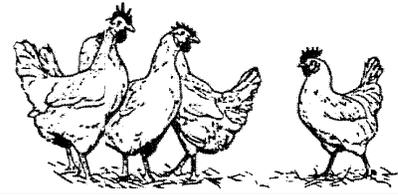


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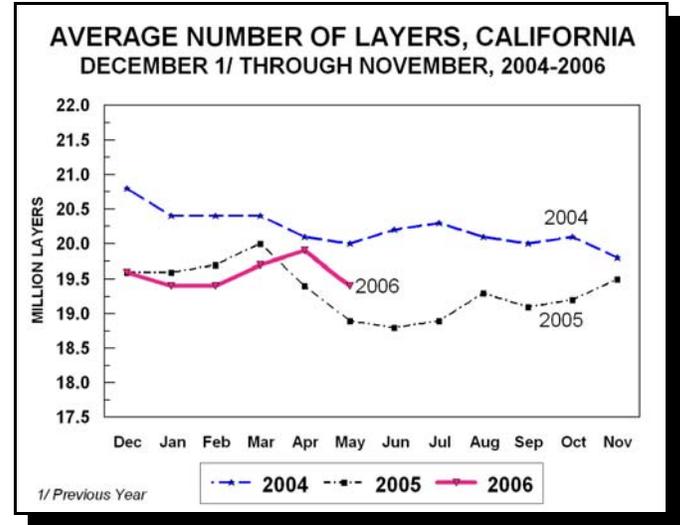
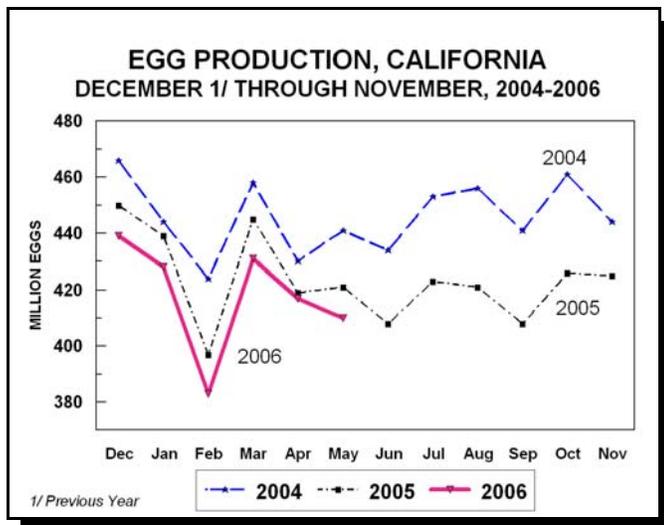
U.S. MAY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.63 billion during May 2006, 1 percent above last year. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The number of layers during May 2006 averaged 345 million, 1 percent more than last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,213 eggs, down slightly from May 2005.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 343 million on June 1, 2006, 1 percent above last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table-type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers on June 1, 2006, down slightly from June 1, 2005.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during May totaled 410 million, down 7.00 million from April and 11.0 million below last May. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.4 million, 2 percent below last month, but 3 percent above from May 2005. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,108 compared to 2,100 a month earlier and 2,225 in May 2005.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MAY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JUNE 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2005	2006 a/	2005	2006 a/	2005	2006 a/	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,069	8,863	1,919	1,884	174	167	2.5	1.0	2.5	4.0
Arkansas	14,656	14,266	1,917	1,949	281	278	2.5	0.0	7.0	10.0
California	18,920	19,447	2,225	2,108	421	410	6.0	13.5	34.5	37.0
Georgia	19,180	19,121	2,070	2,081	397	398	2.5	6.0	15.0	10.5
Indiana	23,413	24,644	2,247	2,252	526	555	3.5	3.5	30.5	28.0
Iowa	49,063	51,747	2,211	2,232	1,085	1,155	5.5	4.0	38.0	37.0
North Carolina	11,008	10,877	2,008	2,078	221	226	1.0	0.5	9.0	10.5
Ohio	28,010	28,368	2,292	2,245	642	637	3.5	7.5	20.0	22.0
Pennsylvania	23,418	23,914	2,387	2,392	559	572	3.0	4.0	14.5	17.5
Texas	17,224	18,365	2,218	2,265	382	416	2.0	1.5	20.5	26.0
United States	341,819	344,735	2,215	2,213	7,572	7,628	4.2	4.6	23.0	24.7

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U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2006 totaled 811 million, 2 percent below May 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 661 million on June 1, 2006, 1 percent less than a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.53 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2006, 3 percent below May 2005.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

State	2005	2006	2006 2005
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	116,314	115,159	99
Arkansas	115,852	111,205	96
Delaware	14,803	13,342	90
Florida	4,948	5,113	103
Georgia	123,890	127,663	103
Kentucky	26,782	26,878	100
Louisiana	15,182	14,893	98
Maryland	32,634	31,778	97
Mississippi	70,896	67,775	96
North Carolina	69,619	69,596	100
Oklahoma	24,437	23,478	96
Pennsylvania	15,008	14,626	97
South Carolina	18,780	19,067	102
Texas	58,066	55,246	95
Virginia	24,321	23,997	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	68,035	66,437	98
Other States 1/	24,426	24,655	101
UNITED STATES	823,993	810,908	98

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during May 2006 totaled 40.3 million, 4 percent above May 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.4 million on June 1, 2006, 10 percent more than a year ago.

