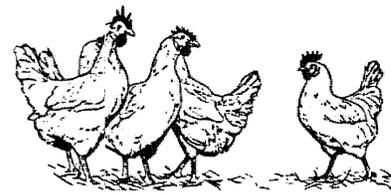


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## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

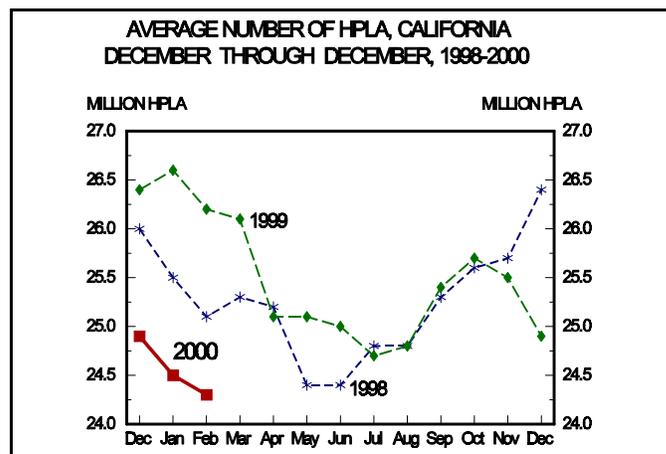
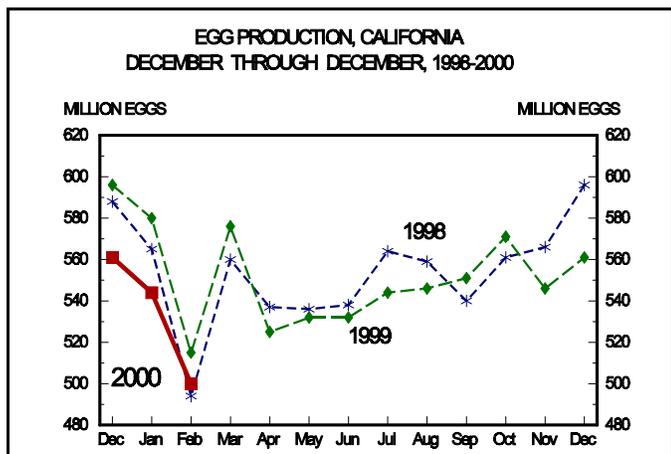
California's egg production during February totaled 500 million, 44.0 million less than last month and 15.0 million less than last February. Average number of layers during the month totaled 24.3 million, 1 percent below January 2000. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,054 compared to 2,219 last month and 1,963 in February 1999.

February 2000 contained 21 weekdays, one holiday, and four Saturdays compared to 20 weekdays, one holiday, and four Saturdays in 1999, as 2000 is a leap year.

## U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.66 billion during February 2000, up 6 percent from the 6.28 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.63 billion table eggs and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 969 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2000 averaged 330 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during February 1999. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,019 eggs, up 4 percent from 1,946 eggs in February 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2000 totaled 331 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 331 million layers consisted of 271 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2000 averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.6 a year ago.



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MARCH 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,612	10,684	1,772	1,788	188	191	1.5	4.5	13.0	8.5
Arkansas	15,275	15,483	1,709	1,847	261	286	1.5	6.0	9.5	9.0
California	26,238	24,343	1,963	2,054	515	500	7.5	5.0	36.5	42.5
Georgia	21,687	21,139	1,872	1,954	406	413	3.0	3.5	20.0	15.0
Indiana	22,095	22,755	2,010	2,114	444	481	3.0	2.5	30.0	29.0
Iowa	24,696	27,485	2,017	2,132	498	586	3.0	4.5	28.5	33.5
North Carolina	11,440	11,487	1,766	1,785	202	205	1.0	1.5	8.0	8.0
Ohio	30,627	32,158	1,907	2,009	584	646	2.0	1.5	16.0	14.0
Pennsylvania	22,790	23,250	2,089	2,103	476	489	4.5	3.5	17.5	20.0
Texas	17,384	17,756	1,910	1,949	332	346	5.5	3.0	17.0	13.0
UNITED STATES	322,797	329,892	1,946	2,019	6,281	6,662	3.3	3.6	21.8	22.1

**U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 6 PERCENT**

The February 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 701 million, was up 6 percent from February of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 621 million on March 1, 2000, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.00 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2000. This was up 2 percent from February 1999.

