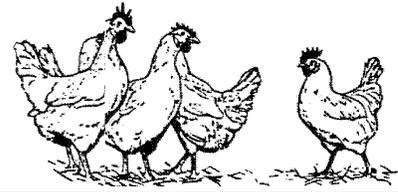


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U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during April 2006, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 998 million were broiler-type, and 68.0 million were egg-type. The number of layers during April 2006 averaged 348 million, up 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2005.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 347 million on May 1, 2006, up 1 percent from last year. The 347 million layers consisted of 289 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.5 eggs per 100 layers on May 1, 2006, down slightly from May 1, 2005.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 423 million, 8.00 million below March, but 4.00 million above last April. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.2 million, up 2 percent from last month and 4 percent above April 2005. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,098 compared to 2,189 a month earlier and 2,155 in April 2005.

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	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	8,999	8,917	1,867	1,828	168	163	1.5	2.5	2.0	4.5
Arkansas	14,560	14,558	1,902	1,868	277	272	1.5	5.0	8.5	6.5
California	19,444	20,160	2,155	2,098	419	423	6.0	9.0	32.5	35.0
Georgia	19,656	19,326	2,015	2,018	396	390	4.0	3.0	11.5	10.5
Indiana	23,635	24,637	2,171	2,232	513	550	4.0	6.5	30.5	28.0
Iowa	49,038	52,425	2,249	2,209	1,103	1,158	5.0	5.5	36.5	34.5
North Carolina	11,136	11,060	1,904	1,989	212	220	1.0	1.0	9.0	9.0
Ohio	27,978	28,423	2,234	2,213	625	629	3.0	4.0	22.0	22.0
Pennsylvania	23,943	23,947	2,301	2,313	551	554	4.0	4.5	15.0	19.5
Texas	17,405	18,950	2,126	2,206	370	418	3.5	4.5	20.5	22.5
U.S. TOTAL	343,574	348,454	2,156	2,164	7,407	7,541	4.0	5.4	22.4	23.7

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Apr. 2006 Apr. 2005	Apr. 2006 Mar. 2006
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	42,403	39,643	52,751	124	133
Chickens	Lbs.	34,769	45,853	47,374	136	103
Ducks	Lbs.	18	116	145	806	125
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	77,190	85,612	100,270	130	117
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	440,122	380,440	430,123	98	113
Chickens	Lbs.	692,153	869,654	841,131	122	97
Ducks	Lbs.	1,199	7,923	8,002	667	101
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,133,474	1,258,017	1,279,256	113	102
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,903	20,757	23,291	123	112

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2006 totaled 787 million, down 1 percent from April 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on May 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.59 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2006, down 3 percent from April 2005.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	110,636	113,390	102
Arkansas	110,184	108,079	98
Delaware	14,522	13,193	91
Florida	4,819	4,897	102
Georgia	117,954	122,591	104
Kentucky	25,155	25,660	102
Louisiana	14,854	14,583	98
Maryland	31,037	30,484	98
Mississippi	71,086	66,936	94
North Carolina	67,320	65,635	97
Oklahoma	23,425	22,805	97
Pennsylvania	14,343	14,408	100
South Carolina	18,431	18,264	99
Texas	55,280	53,673	97
Virginia	23,859	23,616	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	65,710	65,127	99
Other States ^{1/}	23,558	23,723	101
UNITED STATES	792,173	787,064	99

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2006 totaled 34.6 million, down 9 percent from April 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on May 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 255 thousand during April 2006, down 17 percent from April 2005.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent
Florida	801	735	92
Georgia	2,296	2,236	97
Indiana	5,186	4,228	82
Iowa	7,553	6,765	90
Minnesota	1,198	943	79
Pennsylvania	4,596	3,741	81
Other States ^{1/}	16,419	15,965	97
UNITED STATES	38,049	34,613	91

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

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,333	12,085	98	4,704	5,148	109
East North Central	8,998	10,557	117	7,489	6,687	89
West North Central	24,945	24,674	99	8,090	9,142	113
South Atlantic	241,280	243,058	101	4,315	4,838	112
South Central	351,906	342,279	97	5,736	6,328	110
West	25,924	25,698	99	6,974	4,809	69
UNITED STATES	665,386	658,351	99	37,308	36,952	99

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 30.9 million, up 5 percent from May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 2 percent from the April 1, 2006's total of 30.1 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 3 percent; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 17 percent; South Central and West combined, down 6 percent.

