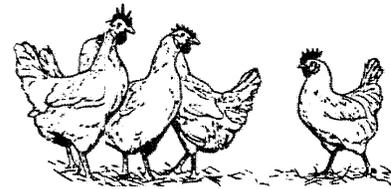


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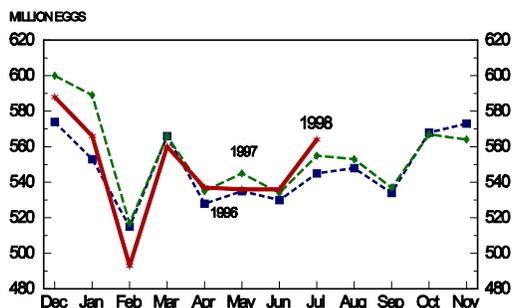
U.S. JULY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.68 billion during July 1998, up 4 percent from the 6.44 billion produced in 1997. Production included 5.64 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 982 million were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 1998 averaged 308 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during July 1997. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,172 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,155 eggs in July 1997. On August 1, 1998, all layers in the U.S. totaled 307 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 307 million layers consisted of 250 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 1998 averaged 70.2 eggs per 100 layers on August 1, 1998, up 1 percent from the 69.6 a year ago.

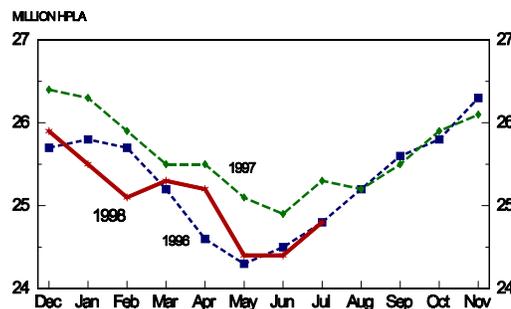
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during July totaled 564 million, 28.0 million more than last month and 9.00 million more than last July. Average number of layers during the month totaled 24.8 million, 2 percent below July 1997. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,278, compared to 2,199 last month and 2,198 in July 1997.

**EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998**



**AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998**



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	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		---- Percent ----			
Alabama	10,853	10,619	1,963	1,865	213	198	3.0	1.0	14.0	9.0
Arkansas	14,266	14,614	1,837	1,841	262	269	3.0	3.5	9.5	8.0
California	25,255	24,758	2,198	2,278	555	564	10.5	6.0	36.0	34.5
Georgia	19,568	21,131	2,090	1,992	409	421	1.5	5.5	22.5	16.0
Indiana	21,108	21,522	2,293	2,342	484	504	1.0	2.5	20.5	33.0
Iowa	21,253	23,095	2,216	2,247	471	519	2.0	5.0	23.5	32.0
North Carolina	12,030	11,314	1,929	1,918	232	217	3.0	2.0	12.0	9.5
Ohio	25,152	27,750	2,242	2,220	564	616	3.0	5.0	12.5	13.0
Pennsylvania	20,675	21,148	2,268	2,345	469	496	3.5	4.0	13.5	18.5
Texas	16,598	16,692	2,127	2,157	353	360	3.5	3.5	27.0	24.0
United States	298,944	307,574	2,155	2,172	6,443	6,680	3.5	3.9	22.0	21.7

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The July 1998 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 723 million, was up 2 percent from July of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 605 million on August 1, 1998, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 1998. This was down 6 percent from the relatively high level of 7.17 million in July 1997.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	1997	1998	<u>1998</u> <u>1997</u>
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	92,756	93,312	101
Arkansas	106,429	104,738	98
Delaware	16,807	16,520	98
Florida	9,515	8,754	92
Georgia	109,334	110,602	101
Maryland	31,279	31,342	100
Mississippi	62,892	64,000	102
North Carolina	62,098	62,387	100
Pennsylvania	12,958	13,198	102
South Carolina	15,587	15,592	100
Texas	46,165	46,615	101
Virginia	24,224	24,245	100
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	36,808	39,335	107
Other States ^{1/}	83,847	92,712	111
UNITED STATES	710,699	723,352	102