**U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED**

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 35.5 million, down slightly from February 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.1 million on March 1, 2000, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 251 thousand during February 2000. This was down 6 percent from February 1999.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY**

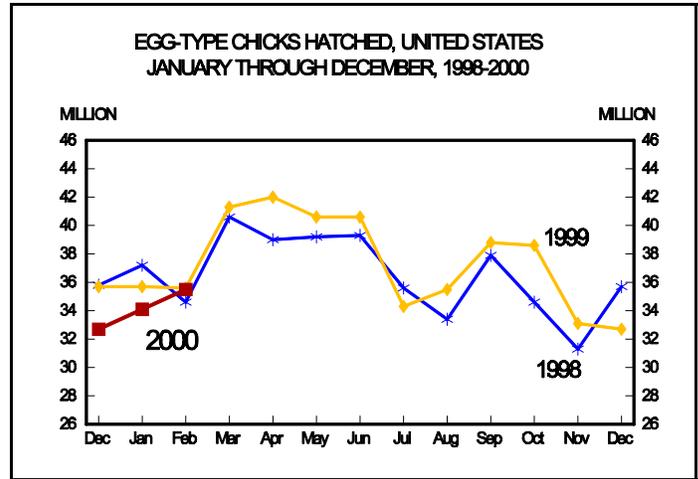
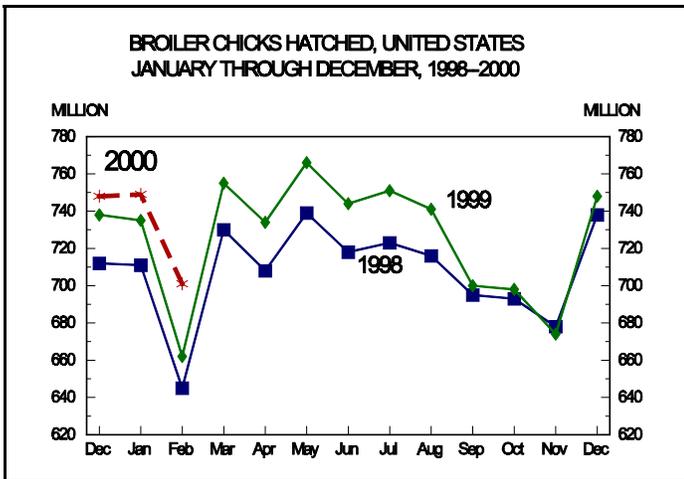
State	1999	2000	$\frac{2000}{1999}$
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	87,409	96,844	111
Arkansas	97,638	103,038	106
Delaware	13,660	14,678	107
Florida	8,738	8,893	102
Georgia	100,054	104,672	105
Maryland	27,908	27,842	100
Mississippi	58,341	61,003	105
North Carolina	56,808	57,013	100
Pennsylvania	11,618	12,004	103
South Carolina	14,233	15,595	110
Texas	43,312	48,704	112
Virginia	21,611	21,882	101
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	34,873	37,346	107
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	85,536	91,453	107
UNITED STATES	661,739	700,967	106

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

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY**

State	1999	2000	$\frac{2000}{1999}$
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	952	628	66
Florida	986	1,004	102
Georgia	1,984	1,879	95
Indiana	6,268	6,397	102
Iowa	4,838	4,643	96
Kansas	426	268	63
Minnesota	2,057	1,656	81
Missouri	321	321	100
Pennsylvania	5,591	4,609	82
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	12,225	14,086	115
UNITED STATES	35,648	35,491	100

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



**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1999	2000	$\frac{2000}{1999}$	1999	2000	$\frac{2000}{1999}$
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,284	11,047	90	7,021	6,406	91
East North Central	7,302	8,010	110	8,197	7,953	97
West North Central	22,791	21,026	92	7,032	7,581	108
South Atlantic	239,001	234,584	98	3,978	3,304	83
South Central	317,469	322,832	102	3,939	4,505	114
West	24,902	23,380	94	5,180	6,329	122
UNITED STATES	623,749	620,879	100	35,347	36,078	102

**QUARTERLY LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION - DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY**

State	Average Number Of Layers On Hand			Total Eggs Produced		
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands		Percent	Million		Percent
Alabama	10,583	10,537	100	599	600	100
Arkansas	15,058	15,591	104	832	893	107
California	26,400	24,597	93	1,691	1,605	95
Georgia	21,548	21,039	98	1,311	1,316	100
Indiana	21,973	22,712	103	1,421	1,530	108
Iowa	24,992	26,610	106	1,587	1,816	114
North Carolina	11,488	11,462	100	653	645	99
Ohio	30,460	31,911	105	1,965	2,082	106
Pennsylvania	22,746	22,903	101	1,537	1,514	99
Texas	17,526	17,836	102	1,084	1,133	105
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>322,302</b>	<b>329,091</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>20,307</b>	<b>21,096</b>	<b>104</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average February prices received by California producers, when compared to January average prices, decreased one cent per pound for turkeys. Market eggs increased 14 cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the February average prices received by producers decreased 1.5 cents per pound for broilers and 0.7 of a cent per pound for turkeys. Market eggs increased 12.6 cents per dozen.

