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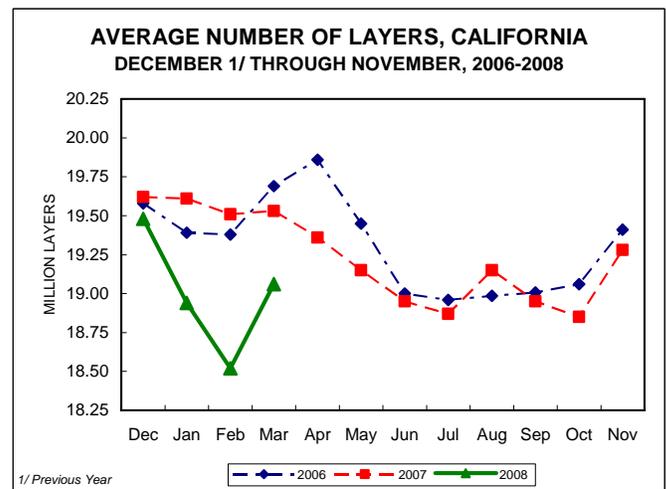
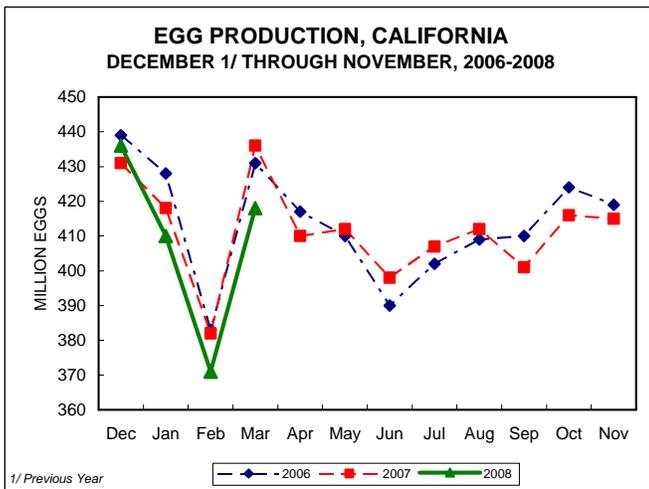
U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.68 billion during March 2008, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.53 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.08 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2008 averaged 342 million, down 2 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,244 eggs, up slightly from March 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2008 totaled 342 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2008, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from April 1, 2007.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during March totaled 418 million, an increase of 47.0 million from February's production, but 18.0 million below March 2007. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.1 million, up 3 percent from last month, but 2 percent below March 2007. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,193 compared to 2,003 a month earlier and 2,233 in March 2007.



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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,371	9,545	1,921	1,928	180	184	0.5	0.5	5.5	5.0
Arkansas	14,602	13,936	2,000	1,952	292	272	1.5	1.5	13.0	8.0
California	19,526	19,060	2,233	2,193	436	418	1.0	3.0	32.0	32.0
Georgia	19,780	19,337	2,154	2,100	426	406	1.0	1.5	16.5	12.0
Indiana	25,081	24,415	2,277	2,306	571	563	3.5	2.0	33.5	33.0
Iowa	52,367	53,500	2,217	2,236	1,161	1,196	3.0	2.5	36.5	32.0
North Carolina	11,877	12,678	2,054	2,106	244	267	0.0	0.5	8.0	8.0
Ohio	27,687	26,080	2,304	2,350	638	613	2.5	1.5	25.0	15.0
Pennsylvania	22,679	21,766	2,416	2,435	548	530	3.0	2.5	11.0	11.5
Texas	18,895	19,118	2,297	2,249	434	430	2.0	3.5	22.5	23.5
UNITED STATES	348,201	342,040	2,242	2,244	7,806	7,675	2.8	2.5	23.5	21.4

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2008 totaled 833 million, up 3 percent from March 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 674 million on April 1, 2008, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.09 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2008, down 1 percent from March 2007.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	113,341	117,903	104
Arkansas	102,806	104,873	102
Delaware	14,732	14,451	98
Florida	5,007	5,215	104
Georgia	125,524	127,686	102
Kentucky	27,469	28,439	104
Louisiana	14,310	14,648	102
Maryland	31,705	33,458	106
Mississippi	70,717	71,018	100
North Carolina	71,172	73,340	103
Oklahoma	25,792	23,807	92
Pennsylvania	14,142	15,110	107
South Carolina	19,720	20,254	103
Texas	54,814	59,560	109
Virginia	22,726	23,560	104
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	73,912	74,542	101
Other States 1/	21,457	25,035	117
UNITED STATES	809,346	832,899	103

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2008 totaled 39.5 million, up 3 percent from March 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.6 million on April 1, 2008, down 2 percent from a year ago.

