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Eggs in Incubators on March 1 Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2010, in the United States totaled 26.9 million, down 4 percent from March 1, 2009. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the February 1, 2010 total of 26.8 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down slightly, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 7 percent, and South Central and West down 22 percent.

Poults Hatched During February Down 7 Percent from Last Year

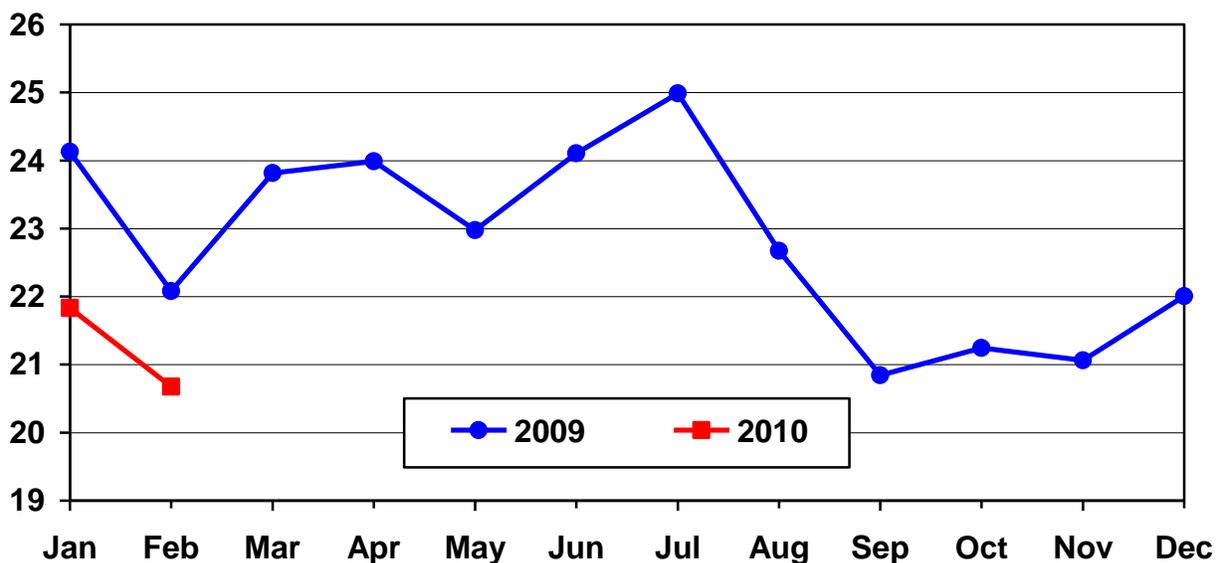
Turkey poults hatched during February 2010, in the United States totaled 21.3 million, down 7 percent from February 2009. Poults hatched were down 5 percent from the January 2010 total of 22.5 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 11 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic down 10 percent, and South Central and West down 26 percent.

Net Poults Placed During February Down 6 Percent from Last Year

The 20.7 million net poults placed during February 2010 in the United States were down 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 5 percent from the January 2010 total of 21.8 million.

U.S. Turkey Net Poult Placements

Million Poults



Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, March 2010

Region	Mar 1 2009	Feb 1 2010 ¹	Mar 1 2010	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	4,232	3,792	4,230	100	112
W N Central	11,531	11,389	11,641	101	102
N & S Atlantic ²	9,497	9,291	8,808	93	95
S Central & West ²	2,883	2,283	2,237	78	98
US	28,143	26,755	26,916	96	101

¹ Revised.

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Poults Hatched: Entire Month by Region and United States, February 2010

Region	Feb 2009	Jan 2010 ¹	Feb 2010	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	3,509	3,112	3,118	89	100
W N Central	9,165	9,507	9,347	102	98
N & S Atlantic ²	7,754	7,625	7,006	90	92
S Central & West ²	2,439	2,216	1,800	74	81
US	22,867	22,460	21,271	93	95

¹ Revised.

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Net Poult Placements: By Month, United States, 2008-2010 ¹

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2008-2009	2009-2010		2008-2009	2009-2010	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	22,515	20,843	93	22,515	20,843	93
Oct	22,165	21,245	96	44,680	42,088	94
Nov	20,702	21,061	102	65,382	63,149	97
Dec	23,179	22,004	95	88,561	85,153	96
Jan ²	24,131	21,833	90	112,692	106,986	95
Feb	22,079	20,675	94	134,771	127,661	95
Mar	23,817			158,588		
Apr	23,988			182,576		
May	22,975			205,551		
Jun	24,107			229,658		
Jul	24,989			254,647		
Aug	22,674			277,321		

¹ Includes imports and excludes exports.

² Revised 2010 data only.

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Reliability of Turkey Hatchery Estimates

Survey Procedures: Data for turkey hatchery estimates are collected from all known turkey hatcheries. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known turkey hatcheries and use known sources of hatcheries to update their lists. Approximately 40 hatcheries are contacted each month. All known turkey hatcheries are mailed a questionnaire as close to the first of the month as possible and given adequate time to respond via mail, fax, or electronic data reporting (EDR). Those that do not respond are contacted by phone. Care is exercised to ensure that all hatcheries are accounted for in the estimate.

Estimating Procedures: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive the estimates from reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, regional, and U.S. totals. Only regional and U.S. level estimates are published due to the limited number of hatcheries involved. The Net Poultry Placement data includes imported poults and excludes exported poults.

Cumulative net poultry placements beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31 are shown in the monthly "**Turkey Hatchery**" report. This time period corresponds with the placements of poults which will reach maturity and be available for slaughter during the calendar year.

States reporting turkey hatcheries are: Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions to the previous month are published in the monthly "**Turkey Hatchery**" report, while annual revisions are published in the "**Hatchery Production - Annual Summary**" report in April.

Reliability: Turkey hatchery estimates are based on a census of all known operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for turkey eggs in incubators on the first day of the month over the past 24 months is 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 26.9 million eggs by more than 1.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.9 percent.

Reliability of U.S. March Turkey Hatchery Estimates ¹

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90 Percent Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Latest Estimates			Number of Months	
				Average	Smallest	Largest	First Above Latest	First Below Latest
Eggs In Incubators	1.1	1.9	519	184	0	877	7	14
Poults Hatched	0.4	0.7	155	57	0	289	9	9
Net Poultry Placements	1.0	1.7	354	178	48	570	13	11

¹ Based on data for the past 24 months.

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