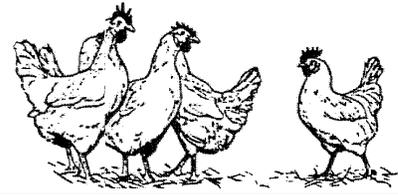


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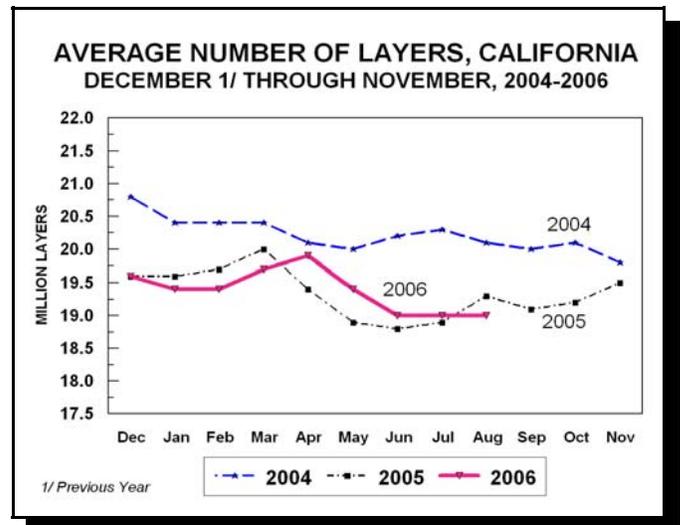
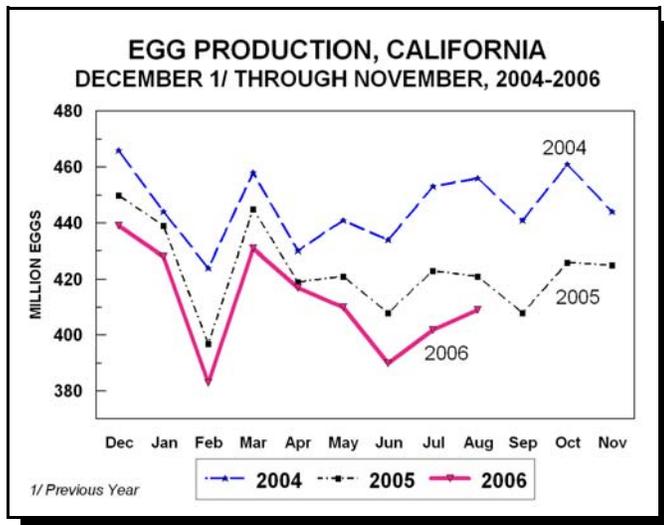
U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during August 2006, 1 percent above last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2006 averaged 341 million, slightly above last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, 1 percent more than August 2005.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 342 million on September 1, 2006, 1 percent above last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 72.6 eggs per 100 layers on September 1, 2006, 1 percent more than September 1, 2005.

CALIFORNIA AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 409 million, up 7.00 million from July's production, but 12.0 million below last August. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.0 million, a slight increase over last month, but 1 percent below August 2005. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,154 compared to 2,121 a month earlier and 2,186 in August 2005.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, FORCED MOLTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 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	9,074	8,615	1,862	1,962	169	169	2.0	0.0	5.0	4.5
Arkansas	14,186	13,988	1,995	1,966	283	275	3.0	2.0	10.5	8.0
California	19,260	18,986	2,186	2,154	421	409	9.5	5.0	31.0	37.0
Georgia	18,849	18,818	2,058	2,088	388	393	4.0	2.0	13.5	11.5
Indiana	23,525	24,357	2,176	2,250	512	548	2.5	3.0	28.5	32.0
Iowa	47,500	50,466	2,301	2,350	1,093	1,186	6.5	4.5	32.5	34.0
North Carolina	11,061	10,945	1,971	2,047	218	224	1.0	1.0	8.5	9.5
Ohio	28,000	27,716	2,286	2,190	640	607	3.5	3.0	18.0	28.0
Pennsylvania	23,371	23,260	2,323	2,425	543	564	5.0	2.5	17.0	17.0
Texas	17,359	18,789	2,252	2,251	391	423	3.0	3.0	21.5	25.5
UNITED STATES	339,351	341,007	2,218	2,239	7,528	7,635	4.4	3.4	22.4	25.8

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2006 totaled 809 million, slightly less than August 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 656 million on September 1, 2006, slightly above a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.63 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2006, 2 percent more than August 2005.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	2005	2006	$\frac{2006}{2005}$
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	117,170	117,638	100
Arkansas	112,714	110,145	98
Delaware	15,013	14,785	98
Florida	5,080	5,056	100
Georgia	121,747	127,237	105
Kentucky	26,252	27,274	104
Louisiana	15,225	14,562	96
Maryland	32,502	32,247	99
Mississippi	70,772	67,615	96
North Carolina	67,182	67,688	101
Oklahoma	24,341	22,952	94
Pennsylvania	15,184	14,748	97
South Carolina	18,634	19,492	105
Texas	55,091	55,149	100
Virginia	23,544	23,668	101
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	68,013	66,279	97
Other States ^{1/}	24,010	22,749	95
UNITED STATES	812,474	809,284	100