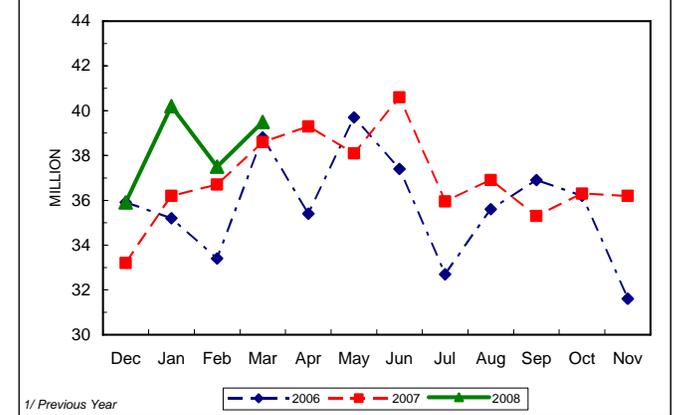
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 245 thousand during March 2008, down 22 percent from March 2007.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,356	2,342	99
Indiana	5,408	5,174	96
Iowa	7,817	7,520	96
Minnesota	836	933	112
Pennsylvania	5,560	4,698	84
Other States 1/	16,584	18,880	114
UNITED STATES	38,561	39,547	103

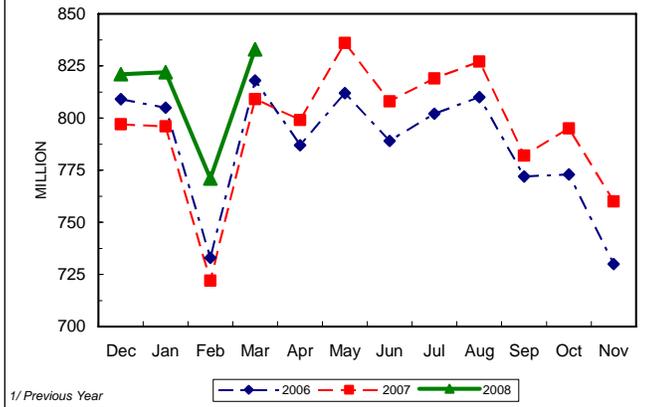
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**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008**



1/ Previous Year

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1/ Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,780	12,991	110	6,812	4,792	70
East North Central	9,750	12,094	124	7,600	7,532	99
West North Central	29,305	29,348	100	8,581	9,237	108
South Atlantic	247,619	250,185	101	4,323	4,765	110
South Central	343,587	343,441	100	6,025	5,373	89
West	26,249	25,628	98	4,885	5,925	121
UNITED STATES	668,290	673,687	101	38,226	37,624	98

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

California mid-month market egg price for March 2008 was \$1.33 per dozen, 8.0 cents above the February mid-month price and up 62.0 cents from March 2007.

Nationally, the March market egg price, at \$1.30 per dozen, increased 8.0 cents from February and is 61.9 cents above March 2007. The March broiler price, at 51.0 cents per pound, is up 1.0 cent from February and a year ago. The March turkey price, at 52.9 cents per pound, is up 5.4 cents from the previous month and up 8.6 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	71.0	125.0	133.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	50.0	50.0	51.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	68.1	122.0	130.0
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	44.3	47.5	52.9

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.

