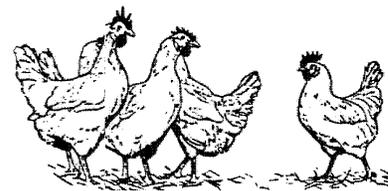


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U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during April 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.29 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, unchanged from April 2004.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 438 million, 26.0 million less than last month, but 8.00 million more than last April. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.3 million, 2 percent less than last month, but 1 percent more than April 2004. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,155, compared to 2,226 last month and 2,138 in April 2004.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 343 million on May 1, 2005, slightly more than a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.4 eggs per 100 layers on May 1, 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago.

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING APRIL, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MAY 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	9,327	8,999	1,833	1,867	171	168	0.0	1.5	3.5	2.0
Arkansas	16,077	14,578	1,928	1,907	310	278	0.5	1.5	8.0	8.0
California	20,110	20,328	2,138	2,155	430	438	7.5	6.0	25.0	33.0
Georgia	20,233	19,656	2,031	2,015	411	396	5.0	4.0	11.5	11.5
Indiana	23,512	23,635	2,203	2,171	518	513	4.0	4.0	31.5	30.5
Iowa	42,730	49,038	2,183	2,249	933	1,103	5.0	5.0	35.0	36.5
North Carolina	11,054	11,136	1,900	1,904	210	212	1.0	1.0	7.5	9.0
Ohio	27,874	27,978	2,174	2,234	606	625	7.5	3.0	24.5	22.0
Pennsylvania	23,949	23,943	2,238	2,301	536	551	1.5	4.0	19.5	15.0
Texas	18,744	17,397	2,193	2,127	411	370	4.5	3.5	18.0	20.5
U.S. TOTAL	342,612	343,975	2,148	2,148	7,358	7,388	4.7	3.9	22.2	22.2

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 2004	March 2005 ^{a/}	April 2005	Apr. 2005 Apr. 2004	Apr. 2005 Mar. 2005
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	41,918	36,380	42,389	101	117
Chickens	Lbs.	29,176	37,973	33,813	116	89
Ducks	Lbs.	23	29	18	78	62
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	71,117	74,382	76,220	107	102
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	548,773	416,846	450,427	82	108
Chickens	Lbs.	645,821	672,686	694,710	108	103
Ducks	Lbs.	1,020	320	272	27	85
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,195,614	1,089,852	1,145,409	96	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	20,906	18,548	18,852	90	102

^{a/} Revised.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2005 totaled 790 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 663 million on May 1, 2005, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.80 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2005, up 6 percent from April 2004.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	108,686	110,549	102
Arkansas	111,422	109,920	99
Delaware	13,327	14,522	109
Florida	4,758	4,811	101
Georgia	115,342	117,954	102
Kentucky	24,925	25,155	101
Louisiana	13,609	14,854	109
Maryland	30,715	30,887	101
Mississippi	70,603	71,086	101
North Carolina	66,700	67,320	101
Oklahoma	23,599	23,425	99
Pennsylvania	13,104	14,332	109
South Carolina	12,903	18,431	143
Texas	54,413	55,280	102
Virginia	23,764	23,859	100
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	63,788	65,749	103
Other States ^{1/}	22,971	21,646	94
UNITED STATES	774,629	789,780	102

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2005 totaled 38.3 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on May 1, 2005, up 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 308 thousand during April 2005, down 10 percent from April 2004.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent
Florida	579	801	138
Georgia	2,362	2,296	97
Indiana	5,218	5,186	99
Iowa	6,296	7,420	118
Minnesota	826	1,198	145
Pennsylvania	6,117	4,596	75
Other States ^{1/}	16,068	16,770	104
UNITED STATES	37,466	38,267	102

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

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,592	12,202	97	5,718	4,731	83
East North Central	8,201	8,947	109	7,349	7,456	101
West North Central	25,805	23,840	92	6,542	8,001	122
South Atlantic	235,068	241,162	103	2,424	4,315	178
South Central	354,408	351,361	99	5,374	5,736	107
West	25,467	25,914	102	5,940	5,636	95
UNITED STATES	661,541	663,426	100	33,347	35,875	108

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2005 in the United States totaled 29.1 million, 2 percent below May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the April 1, 2005 total of 29.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central up 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 6 percent, South Central down 10 percent, and West down 10 percent.

The 23.5 million poult placements during April 2005 in the United States were down 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1 percent from March 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central down slightly, North and South Atlantic down 13 percent, South Central down 14 percent, and West up 13 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators May 1		2005 2004	Poults Placed during April 1/		2005 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
East North Central	4,603	4,506	98	3,444	3,404	99
West North Central	10,772	11,231	104	9,247	9,224	100
No. & So. Atlantic	9,434	8,848	94	8,153	7,125	87
South Central	2,255	2,035	90	1,972	1,693	86
West	2,807	2,513	90	1,848	2,094	113
UNITED STATES	29,871	29,133	98	24,664	23,540	95

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

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	22,232	100	67,131	64,306	96
Dec.	23,424	22,205	95	90,555	86,511	96
Jan.	23,273	21,887	94	113,828	108,398	95
Feb.	22,905	21,321	93	136,733	129,719	95
Mar.	24,215	23,376	97	160,948	153,095	95
Apr.	24,664	23,540	95	185,612	176,635	95
May	23,692			209,304		
June	23,291			232,595		
July	25,013			257,608		
Aug.	23,674			281,282		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Egg producers in California produced 5.38 billion eggs in 2004, 1 percent below the 5.44 billion produced in 2003. The value of eggs produced totaled \$288 million, up 2 percent from the previous year's production of \$282 million.

