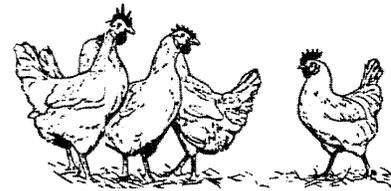


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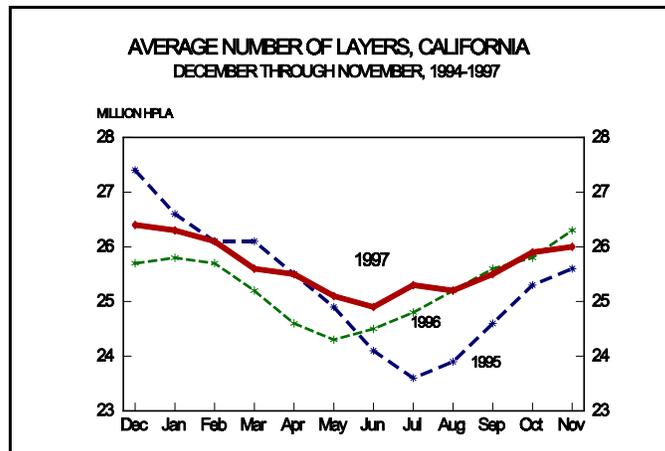
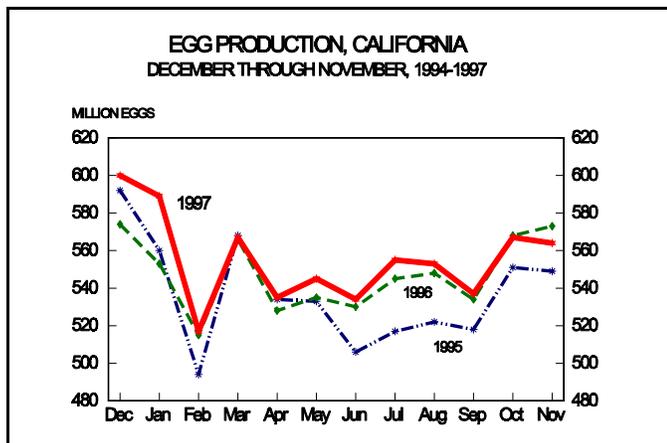
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U.S. NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 6.56 billion during November 1997, up 2 percent from the 6.41 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.56 billion table eggs and 997 million hatching eggs, of which 940 million were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 1997 averaged 309 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers during November 1996. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,122 eggs, down slightly from November 1996. All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 1997 totaled 311 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 311 million layers consisted of 256 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.50 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 1997 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, down fractionally from the 71.3 a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production states produced 6.21 billion eggs during November, up 2 percent from November 1996. The average number of layers during November, at 293 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during November totaled 564 million, 3.00 million less than last month, and 9.00 million less than last November. Average number of layers during the month totaled 26.0 million, fractionally below November 1996. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,170, compared to 2,191 last month and 2,176 in November 1996.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING NOVEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF DECEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		---- Percent ----			
Alabama	10,364	10,419	1,959	1,939	203	202	0.5	0.0	14.5	20.5
Arkansas	14,628	14,399	1,907	1,820	279	262	2.5	2.5	11.0	16.5
California	26,331	25,991	2,176	2,170	573	564	4.5	3.5	41.5	40.0
Georgia	19,016	20,573	2,040	2,076	388	427	0.0	5.5	24.0	16.5
Indiana	20,774	22,028	2,258	2,197	469	484	2.0	2.0	21.0	26.0
Iowa	20,310	21,495	2,142	2,205	435	474	4.5	3.5	32.5	35.0
North Carolina	12,452	11,729	1,887	1,833	235	215	0.0	0.0	12.0	15.5
Ohio	25,986	26,629	2,186	2,216	568	590	1.0	1.5	13.0	14.0
Pennsylvania	21,170	22,193	2,239	2,253	474	500	1.0	3.0	21.0	19.5
Texas	16,707	17,248	2,101	2,076	351	358	1.5	1.5	24.0	20.5
United States	301,604	308,929	2,125	2,122	6,409	6,555	2.1	2.8	23.5	24.1

U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 3 PERCENT

The November 1997 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 648 million, was up 3 percent from November of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 594 million on December 1, 1997, up 4 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.35 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 1997, down 2 percent from November 1996.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> 1996
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	81,704	83,836	103
Arkansas	95,670	98,622	103
Delaware	14,955	14,591	98
Florida	9,411	9,440	100
Georgia	94,824	95,912	101
Maryland	28,449	27,837	98
Mississippi	54,273	57,879	107
North Carolina	57,416	56,038	98
Pennsylvania	11,392	11,697	103
South Carolina	14,622	14,620	100
Texas	38,553	41,141	107
Virginia	21,259	21,706	102
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	33,704	35,230	105
Washington & Oregon	5,045	4,909	97
Other States ^{1/}	69,865	74,662	107
UNITED STATES	631,142	648,120	103

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN 12 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 27.8 million, down 12 percent from November 1996. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.0 million on December 1, 1997, up 7 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 124 thousand during November 1997, down 41 percent from the 210 thousand of November 1996.

