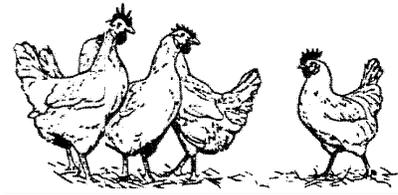


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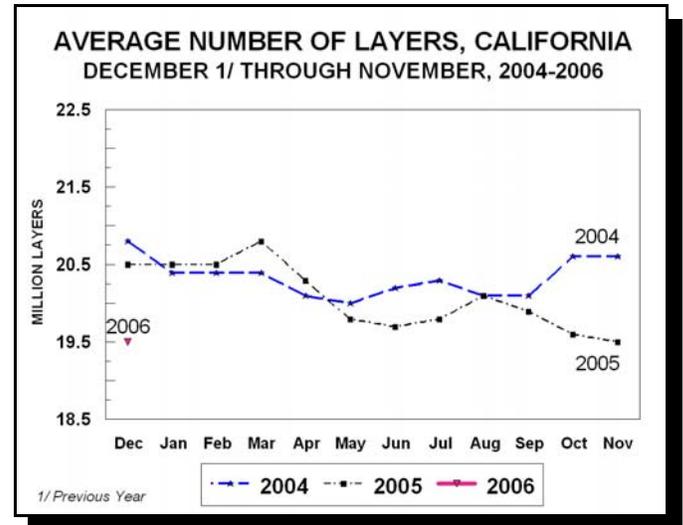
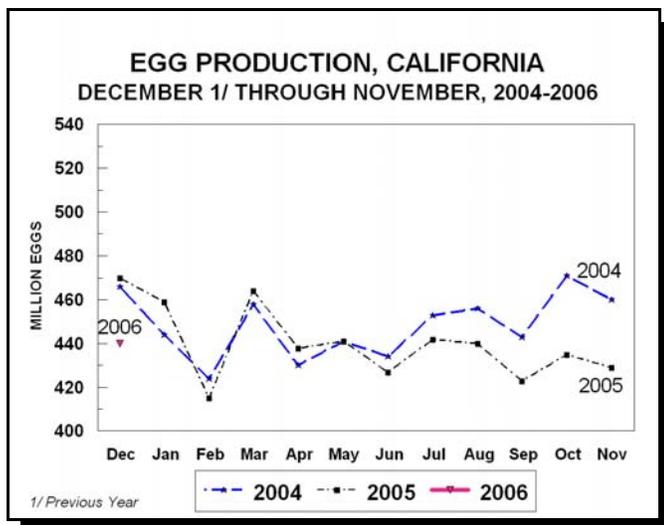
U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.79 billion during December 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.70 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The number of layers during December 2005 averaged 348 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,237 eggs, up slightly from December 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2006, totaled 349 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 349 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.74 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2006, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 440 million, an 11.0 million increase from November's production but 30.0 million below last December. Average number of layers during the month totaled 19.5 million, slightly below last month and down 5 percent from December 2004. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,258 compared to 2,195 a month earlier and 2,290 in December 2004.



DECEMBER LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1 FORCED MOLTING

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted a/		Layers With Molt Completed a/	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,255	9,013	1,945	1,908	180	172	1.5	1.0	4.5	7.0
Arkansas	15,291	14,559	1,962	1,985	300	289	2.0	0.5	10.5	11.5
California	20,524	19,484	2,290	2,258	470	440	3.0	9.0	36.0	31.0
Georgia	20,123	19,156	2,172	2,130	437	408	3.0	2.5	16.0	13.0
Indiana	23,501	24,573	2,281	2,307	536	567	4.5	3.5	31.5	29.0
Iowa	47,979	50,350	2,209	2,230	1,060	1,123	5.5	6.0	36.5	31.5
North Carolina	10,934	10,959	1,994	2,017	218	221	1.5	0.0	6.5	8.5
Ohio	27,839	29,037	2,324	2,304	647	669	4.0	4.0	24.0	16.5
Pennsylvania	23,920	24,444	2,379	2,320	569	567	4.5	4.0	13.0	18.5
Texas	18,257	18,643	2,295	2,317	419	432	2.5	3.5	20.0	24.5
UNITED STATES	345,960	348,300	2,234	2,237	7,728	7,791	4.1	4.3	23.2	22.9

a/ Revised 2005

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2005 totaled 808 million, up 2 percent from December 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 661 million on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.11 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2005, up 5 percent from December 2004.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2005 totaled 36.2 million, down 3 percent from December 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.5 million on January 1, 2006 up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 248,000 during December 2005, up 6 percent from December 2004.

