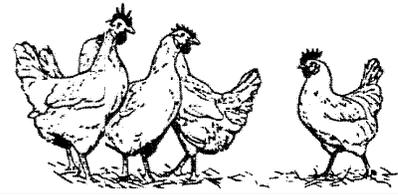


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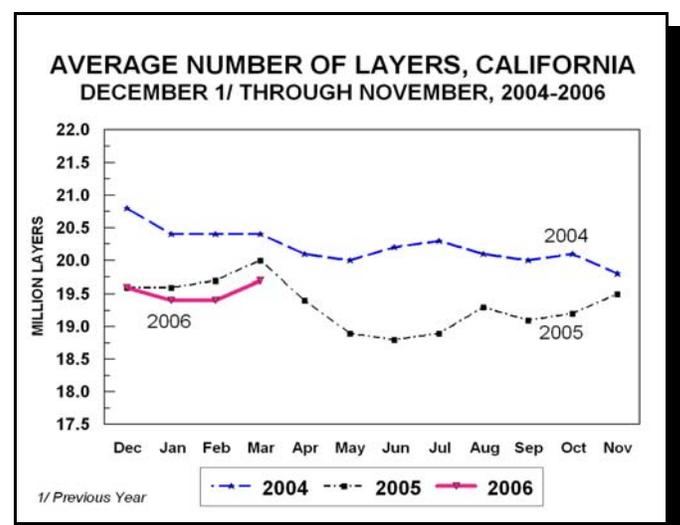
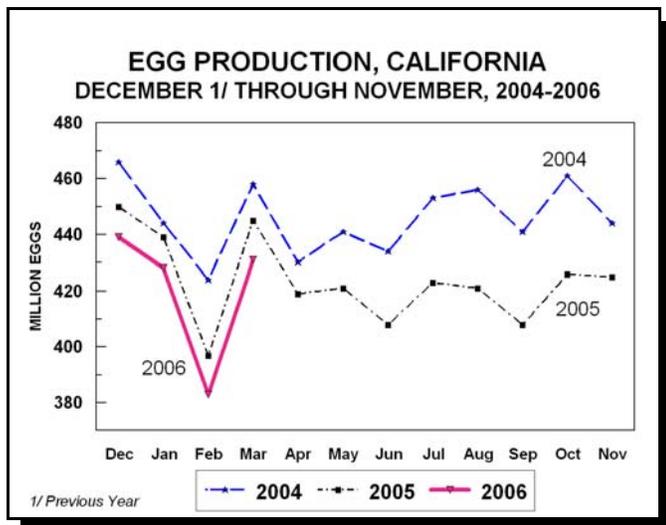
U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.84 billion during March 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.73 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The number of layers during March 2006 averaged 350 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up slightly from March 2005.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 350 million on April 1, 2006, up 2 percent from last year. The 350 million layers consisted of 292 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers on April 1, 2006, up 1 percent from April 1, 2005.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during March totaled 431 million, 48.0 million above February, but 14.0 million below last March. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.7 million, 2 percent above last month, but 1 percent below March 2005. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,189 compared to 1,977 a month earlier and 2,230 in March 2005.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,117	8,858	1,974	1,930	180	171	0.5	1.0	4.5	7.0
Arkansas	14,924	14,651	1,963	1,925	293	282	0.5	0.0	8.5	9.5
California	19,957	19,693	2,230	2,189	445	431	7.5	5.0	33.0	36.0
Georgia	20,335	19,237	2,100	2,116	427	407	5.5	0.5	13.5	12.5
Indiana	23,631	24,772	2,247	2,301	531	570	3.0	1.0	32.0	30.5
Iowa	49,136	52,147	2,312	2,288	1,136	1,193	4.0	1.5	35.0	37.0
North Carolina	10,997	11,081	1,973	2,003	217	222	1.0	1.0	8.5	9.0
Ohio	28,089	29,053	2,271	2,261	638	657	4.0	1.5	22.5	23.5
Pennsylvania	24,399	23,818	2,398	2,381	585	567	3.0	3.5	15.0	18.5
Texas	17,863	19,247	2,250	2,265	402	436	4.0	1.5	20.5	22.5
United States	346,959	350,085	2,230	2,239	7,738	7,837	4.1	2.3	22.7	24.9