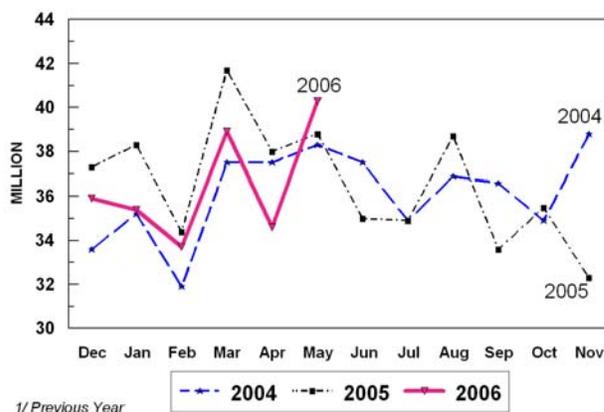
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 241 thousand during May 2006, 27 percent above May 2005.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

State	2005	2006	2006 2005
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,315	2,326	100
Indiana	5,718	4,844	85
Iowa	6,825	7,619	112
Minnesota	1,126	979	87
Pennsylvania	4,493	4,617	103
Other States 1/	18,315	19,935	109
UNITED STATES	38,792	40,320	104

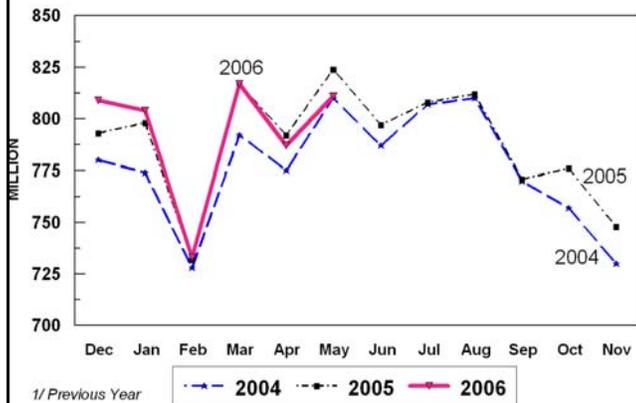
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**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
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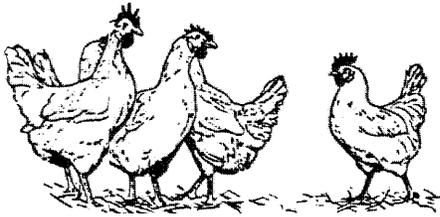
EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JUNE 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,136	12,186	100	5,289	6,337	120
East No. Central	8,941	9,351	105	6,681	7,240	108
West No. Central	24,925	24,692	99	7,139	8,398	118
South Atlantic	241,799	243,497	101	3,589	4,764	133
South Central	354,446	345,700	98	5,272	6,409	122
West	25,771	25,212	98	6,094	4,236	70
UNITED STATES	668,018	660,638	99	34,064	37,384	110

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

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

Nationally, May market egg prices, at 23.1 cents per dozen, decreased 8.7 cents from April and were 1.2 cents below May 2005. This is the lowest monthly market egg price in 25 years. The May broiler price, at 34.0 cents per pound, is unchanged from April, but 10.0 cents below a year ago. The May turkey price, averaging 43.7 cents per pound, is up 0.8 of a cent from the previous month and 3.0 cents more than a year earlier.



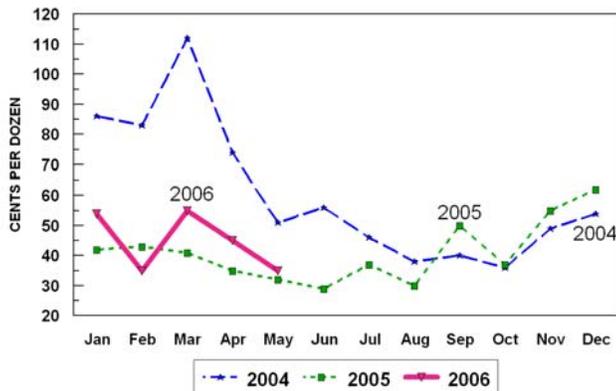
POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	May 2005	Apr. 2006	May 2006
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	32.0	45.0	35.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	44.0	34.0	34.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	24.3	31.8	23.1
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lbs.	40.7	42.9	43.7

^{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.

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



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 31.6 million on June 1, 2006, 4 percent above June 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up slightly from the May 1, 2006 total of 31.6 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central up 3 percent, West North Central up 5 percent, North and South Atlantic up 12 percent, but South Central and West combined were down 11 percent.

The 25.3 million poult placed during May 2006 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were also 6 percent above April 2006. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central up 16 percent, West North Central up 3 percent, North and South Atlantic up 13 percent, but South Central and West were down 7 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators June 1		2006 2005	Poults Placed During May ^{1/}		2006 2005
	2005	2006	Pct.	2005	2006	Pct.
	Thousands			Thousands		
E N Central	4,841	4,990	103	3,398	3,943	116
W N Central	11,405	11,928	105	9,474	9,798	103
N&S Atlantic	9,056	10,180	112	7,278	8,200	113
S Central & West	5,063	4,528	89	3,631	3,372	93
U.S.	30,365	31,626	104	23,781	25,313	106

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		05-06	Cumulative Total		05-06
	2004-05	2005-06	04-05	2004-05	2005-06	04-05
	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.	23,376	24,659	105	153,120	161,989	106
Apr. ^{2/}	23,587	23,902	101	176,707	185,891	105
May	23,781	25,313	106	200,488	211,204	105
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	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	<u>May 2006</u> May 2005	<u>May 2006</u> Apr. 2006
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	46,236	52,753	57,993	125	110
Chickens	Lbs.	37,746	47,541	46,231	122	97
Ducks	Lbs.	28	145	170	607	117
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	84,010	100,439	104,394	124	104
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	465,920	423,732	465,990	100	110
Chickens	Lbs.	665,006	840,995	774,827	117	92
Ducks	Lbs.	2,277	8,002	7,929	348	99
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,133,203	1,272,729	1,248,746	110	98
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	17,667	23,259	21,095	119	91