DECEMBER BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

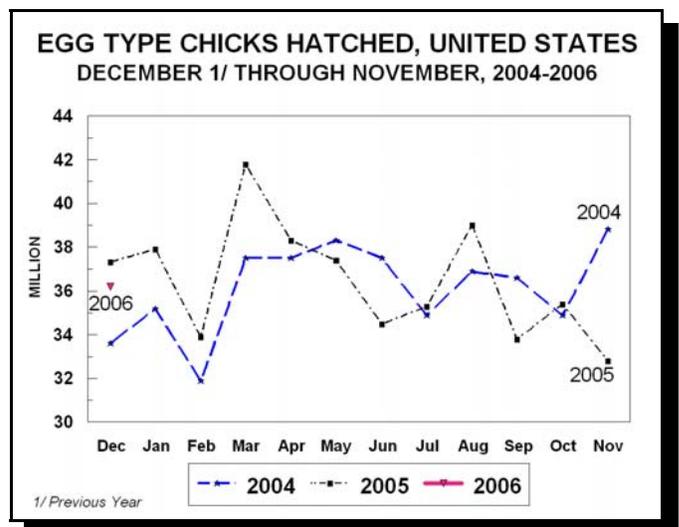
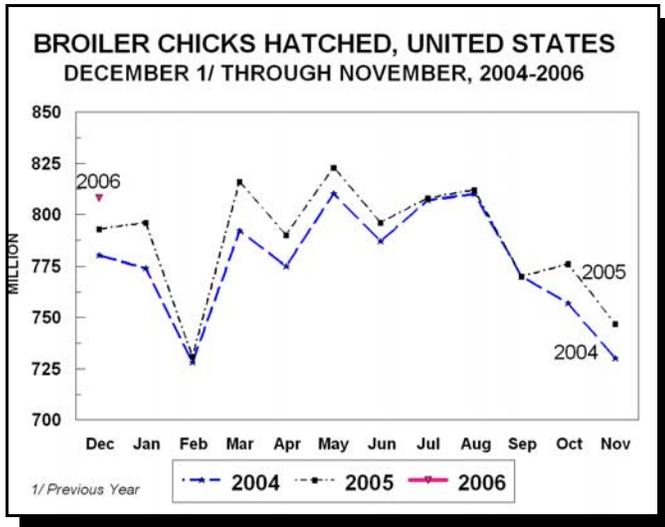
State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	108,972	115,375	106
Arkansas	112,701	113,858	101
Delaware	13,993	14,741	105
Florida	4,901	5,039	103
Georgia	121,845	122,618	101
Kentucky	26,158	25,240	96
Louisiana	14,617	15,064	103
Maryland	31,407	32,687	104
Mississippi	72,519	69,691	96
North Carolina	65,044	68,078	105
Oklahoma	24,316	24,132	99
Pennsylvania	14,060	14,723	105
South Carolina	16,922	18,537	110
Texas	54,695	56,744	104
Virginia	23,882	23,655	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	65,792	65,967	100
Other States ^{1/}	21,266	21,699	102
UNITED STATES	793,090	807,848	102

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

DECEMBER EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Florida	1,000	724	72
Georgia	2,302	2,384	104
Indiana	5,350	5,288	99
Iowa	6,135	6,517	106
Minnesota	818	1,050	128
Pennsylvania	5,291	4,889	92
Other States ^{1/}	16,436	15,372	94
UNITED STATES	37,332	36,224	97

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JANUARY 1 EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,794	11,379	89	5,018	6,229	124
East North Central	8,980	9,413	105	7,623	7,036	92
West North Central	22,826	22,967	101	6,936	8,258	119
South Atlantic	237,049	242,458	102	4,508	4,306	96
South Central	344,674	350,504	102	5,649	5,949	105
West	24,357	23,892	98	4,722	3,769	80
UNITED STATES	650,680	660,613	102	34,456	35,547	103

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average December prices received by California producers, when compared to November average prices, increase 7.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, December market egg price, at 56.4 cents per dozen, increased 8.2 cents from November and is 7.6 cents above December 2004. The December broiler price, at 39.0 cents per pound, is down 3.0 cents from November but unchanged from a year ago. The December turkey price, averaging 54.3 cents per pound, is down 0.6 cents from the previous month but up 8.4 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	54.0	55.0	62.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	39.0	42.0	39.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	48.8	48.2	56.4
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	45.9	54.9	54.3

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. TURKEYS RAISED

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 totaled 256 million birds, down 3 percent from the 263 million raised in 2004.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 44.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 36.0 million, Arkansas with 29.0 million, Virginia with 21.0 million, Missouri with 20.5 million, California with 14.9 million, and Indiana with 13.4 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005.

