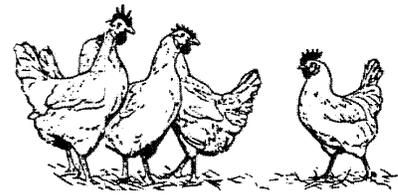


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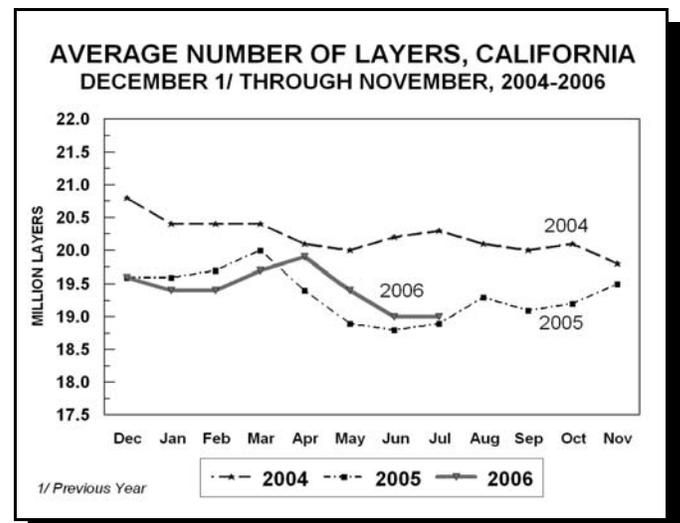
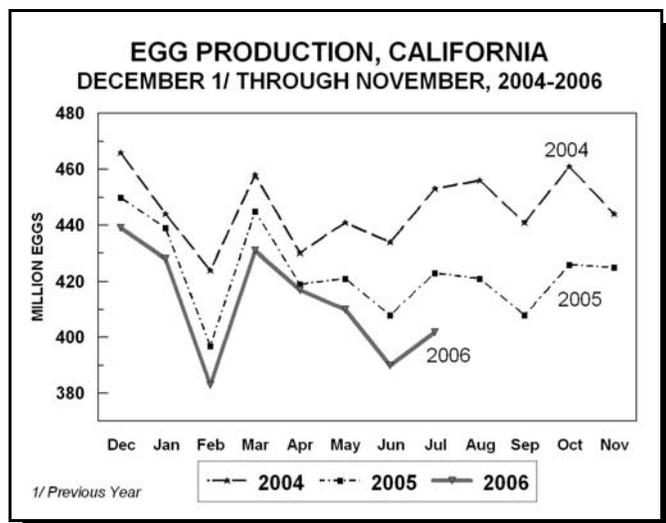
U.S. JULY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during July 2006, 1 percent more than last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 66.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2006 averaged 341 million, 1 percent above last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,241 eggs, up slightly from July 2005.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 341 million on August 1, 2006, a 1 percent increase over last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market-type eggs, 54.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.76 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.7 eggs per 100 layers on August 1, 2006, up 1 percent from August 1, 2005.

CALIFORNIA JULY EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during July totaled 402 million, 12.0 million above June, but 21.0 million below last July. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.0 million, down slightly from last month, but a marginal increase from July 2005. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,121 compared to 2,053 a month earlier and 2,234 in July 2005.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JULY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF AUGUST 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	9,220	8,562	1,898	1,974	175	169	1.5	0.5	5.0	2.5
Arkansas	14,414	13,976	1,998	1,939	288	271	1.5	3.5	10.0	10.0
California	18,938	18,957	2,234	2,121	423	402	5.5	4.5	32.0	40.5
Georgia	18,919	18,569	2,114	2,079	400	386	6.5	3.5	14.0	12.0
Indiana	23,360	24,251	2,226	2,284	520	554	6.5	6.0	25.0	29.0
Iowa	47,101	50,823	2,314	2,357	1,090	1,198	5.5	5.5	35.0	35.0
North Carolina	10,932	10,718	1,994	2,053	218	220	0.0	0.0	8.5	9.5
Ohio	27,841	27,495	2,266	2,233	631	614	2.0	5.5	16.0	25.0
Pennsylvania	23,045	23,503	2,382	2,438	549	573	5.0	2.5	15.5	18.5
Texas	17,307	18,812	2,271	2,249	393	423	2.0	3.5	21.0	23.5
UNITED STATES	338,573	341,047	2,234	2,241	7,563	7,643	4.3	4.2	22.1	25.3