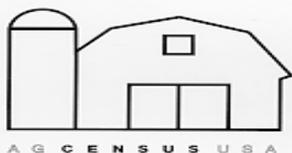
EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> 1996
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	655	645	98
Florida	1,110	835	75
Georgia	1,524	1,400	92
Indiana	6,643	5,529	83
Iowa	3,606	3,545	98
Kansas	334	292	87
Minnesota	1,961	1,483	76
Missouri	341	360	106
Pennsylvania	3,729	4,128	111
Other States ^{1/}	11,534	9,586	83
UNITED STATES	31,437	27,803	88

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, DECEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> 1996	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> 1996
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
North Atlantic	11,983	11,798	98	5,080	5,383	106
East North Central	7,841	7,354	94	8,471	9,321	110
West North Central	21,758	21,955	101	5,863	6,251	107
South Atlantic	223,454	225,969	101	4,253	4,505	106
South Central	285,651	304,025	106	3,002	3,551	118
West	22,808	22,884	100	4,101	3,949	96
UNITED STATES	573,495	593,985	104	30,770	32,960	107



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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE					
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12:00 NOON RELEASE (* 5:30 AM PST RELEASE)					
JANUARY	9	Cotton Ginnings *	FEBRUARY	4	Dairy Products
		Crop Production *		11	Cotton Ginnings *
	13	Crop Production - Annual *			Crop Production *
		Grain Stocks *		13	Potato Stocks
		Rice Stocks *			Crop Values
		Winter Wheat & Rye Seedings *			Cattle On Feed
		Potato Stocks		20	Cold Storage - Annual
	15	Milk Production			Cold Storage
	16	Turkeys			Farm Labor
		Vegetables		23	Honey
		Vegetables - Annual		24	Chickens & Eggs
	21	Cold Storage			
	22	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts Summary			
	23	Cattle On Feed			
	26	Cotton Ginnings *			
	29	Layers & Egg Production - Annual			
	30	Cattle			
		Sheep & Goats			
		Chickens & Eggs			
MARCH	6	Livestock Slaughter - Annual	APRIL	9	Vegetables
	12	Crop Production *			Crop Production *
	13	Cattle On Feed		14	Potato Stocks
		Potato Stocks		15	Hatchery Production - Annual
	20	Cold Storage		17	Cattle On Feed
	23	Chickens & Eggs			Sheep
	25	Cotton Ginnings *		20	Cold Storage
	27	Hogs & Pigs		24	Chickens & Eggs
	31	Grain Stocks *			Meat Animals - Prod./Disp./Income
		Rice Stocks *			Dairy Production - Annual
		Prospective Plantings *		27	Floriculture Crops
MAY	12	Cotton Ginnings - Annual *	JUNE	12	Crop Production *
		Crop Production *		19	Cattle On Feed
	15	Cattle On Feed			Cold Storage
	18	Milk Prod./Disp./Income		23	Chickens & Eggs
	20	Cold Storage		26	Hogs & Pigs
		Ag. Chemical Usage - Field Crops			Almond Production (Tent.)
	22	Chickens & Eggs		30	Grain Stocks *
		Farm Labor			Acreage *
JULY	7	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts - Annual	AUGUST	12	Cotton Ginnings *
	9	Vegetables			Crop Production *
	10	Crop Production *		14	Cattle On Feed
	17	Cattle		21	Cold Storage
		Cattle On Feed			Farm Labor
		Sheep		24	Chickens & Eggs
	20	Cold Storage		28	Rice Stocks *
		Farm Production Expenditures			
	21	Ag. Chemical Usage - Fruits			
		Chickens & Eggs			
	23	Ag. Prices - Annual			
SEPTEMBER	4	Walnut Production (Tent.)	OCTOBER	8	Vegetables
	10	Vegetables		9	Cotton Ginnings *
	11	Crop Production *			Crop Production *
		Cotton Ginnings *		16	Cattle On Feed
	18	Cattle On Feed		20	Cold Storage
		Cold Storage		23	Chickens & Eggs
	22	Chickens & Eggs			Cotton Ginnings *
	23	Citrus Fruits		30	Rice Stocks *
	25	Cotton Ginnings *			
		Hogs & Pigs			
	30	Small Grain Summary *			
		Grain Stocks *			
NOVEMBER	10	Cotton Ginnings *	DECEMBER	11	Cotton Ginnings *
		Crop Production *			Crop Production *
	13	Cattle On Feed		18	Cattle On Feed
		Sheep			Cold Storage
	20	Farm Labor		21	Chickens & Eggs
		Cold Storage		23	Cotton Ginnings *
	23	Chickens & Eggs		29	Hogs & Pigs
	25	Cotton Ginnings *			

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	November 1996	October 1997 <u>a/</u>	November 1997	Nov. 1997 Nov. 1996	Nov. 1997 Oct. 1997
		---- Thousands ----			-- Percent --	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	40,677	124,972	65,257	160	52
Chickens	Lbs.	29,960	45,073	41,929	140	93
Ducks	Lbs.	479	525	152	32	29
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	71,116	170,570	107,338	151	63
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	347,771	736,641	431,579	124	59
Chickens	Lbs.	574,360	587,304	612,506	107	104
Ducks	Lbs.	1,866	2,461	1,961	105	80
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	923,997	1,326,406	1,046,046	113	79
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	10,351	10,915	10,198	99	93

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