The 26.2 million net poult placements during March 2008 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 5 percent from February 2008's total of 25.0 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators April 1		2008 2007	Eggs Hatched During Mar.		2008 2007
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,924	4,586	93	4,325	3,945	91
W N Central	11,862	11,415	96	10,192	10,165	100
N & S Atlantic	10,195	11,499	113	8,576	8,816	103
S Central & West	4,681	4,355	93	3,696	3,913	106
U.S.	31,662	31,855	101	26,789	26,839	100

1/ Regions (No. & So. Atlantic and So. Central & West) combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

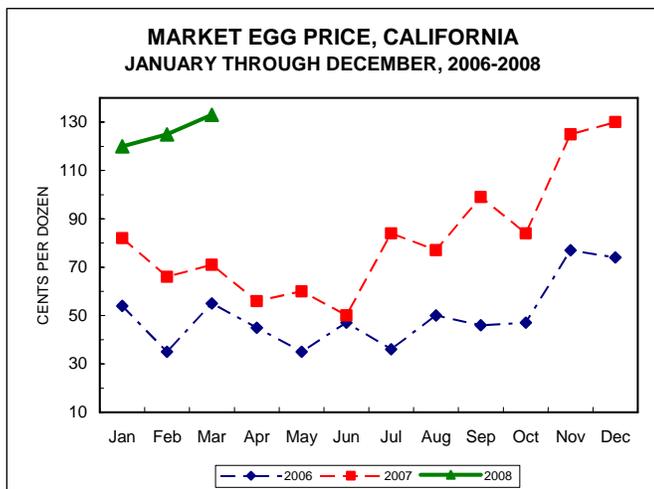
NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/ 2/

Month	Total All Breeds		2007-08	Cumulative Total		2007-08
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,534	24,073	102	23,534	24,073	102
Oct.	24,891	25,222	101	48,425	49,295	102
Nov.	23,792	24,755	104	72,217	74,050	103
Dec.	23,879	24,091	101	96,096	98,141	102
Jan.	26,068	26,067	100	122,164	124,208	102
Feb. 3/	24,249	25,011	103	146,413	149,219	102
Mar.	26,433	26,221	99	172,846	175,440	102
Apr.	26,034			198,880		
May	27,266			226,146		
June	26,282			252,428		
July	27,258			279,686		
Aug.	26,523			306,209		

1/ Includes imports, but excludes exports.

2/ Includes 2007 revised data.

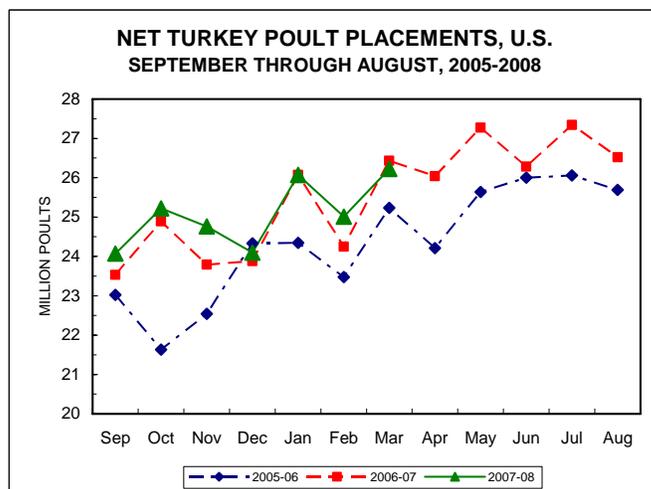
3/ Revised 2008 data only.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 31.9 million, up 1 percent from April 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were down slightly from the March 1, 2008 total of 32.0 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 7 percent, West North Central down 4 percent, North and South Atlantic up 13 percent, and South Central and West down 7 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during March 2008, in the United States totaled 26.8 million, up slightly from March 2007. Poults hatched were up 4 percent from February 2008's total of 25.0 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central down slightly, North and South Atlantic up 3 percent, and South Central and West up 6 percent.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 31, 2007	February 29, 2008	March 31, 2008	Mar. 2008 Mar. 2007	Mar. 2008 Feb. 2008
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	17,891	23,124	24,614	138	106
Chickens	Lbs.	23,965	40,294	39,289	164	98
Ducks	Lbs.	46	807	523	1,137	65
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	41,902	64,225	64,426	154	100
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	346,784	416,694	430,506	124	103
Chickens	Lbs.	600,866	760,831	789,372	131	104
Ducks	Lbs.	5,660	5,228	4,197	74	80
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	953,310	1,182,753	1,224,075	128	103
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	14,632	16,732	15,502	106	93



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