16 percent, and West up 7 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators February 1		2005 2004	Poult Placed During January 1/		2005 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
East North Central	4,269	4,604	108	3,381	3,353	99
West North Central	11,669	10,207	87	8,663	8,298	96
No. & So. Atlantic	7,942	7,953	100	7,475	6,666	89
South Central	2,306	2,077	90	1,960	1,653	84
West	2,588	2,213	86	1,794	1,916	107
UNITED STATES	28,774	27,054	94	23,273	21,886	94

^{1/} Excludes exported poult.



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
September	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96
October	22,805	20,806	91	44,976	42,074	94
November	22,155	22,232	100	67,131	64,306	96
December ^{2/}	23,424	22,205	95	90,555	86,511	96
January	23,273	21,886	94	113,828	108,397	95
February	22,905			136,733		
March	24,215			160,948		
April	24,664			185,612		
May	23,692			209,304		
June	23,291			232,595		
July	25,013			257,608		
August	23,674			281,282		

^{1/} Excludes exported poult.

^{2/} Revised 2004-05 "Total All Breeds."

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	January 31, 2004	December 31, 2004	January 31, 2005	<u>Jan. 2005</u> Jan. 2004	<u>Jan. 2005</u> Dec. 2004
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	29,803	26,790	27,182	91	101
Chickens	Lbs.	27,975	35,176	33,567	120	95
Ducks	Lbs.	31	51	20	65	39
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	57,809	62,017	60,769	105	98
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	420,466	288,357	339,314	81	118
Chickens	Lbs.	534,901	716,180	636,346	119	89
Ducks	Lbs.	1,484	663	394	27	59
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	956,851	1,005,200	976,054	102	97
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	21,304	19,112	18,729	88	98

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