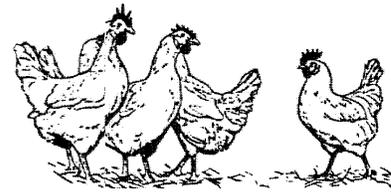


California Poultry Report



Frequency: Monthly
Released: August 29, 2000

(USPS 598-310)
VOL. 21 NO. 8



CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS SERVICE

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE:

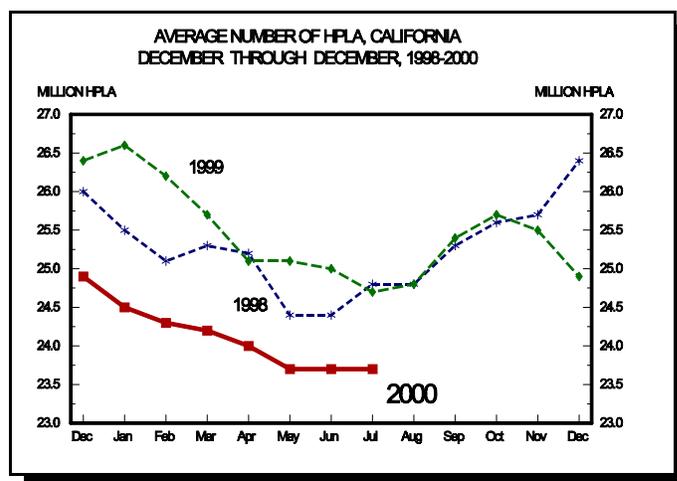
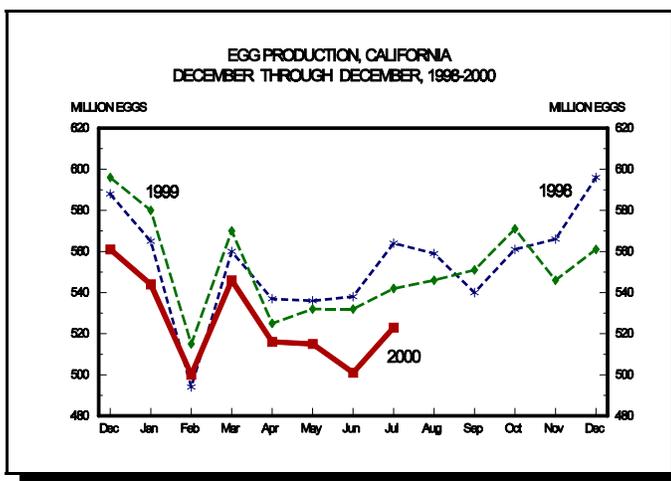
| | |
|---|---|
| Layer & Egg Production | 1 |
| Chick Hatch and Eggs in Incubators | 2 |
| Turkey Production and Cold Storage Holdings | 3 |
| Poultry & Egg Prices | 4 |

U.S. JULY EGG PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 7.06 billion during July 2000, up 2 percent from the 6.90 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.95 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2000 averaged 326 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during July 1999. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,167 eggs, up slightly from the 2,158 eggs in July 1999. All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2000 totaled 326 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 326 million layers consisted of 267 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.77 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2000 averaged 70.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.2 a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during July totaled 523 million, 22.0 million more than last month, but 19.0 million less than last July. Average number of layers during the month totaled 23.7 million, the same as last month, but fractionally below July 1999. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,210 compared to 2,111 last month and 2,197 in July 1999.



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 | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | Thousands | | Number | | Millions | | Percent | | | |
| Alabama | 10,749 | 10,575 | 1,926 | 1,891 | 207 | 200 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 11.0 | 9.0 |
| Arkansas | 15,466 | 15,162 | 1,920 | 1,972 | 297 | 299 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 11.5 | 10.0 |
| California | 24,672 | 23,661 | 2,197 | 2,210 | 542 | 523 | 10.0 | 6.0 | 42.5 | 39.5 |
| Georgia | 20,742 | 20,986 | 2,044 | 2,035 | 424 | 427 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 14.5 | 18.5 |
| Indiana | 21,989 | 22,567 | 2,274 | 2,282 | 500 | 515 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 29.5 | 23.5 |
| Iowa | 25,935 | 27,634 | 2,155 | 2,294 | 559 | 634 | 7.0 | 4.0 | 30.0 | 27.5 |
| North Carolina | 11,236 | 10,980 | 1,913 | 1,867 | 215 | 205 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 9.0 | 8.5 |
| Ohio | 30,448 | 31,178 | 2,246 | 2,268 | 684 | 707 | 2.0 | 9.0 | 15.5 | 13.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 22,462 | 23,061 | 2,239 | 2,294 | 503 | 529 | 6.5 | 2.5 | 20.0 | 21.0 |
| Texas | 17,071 | 16,426 | 2,185 | 2,161 | 373 | 355 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 24.5 | 18.5 |
| UNITED STATES | 319,811 | 325,670 | 2,158 | 2,167 | 6,903 | 7,056 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 23.0 | 21.8 |