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2006 totaled 800 million, 1 percent below July 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 660 million on August 1, 2006, 1 percent less than a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.46 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2006, 3 percent below July 2005.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	2005	2006	2006 2005
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	116,085	115,628	100
Arkansas	112,523	108,898	97
Delaware	15,103	14,371	95
Florida	5,068	5,007	99
Georgia	121,744	127,517	105
Kentucky	25,826	25,776	100
Louisiana	15,225	14,532	95
Maryland	32,776	32,462	99
Mississippi	72,443	66,492	92
North Carolina	66,046	67,743	103
Oklahoma	23,992	22,256	93
Pennsylvania	14,384	14,600	102
South Carolina	18,746	19,330	103
Texas	56,826	54,443	96
Virginia	23,969	23,653	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	65,947	65,384	99
Other States ^{1/}	21,679	22,040	102
UNITED STATES	808,382	800,132	99

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

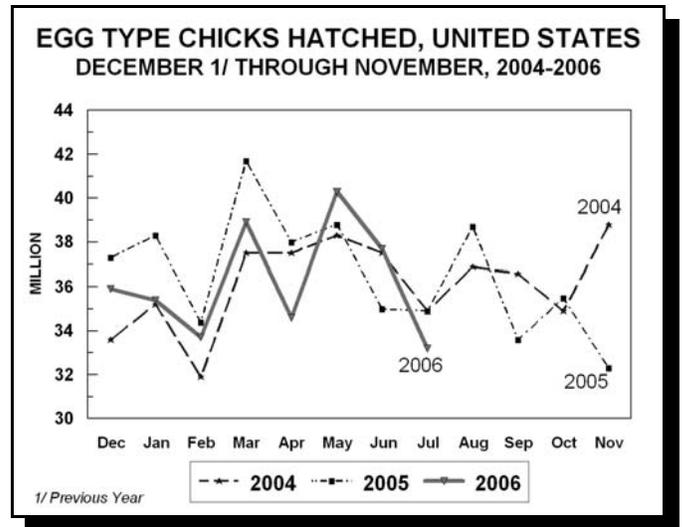
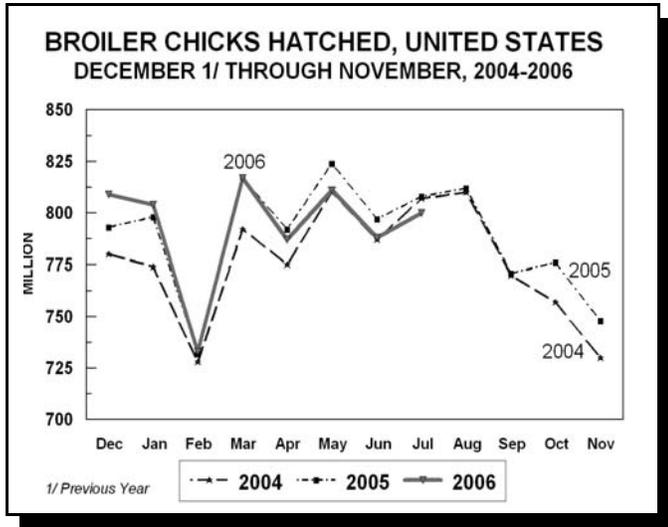
Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2006 totaled 33.2 million, 5 percent less than July 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.4 million on August 1, 2006, 14 percent below a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 320 thousand during July 2006, 32 percent above July 2005.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	2005	2006	2006 2005
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,258	2,195	97
Indiana	4,623	4,569	99
Iowa	6,747	6,117	91
Minnesota	1,100	754	69
Pennsylvania	4,227	3,736	88
Other States ^{1/}	15,528	15,197	98
UNITED STATES	34,897	33,224	95

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U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, AUGUST 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,692	12,508	99	5,577	5,371	96
East North Central	9,153	9,188	100	6,917	6,368	92
West North Central	24,404	23,526	96	7,207	6,776	94
South Atlantic	238,363	243,475	102	4,102	3,377	82
South Central	353,295	346,003	98	6,444	5,289	82
West	26,180	25,430	97	6,383	4,197	66
UNITED STATES	664,087	660,130	99	36,630	31,378	86

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 30.7 million, 1 percent above August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 5 percent from the July 1, 2006 total of 32.2 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central up slightly, West North Central up 3 percent, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, and South Central and West combined, down 4 percent.