TURKEY GROWERS

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2006. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2005. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2005 are as follows: Minnesota down 2 percent, North Carolina up 6 percent, Arkansas up 7 percent, Virginia up 7 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California down 1 percent, and Indiana up 4 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2006 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED AND INTENTIONS

State	2004	2005 a/	2005	2006	2006
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	28,500	29,000	102	31,000	107
California	15,700	14,900	95	14,700	99
Indiana	13,300	13,400	101	14,000	104
Iowa	9,000	9,600	107	10,000	104
Minnesota	45,500	44,500	98	43,500	98
Missouri	21,500	20,500	95	21,500	105
North Carolina	39,000	36,000	92	38,000	106
Pennsylvania	12,000	11,500	96	11,500	100
South Carolina	12,000	8,000	67	10,000	125
Virginia	19,700	21,000	107	22,500	107
U.S. Total b/	263,207	256,270	97	265,500	104

a/ Revised.

b/ Data for the "2006 Intentions" are based on a 23-state total.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 29.6 million, up 6 percent from January 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 4 percent above the December 1, 2005 total of 28.5 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 3 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 11 percent, and South Central and West combined, down 5 percent.

The 23.7 million poults placed during December 2005 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 8 percent from November 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 14 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 11 percent, South Central down 21 percent, and West up 1 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

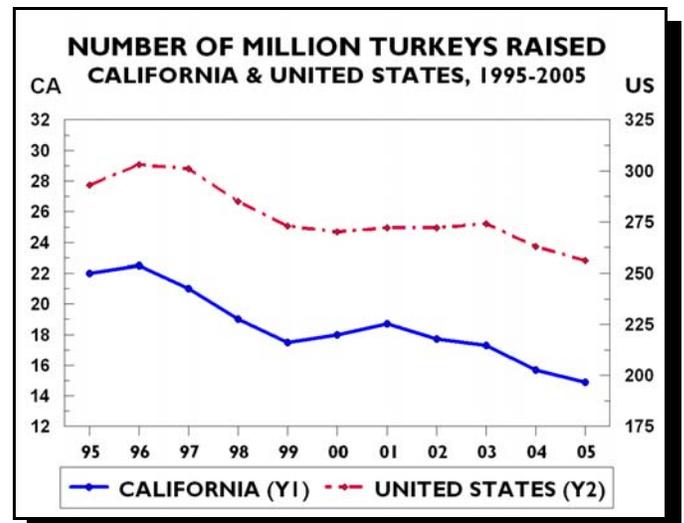
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Jan. 1		2006 2005	Poults Placed During Dec.		2005 2004
	2005	2006		2004	2005	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,469	4,616	103	3,216	3,682	114
W N Central	10,620	11,360	107	8,653	9,229	107
N & S Atlantic	8,448	9,407	111	6,868	7,649	111
S Central & West 1/	4,457	4,248	95	3,493	3,112	89
U.S.	27,994	29,631	106	22,230	23,672	106

1/ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		05-06 04-05	Cumulative Total		05-06 04-05
	2004-05	2005-06		2004-05	2005-06	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,268	22,747	107	21,268	22,747	107
Oct.	20,806	21,400	103	42,074	44,147	105
Nov.	22,232	21,850	98	64,306	65,997	103
Dec.	22,230	23,672	106	86,536	89,669	104
Jan.	21,887			108,423		
Feb.	21,321			129,744		
Mar.	23,376			153,120		
Apr.	23,587			176,707		
May	23,781			200,488		
June	24,253			224,741		
July	24,533			249,274		
Aug.	23,899			273,173		

1/ Excludes exported poults.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2004	November 30, 2005	December 31, 2005	<u>Dec. 2005</u> <u>Dec. 2004</u>	<u>Dec. 2005</u> <u>Nov. 2005</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	26,790	19,856	19,562	73	99
Chickens	Lbs.	35,176	42,728	45,292	129	106
Ducks	Lbs.	51	136	133	261	98
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	62,017	62,720	64,987	105	104
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	288,357	195,177	202,456	70	104
Chickens	Lbs.	716,180	876,687	919,888	128	105
Ducks	Lbs.	663	2,880	2,600	392	90
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,005,200	1,074,744	1,124,944	112	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	19,112	17,601	21,019	110	119

Financial FACTS for the 2007 Farm Bill

Respond to USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey to provide the financial facts policymakers will use to craft the 2007 Farm Bill.



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