Nationally, the value of all egg production in 2004 was \$5.30 billion, down 1 percent from the \$5.33 billion in 2003. Egg production totaled 89.1 billion eggs, up 2 percent from the 87.5 billion eggs produced in 2003. In 2004, all eggs averaged 71.4 cents per dozen, compared with 73.2 cents in 2003.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Eggs Produced 1/	Price Per Dozen 2/	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1995	6,444	53.7	288,869
1996	6,569	67.1	367,317
1997	6,663	62.1	344,810
1998	6,608	56.1	308,924
1999	6,606	47.9	263,690
2000	6,319	45.3	237,561
2001	6,082	47.2	235,921
2002	6,257	39.2	204,232
2003	5,439	62.3	282,458
2004	5,380	64.3	288,412
UNITED STATES			
2003	87,473	73.2	5,333,014
2004	89,131	71.4	5,303,244

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30.

2/ Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs and market (table) eggs..

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Broiler production statistics for California were combined with seven other states (IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. The eight states produced 829 million birds totaling 4.16 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 47.3 cents for a total production value of \$1.97 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2004 was \$20.4 billion, up 34 percent from 2003. The total number of broilers produced in 2004 was 8.74 billion, up 3 percent from 2003. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2004 was 45.8 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2003. The 2004 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 44.6 cents per pound, compared with 34.6 cents in 2003.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1995	235,800	1,179,000	32.5	383,175
1996	234,200	1,171,000	39.0	456,690
1997	237,300	1,210,200	39.0	471,978
1998 3/	506,660	2,444,100	39.3	961,745
1999 3/	519,510	2,501,200	38.9	972,841
2000 4/	763,600	3,606,000	35.0	1,261,596
2001 4/	768,080	3,697,500	40.3	1,487,707
2002 4/	810,300	3,988,300	31.7	1,264,724
2003 4/	777,600	3,868,850	37.0	1,430,557
2004 4/	829,250	4,161,850	47.3	1,969,802
UNITED STATES				
2003	8,492,850	43,958,200	34.6	15,214,947
2004	8,740,650	45,796,250	44.6	20,446,086

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

3/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, ME, MI, OR and WA.

4/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, OR and WA.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

California turkey production totaled 414 million pounds (live weight) in 2004, down 1 percent from the 419 million pounds raised in 2003. Value of production, at \$170 million, was up 13 percent from the \$151 million realized in 2003. The annual average price per pound in 2004 was 41.0 cents, compared with 36.0 cents in 2003.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2004 was \$3.07 billion, up 14 percent from the \$2.70 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2004 totaled 7.30 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 7.49 billion pounds produced in 2003. The average price received by producers during 2004 was 42.0 cents per pound, compared with 36.1 cents in 2003.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Number Raised 1/	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1995	22,000	462,000	46.0	212,520
1996	22,500	492,750	45.0	221,738
1997	21,000	480,900	42.0	201,978
1998	19,000	442,700	41.0	181,507
1999	17,500	428,750	45.0	192,938
2000	18,000	439,200	48.0	210,816
2001	18,700	450,670	47.0	211,815
2002	17,700	438,960	36.0	158,026
2003	17,300	418,660	36.0	150,718
2004	15,700	414,480	41.0	169,937
UNITED STATES				
2003	274,048	7,487,293	36.1	2,699,673
2004	264,207	7,304,813	42.0	3,065,417

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of September 1 (of previous year) through August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

CHICKEN VALUE OF SALES

California's total value of other chickens (excluding broilers) sold in 2004 was \$205 thousand, 17 percent more than the value of a year earlier. Average price for other chickens was 0.8 cents per pound, up 0.3 cents from last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2004 was \$58.0 million, up 21 percent from the \$47.8 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.8 cents per pound, compared with 4.9 cents in 2003. The number of chickens sold in 2004 totaled 192 million, up 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Sold	Price Per Pound	Value
	Thousand Head	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1995	13,300	1.9	910
1996	11,600	2.0	812
1997	15,300	2.3	1,232
1998	13,808	3.4	1,643
1999	13,807	4.0	1,988
2000	13,232	4.0	1,958
2001	10,835	1.0	401
2002	9,954	1.0	295
2003	8,953	0.5	175
2004	6,571	0.8	205
UNITED STATES			
2003	189,530	4.9	47,811
2004	192,066	5.8	58,010

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (previous year) through November 30 and excludes broilers.

PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED

Region	Unit	April 2004	April 2005
		Dollars	
PACIFIC REGION			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	263	238
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	275	235
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	328	372
Laying Feed	Ton	239	204
UNITED STATES			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	299	268
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	278	237
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	315	315
Laying Feed	Ton	249	226

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average April prices received by California producers, when compared to March average prices, decreased 6.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the April market egg prices, at 26.1 cents per dozen, decreased 6.6 cents from March. The April broiler price, at 44.0 cents per pound, was unchanged from March, but 4.0 cents below a year ago. The April turkey price, averaging 39.2 cents per pound, is up 1.1 cents from the previous month and 0.8 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	74.0	41.0	35.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	48.0	44.0	44.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	61.9	32.7	26.1
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	38.4	38.1	39.2

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.

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