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2006 totaled 817 million, up slightly from March 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 659 million on April 1, 2006, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.01 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2006, down 1 percent from March 2005.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	113,313	117,447	104
Arkansas	116,222	113,903	98
Delaware	14,897	14,388	97
Florida	4,953	5,052	102
Georgia	123,271	126,415	103
Kentucky	26,823	25,123	94
Louisiana	15,018	15,236	101
Maryland	32,238	31,883	99
Mississippi	73,387	68,568	93
North Carolina	68,661	70,944	103
Oklahoma	23,882	23,901	100
Pennsylvania	14,870	14,202	96
South Carolina	19,051	19,578	103
Texas	56,850	56,907	100
Virginia	23,751	23,997	101
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	67,403	67,453	100
Other States ^{1/}	21,962	22,071	100
UNITED STATES	816,552	817,068	100

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2006 totaled 38.9 million, down 7 percent from March 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on April 1, 2006, down 5 percent from a year ago.

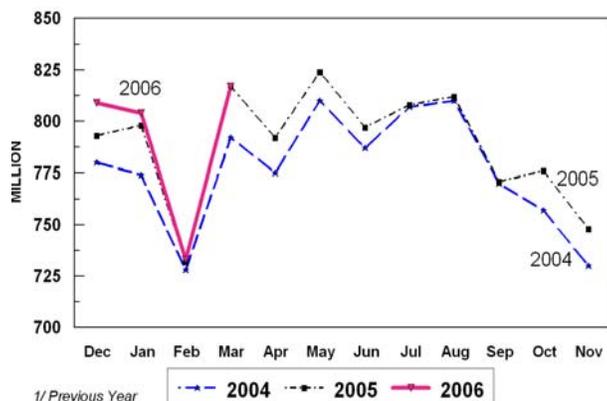
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 286 thousand during March 2006, down 9 percent from March 2005.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

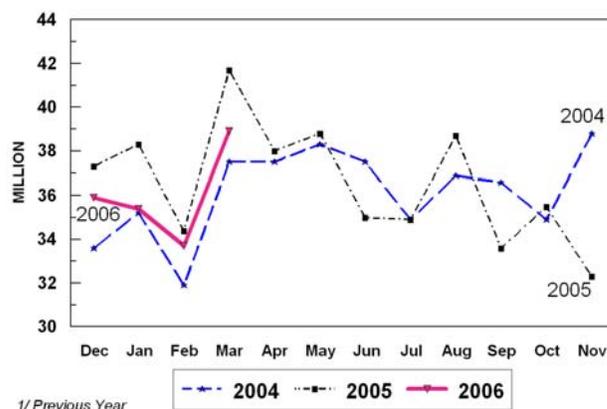
State	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent
Florida	656	731	111
Georgia	2,394	2,393	100
Indiana	5,029	5,465	109
Iowa	7,241	7,320	101
Minnesota	1,198	1,105	92
Pennsylvania	5,201	5,019	97
Other States ^{1/}	19,982	16,885	85
UNITED STATES	41,701	38,918	93

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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2004-2006**



**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2004-2006**



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,074	12,186	101	6,251	5,722	92
East North Central	9,179	9,471	103	7,125	6,922	97
West North Central	24,570	24,292	99	7,499	7,674	102
South Atlantic	239,131	241,961	101	4,408	4,602	104
South Central	348,666	344,559	99	4,958	6,552	132
West	26,517	26,101	98	7,491	4,325	58
UNITED STATES	660,137	658,570	100	37,732	35,797	95

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average March prices received by California producers, when compared to February average prices, increase 20.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the March market egg price, at 49.9 cents per dozen, increased 19.8 cents from February and was 17.2 cents above March 2005. The March broiler price, at 37.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from February and 7.0 cents below a year ago. The March turkey price, averaging 40.3 cents per pound, is up 0.7 of a cent from the previous month and 2.2 cents above a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	41.0	35.0	55.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	44.0	38.0	37.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	32.7	30.1	49.9
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	38.1	39.6	40.3

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

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 29.9 million on April 1, 2006, up 3 percent from April 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down slightly from the March 1, 2006 total of 29.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central was up 2 percent, West North Central was down slightly, North and South Atlantic was up 12 percent, and South Central and West combined was down 6 percent.