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

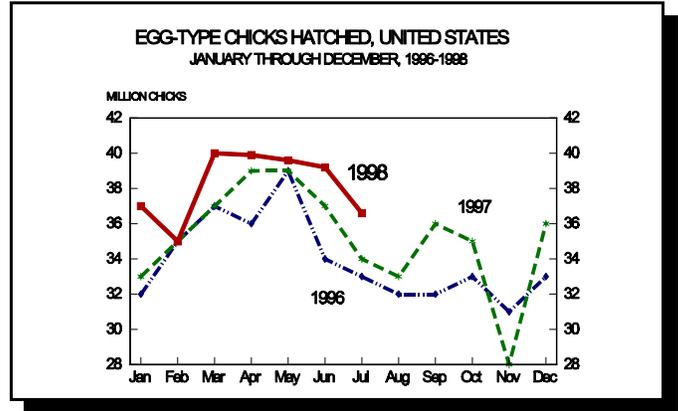
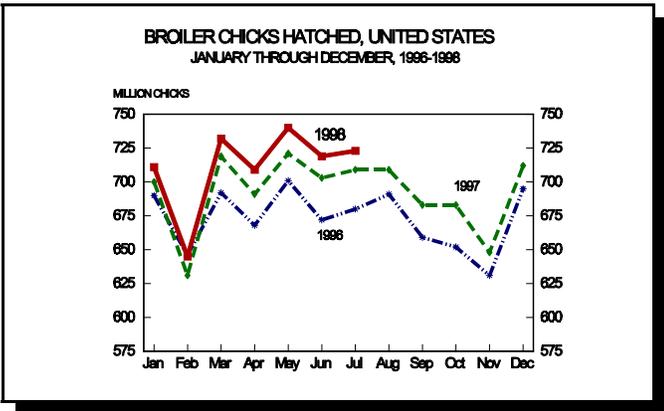
Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 36.6 million, up 8 percent from July 1997. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.9 million on August 1, 1998, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 267 thousand during July 1998. This was up 29 percent from the 207 thousand of July 1997.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	1997	1998	<u>1998</u> <u>1997</u>
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	807	759	94
Florida	1,128	646	57
Georgia	1,960	2,009	103
Indiana	6,270	7,403	118
Iowa	4,865	4,377	90
Kansas	285	278	98
Minnesota	1,794	1,659	92
Missouri	402	402	100
Pennsylvania	4,670	5,940	127
Other States ^{1/}	11,657	13,094	112
UNITED STATES	33,838	36,567	108

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



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, AUGUST 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1998/1997
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
North Atlantic	12,589	11,838	94	5,365	4,445	83
East North Central	7,476	8,533	114	7,406	7,935	107
West North Central	22,217	22,223	100	5,148	5,561	108
South Atlantic	229,161	232,295	101	4,272	3,655	86
South Central	298,366	306,322	103	3,153	2,893	92
West	21,783	24,076	111	2,930	4,369	149
UNITED STATES	591,592	605,287	102	28,274	28,858	102

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 31.6 million on August 1, 1998, down 10 percent from August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 7 percent from the July 1 total of 34.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, up 1 percent; W N Central, down 8 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 17 percent; S Central, down 7 percent; West, down 8 percent. The 26.2 million poults placed during July 1998 in the United States were down 13 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 3 percent from the June 1998 total of 27.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 3 percent; W N Central, down 6 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 25 percent; S Central, down 16 percent; West, down 8 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

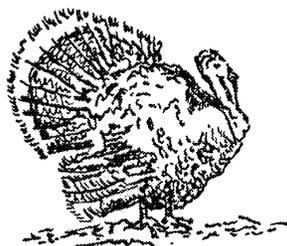
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators August 1		1998 1997	Poults Placed during July 1/		1998 1997
	1997	1998		1997	1998	
	- Thousands -		Pct.	- Thousands -		Pct.
E.N. Central	4,885	4,927	101	3,893	3,783	97
W.N. Central	10,716	9,881	92	9,104	8,566	94
N.&S. Atlantic	11,523	9,547	83	10,005	7,533	75
S. Central	3,974	3,685	93	3,320	2,805	84
West	3,858	3,541	92	3,770	3,473	92
U.S.	34,956	31,581	90	30,092	26,160	87

1/ Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		97-98 96-97	Cumulative Total		97-98 96-97
	1996-97	1997-98		1996-97	1997-98	
	- Thousands -		Percent	- Thousands -		Percent
Sept.	24,154	23,907	99	24,154	23,907	99
Oct.	25,354	24,587	97	49,508	48,494	98
Nov.	23,830	23,281	98	73,338	71,775	98
Dec.	27,119	25,711	95	100,457	97,486	97
Jan.	27,121	26,240	97	127,578	123,726	97
Feb.	27,145	25,093	92	154,723	148,819	96
Mar.	27,610	26,362	95	182,333	175,181	96
Apr.	28,220	25,747	91	210,553	200,928	95
May	29,111	25,677	88	239,664	226,605	95
June	28,381	26,974	95	268,045	253,579	95
July	30,092	26,160	87	298,137	279,739	94
Aug.	26,321			324,458		

1/ Excludes exported poults.