The 23.9 million poult placements during April 2006 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were 3 percent below March 2006. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 7 percent; West North Central, down 6 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 11 percent; South Central and West, down 4 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators May 1		<u>2006</u> 2005	Poults Placed during April 1/		<u>2006</u> 2005
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
East North Central	4,506	4,630	103	3,404	3,630	107
West North Central	11,435	11,623	102	9,224	8,672	94
No. & So. Atlantic	8,851	10,321	117	7,172	7,978	111
So. Central & West	4,548	4,281	94	3,787	3,624	96
UNITED STATES	29,340	30,855	105	23,587	23,904	101

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

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.	21,321	23,296	109	129,744	137,330	106
Mar. ^{2/}	23,376	24,659	105	153,120	161,989	106
Apr.	23,587	23,904	101	176,707	185,893	105
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.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Egg producers in California produced 5.08 billion eggs in 2005, 5 percent below the 5.35 billion produced in 2004. The value of eggs produced totaled \$182 million, down 37 percent from the previous year's production of \$287 million.

Nationally, the value of all egg production in 2005 was \$4.04 billion, down 24 percent from the \$5.30 billion in 2004. Egg production totaled 90.0 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 89.1 billion eggs produced in 2004. In 2005, all eggs averaged 53.9 cents per dozen, compared with 71.4 cents in 2004.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1966	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	5,352	64.4	287,392
2005	5,082	42.9	181,655
UNITED STATES			
2004	89,091	71.4	5,299,185
2005	89,960	53.9	4,042,282

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Includes hatching eggs and market (table) eggs.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

This year, broiler production for California was combined with nine other States (CT, IL, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These nine States produced 859 million birds totaling 4.44 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 44.4 cents for a total production value of \$1.97 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2005 was \$20.9 billion, up 2 percent from 2004. The total number of broilers produced in 2005 was 8.87 billion, up 1 percent from 2004. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2005 was 47.9 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2004. The 2005 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 43.6 cents per pound, compared with 44.6 cents in 2004.

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				
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 5/	829,250	4,161,850	47.3	1,969,802
2005 6/	859,150	4,436,900	44.4	1,970,182
UNITED STATES				
2004	8,740,650	45,796,250	44.6	20,446,086
2005	8,870,350	47,908,100	43.6	20,901,939

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.

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

6/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, CT, IL, IN, IA, LA, MI, MD, OR, and WA.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

California turkey production totaled 407 million pounds (live weight) in 2005, down 2 percent from the 414 million pounds raised in 2004. Value of production, at \$175 million was up 3 percent from the \$170 million realized in 2004. The annual average price per pound in 2005 was 43.0 cents, compared with 41.0 cents in 2004.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2005 was \$3.23 billion, up 6 percent from the \$3.05 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2005 totaled 7.21 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.28 billion pounds produced in 2004. The average price received by producers during 2005 was 44.9 cents per pound, compared with 42.0 cents in 2004.

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				
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
2005	14,900	406,770	43.0	174,911
UNITED STATES				
2004	263,207	7,278,413	42.0	3,054,329
2005	256,270	7,206,560	44.9	3,232,576

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 2005 was \$341 thousand, 51 percent more than the value of a year earlier. The average price for other chickens was 1.2 cents per pound, up 0.4 of a cent from last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2005 was \$64.6 million, up 12 percent from the \$57.6 million a year ago. Prices averaged 6.5 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2004. The number of chickens sold in 2005 totaled 193 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			
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	7,240	0.8	226
2005	7,669	1.2	341
UNITED STATES			
2004	191,706	5.8	57,615
2005	193,116	6.5	64,554

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

PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED 1/

Region	Unit	April 2005	April 2006
		Dollars	
PACIFIC REGION			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	238	257
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	235	286
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	372	408
Laying Feed	Ton	204	238
UNITED STATES			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	268	273
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	237	255
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	315	302
Laying Feed	Ton	226	240

1/ Complete ration feed. Fed without mixing or supplementation.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average April prices received by California producers, when compared to March average prices, decreased 10.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the April market egg price, at 31.8 cents per dozen, decreased 18.1 cents from March, but is 5.0 cents above April 2005. The April broiler price, at 34.0 cents per pound, is down 3.0 cents from March and 10.0 cents below a year ago. The April turkey price, averaging 42.9 cents per pound, is up 2.6 cents from the previous month and up 4.1 cents from a year earlier.

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

Commodity	Unit	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	35.0	55.0	45.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	44.0	37.0	34.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	26.8	49.9	31.8
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	38.8	40.3	42.9

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.