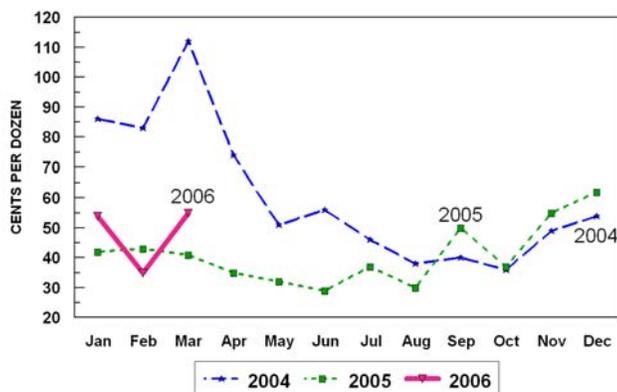
The 24.7 million poult placed during March 2006 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were also up 6 percent from February 2006. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central was up 9 percent, West North Central was up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic was up 17 percent, and South Central and West combined was down 12 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

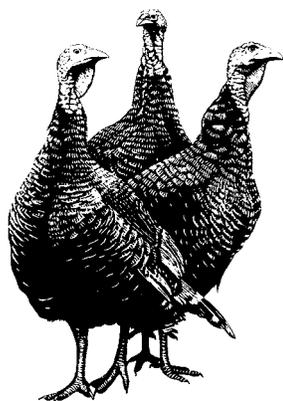
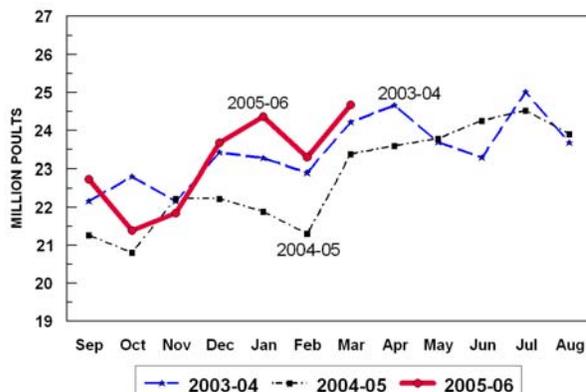
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Apr. 1		2006 2005	Poults Placed During March 1/		2006 2005
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
EN Central	4,763	4,880	102	3,420	3,743	109
W N Central	10,893	10,885	100	9,257	9,471	102
N & S Atlantic	8,543	9,527	112	6,989	8,180	117
S Central & West	4,906	4,598	94	3,710	3,280	88
U.S.	29,105	29,890	103	23,376	24,674	106

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2004-2006**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2003-2006**



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 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	23,673	106	86,536	89,670	104
Jan.	21,887	24,364	111	108,423	114,034	105
Feb. 2/	21,321	23,296	109	129,744	137,330	106
Mar.	23,376	24,674	106	153,120	162,004	106
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.

2/ Revised 2005-06 "Total All Breeds" data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	<u>Mar. 2006</u> Mar. 2005	<u>Mar. 2006</u> Feb. 2006
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	36,395	31,132	39,645	109	127
Chickens	Lbs.	38,905	49,099	46,453	119	95
Ducks	Lbs.	29	113	116	400	103
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	75,329	80,344	86,214	114	107
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	414,159	317,854	374,579	90	118
Chickens	Lbs.	673,470	923,913	867,479	129	94
Ducks	Lbs.	1,250	4,601	7,930	634	172
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,088,879	1,246,368	1,249,988	115	100
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,548	24,388	20,840	112	85