U.S. TURKEYS RAISED DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM 1997

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 1998 is 285 million, down 5 percent from the 301 million raised during 1997.

The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 1998:

North Carolina is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 49.5 million birds, 7 percent less than 1997.

Minnesota ranks second with 44.5 million, down 2 percent from last year.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 27.0 million birds, 10 percent less than a year ago.

Virginia is now the nation's fourth largest producing state with 26.0 million birds, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Missouri is in fifth place with 23.0 million birds, a 5 percent increase from last year's production.

California expects to raise 19.0 million turkeys, 10 percent below a year earlier.

TURKEYS RAISED IN 1997-98 1/

State	Number		1998/1997 Percent
	1997	1998	
	-- Thousand Head --		
AR	30,000	27,000	90
CA	21,000	19,000	90
CO	3,900	4,200	108
CT	5	5	100
IL	3,500	3,000	86
IN	14,500	14,300	99
MD & DE	740	740	100
MA	81	80	99
MN	45,500	44,500	98
MO	22,000	23,000	105
NH	15	15	100
NJ	74	71	96
NY	510	500	98
NC	53,500	49,500	93
ND	2,600	1,800	69
OH	6,700	6,500	97
PA	11,600	10,700	92
SC	11,200	9,800	88
SD	3,200	3,200	100
VT	39	42	108
VA	25,000	26,000	104
WV	4,500	4,300	96
Other States 2/	40,486	36,386	90
U.S.	300,650	284,639	95

1/ Revised 1997 figures.

2/ GA, IA, KS, MI, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average July prices received by California producers, when compared to June average prices, increased 3.5 cents for broilers. Prices for live turkeys remain unchanged. Prices for market eggs decreased 6.7 cents per dozen.

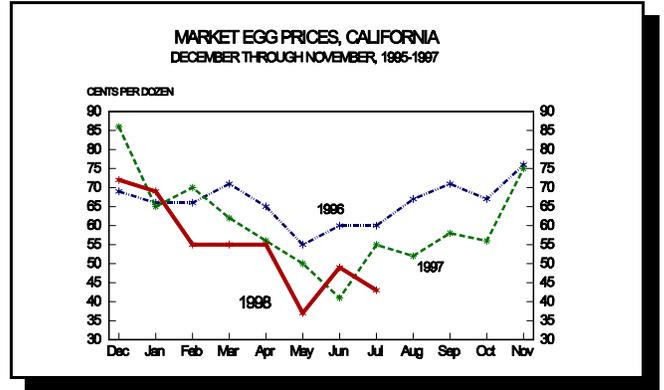
Nationally, the July average prices received by producers increased 2.9 cents per pound for broilers, but decreased 1.7 cents per dozen for market eggs. Turkeys increased 1.6 cents per pound.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	July 1997	June 15, 1998	July 15, 1998
--- Cents ---				
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	40.5	39.5	43.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	55.0	49.2	42.5
Turkeys	Lb.	40.0	37.0	37.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	40.1	40.3	43.2
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	52.5	44.9	43.2
Turkeys	Lb.	41.1	35.9	37.5

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/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	July 1997	June 1998 1/	July 1998	July 1998 / July 1997	July 1998 / June 1998
---- Thousands ----						
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	99,029	97,038	107,126	108	110
Chickens	Lbs.	44,737	29,768	25,747	58	86
Ducks	Lbs.	402	755	826	205	109
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	144,168	127,561	133,699	93	105
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	714,322	656,498	693,565	97	106
Chickens	Lbs.	666,066	592,696	564,149	85	95
Ducks	Lbs.	2,801	5,835	4,684	167	80
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,383,189	1,255,029	1,262,398	91	101
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	8,887	10,176	12,178	137	120

1/ Revised.