The 25.6 million poults placed during July 2006 in the United States were 4 percent above the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were 1 percent below June 2006. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central up 2 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 9 percent, and South Central and West was up 3 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators August 1		2006	Poults Placed During July 1/		2006
	2005	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
East No. Central	4,864	4,876	100	3,625	3,712	102
West No. Central	11,617	11,941	103	9,151	9,296	102
No. & So. Atlantic	9,198	9,362	102	7,614	8,311	109
So. Central & West	4,720	4,521	96	4,143	4,256	103
UNITED STATES	30,399	30,700	101	24,533	25,575	104

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. 2/	23,376	24,692	106	153,120	162,022	106
Apr.	23,587	23,902	101	176,707	185,924	105
May	23,781	25,313	106	200,488	211,237	105
Jun. 2/	24,253	25,764	106	224,741	237,001	105
Jul.	24,533	25,575	104	249,274	262,576	105
Aug.	23,899			273,173		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

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

U.S. TURKEYS RAISED

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 is 265 million, 3 percent more than the number raised during 2005.

Minnesota, at 45.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any State, showing a 1 percent increase over last year. North Carolina ranks second with 37.0 million birds, 3 percent above 2005. Arkansas is in third place by producing 30.0 million birds, 3 percent more than a year ago. Virginia, at 22.5 million birds, is up 7 percent from 2005. Missouri growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2006, 5 percent more than the previous year. California expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 7 percent more than a year earlier.

TURKEYS RAISED IN 2005-06

State	Number		2006/2005
	2005	2006	
	Thousand Head		Percent
Arkansas	29,000	30,000	103
California	14,900	16,000	107
Illinois	2,900	2,700	93
Indiana	13,400	13,800	103
Iowa	9,600	10,000	104
Maryland	800	800	100
Massachusetts	57	54	95
Michigan	4,700	4,800	102
Minnesota	44,500	45,000	101
Missouri	20,500	21,500	105
New Jersey	37	34	92
New York	620	640	103
North Carolina	36,000	37,000	103
North Dakota	1,100	1,400	127
Ohio	5,700	5,500	96
Pennsylvania	11,500	10,000	87
South Carolina	8,000	11,000	138
South Dakota	4,600	4,400	96
Vermont	56	46	82
Virginia	21,000	22,500	107
West Virginia	2,400		
Other States 1/	24,900	27,700	111
UNITED STATES	256,270	264,874	103

1/ CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, WI, and WV (2006) combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2006	July 2006	
		Thousands			Percent		
					July 2005	June 2006	
PACIFIC COAST							
Turkeys	Lbs.	56,035	60,217	58,721	105	98	
Chickens	Lbs.	36,095	48,741	46,375	128	95	
Ducks	Lbs.	25	151	167	668	111	
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	92,155	109,109	105,263	114	96	
UNITED STATES							
Turkeys	Lbs.	518,879	507,465	511,024	98	101	
Chickens	Lbs.	722,192	781,273	753,291	104	96	
Ducks	Lbs.	2,523	6,126	7,510	298	123	
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,243,594	1,294,864	1,271,825	102	98	
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	19,611	22,062	23,611	120	107	

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average July price received by California producers, when compared to June average price, decreased 11.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the July market egg price, at 24.8 cents per dozen, decreased 12.2 cents from June and is 8.1 cents below July 2005. The July broiler price, at 40.0 cents per pound, is up 1.0 cent from June, but 4.0 cents below a year ago. The July turkey price, averaging 46.4 cents per pound, is up 0.6 of a cent from the previous month and up 1.8 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	37.0	47.0	36.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	44.0	39.0	40.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	32.9	37.0	24.8
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	44.6	45.8	46.4

^{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