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

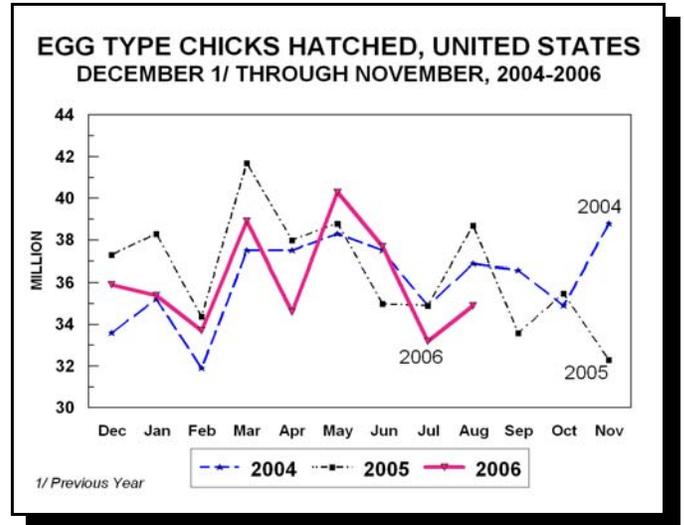
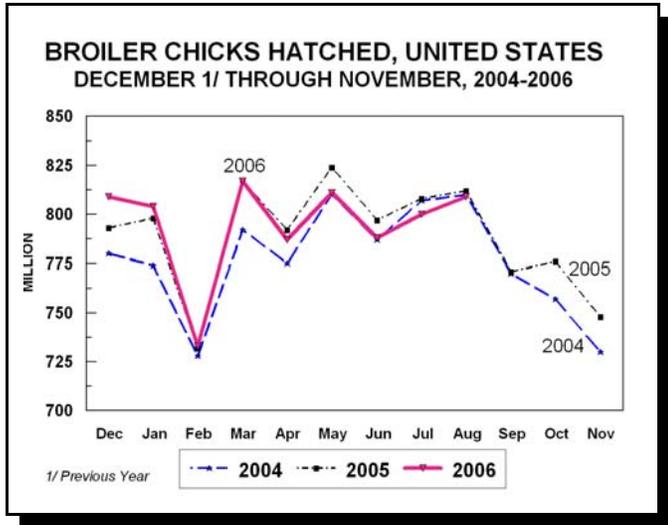
Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2006 totaled 34.9 million, 10 percent below August 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on September 1, 2006, 4 percent more than a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 253 thousand during August 2006, 3 percent below August 2005.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	2005	2006	$\frac{2006}{2005}$
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,311	2,069	90
Indiana	5,460	4,918	90
Iowa	6,579	6,694	102
Minnesota	1,130	975	86
Pennsylvania	5,841	5,057	87
Other States ^{1/}	17,379	15,179	87
UNITED STATES	38,700	34,892	90

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U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2005	2006	$\frac{2006}{2005}$	2005	2006	$\frac{2006}{2005}$
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,475	12,296	99	5,316	6,681	126
East North Central	9,102	9,120	100	5,818	6,915	119
West North Central	24,336	24,343	100	6,855	8,060	118
South Atlantic	236,215	242,346	103	3,950	4,615	117
South Central	346,762	344,088	99	5,235	4,849	93
West	25,899	24,140	93	7,331	4,703	64
UNITED STATES	654,789	656,333	100	34,505	35,823	104

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average August price received by California producers, when compared to the July average price, increased 14.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

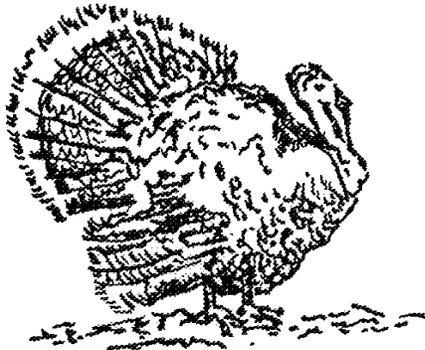
Nationally, the August market egg prices, at 38.8 cents per dozen, increased 14.0 cents from July and 12.2 cents from August 2005. The August broiler price, at 42.0 cents per pound, is up 2.0 cents from July, but 2.0 cents below a year ago. The August turkey price, averaging 49.1 cents per pound, is up 2.7 cents from the previous month and 2.6 cents above a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	37.0	36.0	50.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	44.0	40.0	42.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	26.6	24.8	38.8
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	46.5	46.4	49.1

^{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

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 29.5 million on September 1, 2006, 5 percent above September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 4 percent from the August 1, 2006 total of 30.8 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central up 5 percent, West North Central up 3 percent, North and South Atlantic up 7 percent, and South Central and West up 5 percent.

The 25.1 million poults placed during August 2006 in the United States were up 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were 2 percent below July 2006. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central up 2 percent, West North Central up 5 percent, North and South Atlantic up 11 percent, and South Central and West down 4 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators September 1		2006 2005	Poults Placed During Aug. ^{1/}		2006 2005
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,601	4,830	105	3,843	3,928	102
W N Central	11,046	11,367	103	9,394	9,848	105
N & S Atlantic	8,585	9,144	107	7,078	7,861	111
S Central & West	3,954	4,160	105	3,584	3,452	96
U.S.	28,186	29,501	105	23,899	25,089	105

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

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

Month	Total All Breeds ^{2/}		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.	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
June	24,253	25,764	106	224,741	237,001	105
July	24,533	25,631	104	249,274	262,632	105
Aug.	23,899	25,089	105	273,173	287,721	105

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised July 2005-06 data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	August 31, 2005	July 31, 2006	August 31, 2006	Aug. 2006 Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006 July 2006
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	57,199	58,722	63,901	112	109
Chickens	Lbs.	35,560	46,359	44,391	125	96
Ducks	Lbs.	38	167	158	416	95
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	92,797	105,248	108,450	117	103
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	523,120	512,223	500,546	96	98
Chickens	Lbs.	705,528	727,855	714,556	101	98
Ducks	Lbs.	2,622	7,506	7,288	278	97
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,231,270	1,247,584	1,222,390	99	98
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	19,938	23,596	21,246	107	90