**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2000 in the United States totaled 31.1 million, down 5 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the February 1 total of 30.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 6 percent; West North Central, down 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 1 percent; South Central, down 6 percent; and West, down 10 percent.

The 24.1 million poults placed during February 2000 in the United States were up 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2 percent from the January total of 24.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 4 percent; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, up 5 percent; and West, down 7 percent.

**POULTRY & EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/**

Commodity	Unit	Feb. 15, 1999	Jan. 15, 2000	Feb. 15, 2000
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	39.5	---	---
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	54.4	42.0	56.0
Turkeys	Lb.	44.0	42.0	41.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	36.6	35.0	33.5
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	50.1	39.7	52.3
Turkeys	Lb.	35.7	36.4	35.7

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.

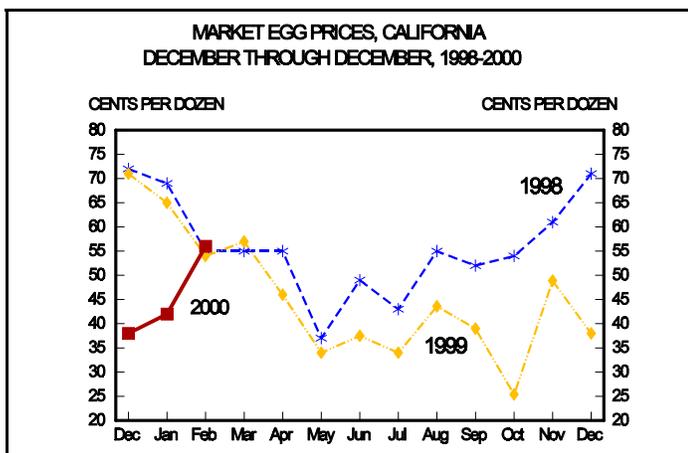
2/ Published annually starting in May 1999.

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

**REGIONAL TURKEY POULT PLACEMENT AND EGGS IN INCUBATORS**

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Mar. 1		2000 1999	Poults Placed during Feb. 1/		2000 1999
	1999	2000		1999	2000	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
EN Central	5,061	4,764	94	3,320	3,438	104
WN Central	11,220	10,452	93	7,999	8,126	102
N & S Atlantic	9,327	9,375	101	7,264	7,480	103
S Central	3,578	3,356	94	2,627	2,746	105
West	3,452	3,108	90	2,512	2,348	93
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>32,638</b>	<b>31,055</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>23,722</b>	<b>24,138</b>	<b>102</b>

1/ Excludes exported poults.



**U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/**

Month	Total All Breeds		99-00 98-99	Cumulative Total		99-00 98-99
	1998-99	1999-00		1998-99	1999-00	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,124	21,794	103	21,124	21,794	103
Oct.	22,749	22,313	98	43,873	44,107	101
Nov.	22,167	23,500	106	66,040	67,607	102
Dec.	24,985	25,518	102	91,025	93,125	102
Jan.	24,590	24,676	100	115,615	117,801	102
Feb.	23,722	24,138	102	139,337	141,939	102
Mar.	25,917			165,254		
Apr.	26,817			192,071		
May	26,085			218,156		
June	25,621			243,777		
July	26,755			270,532		
Aug.	24,755			295,287		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	February 28, 1999	January 31, 2000 <u>a/</u>	February 28, 2000	<u>Feb. 2000</u> <u>Feb. 1999</u>	<u>Feb. 2000</u> <u>Jan. 2000</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	53,277	42,670	45,428	85	106
Chickens	Lbs.	37,653	50,060	49,634	132	99
Ducks	Lbs.	77	306	250	325	82
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	91,007	93,036	95,312	105	102
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	375,631	312,447	348,963	93	112
Chickens	Lbs.	722,480	803,397	794,002	110	99
Ducks	Lbs.	4,548	4,003	3,710	82	93
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,102,659	1,119,847	1,146,675	104	102
Eggs, Shell	Cases	10,838	12,098	11,230	104	93

a/ Revised.

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