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The July 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 740 million, was down 2 percent from July of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 614 million on August 1, 2000, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.31 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2000. This was down 11 percent from July 1999.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

| State | 1999 | 2000 | <u>2000</u> <u>1999</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------------|
| | Thousands | | Percent |
| Alabama | 98,986 | 102,003 | 103 |
| Arkansas | 109,626 | 110,177 | 101 |
| Delaware | 16,467 | 15,114 | 92 |
| Florida | 9,986 | 9,822 | 98 |
| Georgia | 113,234 | 109,013 | 96 |
| Maryland | 31,801 | 31,310 | 98 |
| Mississippi | 66,012 | 65,099 | 99 |
| North Carolina | 64,124 | 63,718 | 99 |
| Pennsylvania | 13,306 | 12,808 | 96 |
| South Carolina | 17,130 | 16,957 | 99 |
| Texas | 48,791 | 50,721 | 104 |
| Virginia | 24,502 | 24,191 | 99 |
| California, W. Virginia & Tennessee | 41,637 | 40,894 | 98 |
| Other States 1/ | 96,025 | 88,065 | 92 |
| UNITED STATES | 751,627 | 739,892 | 98 |

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

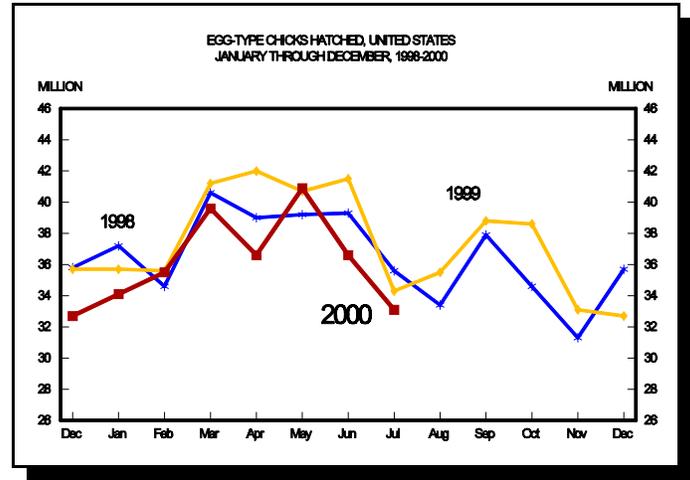
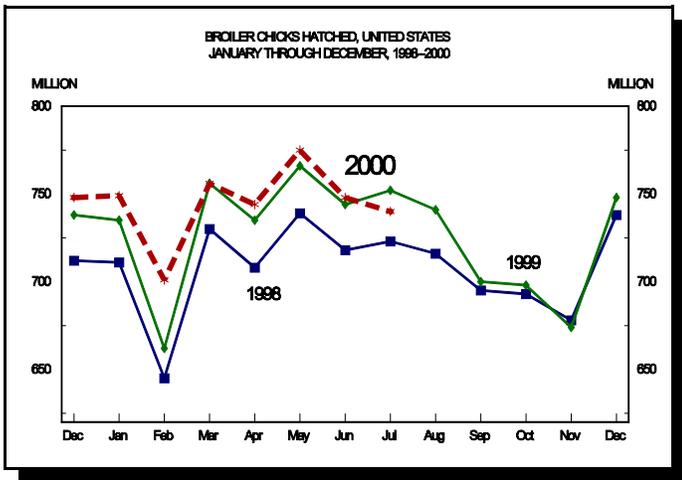
Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 33.1 million, down 3 percent from July 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.0 million on August 1, 2000, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 352 thousand during July 2000. This was up 52 percent from July 1999.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

| State | 1999 | 2000 | <u>2000</u> <u>1999</u> |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|----------------------------|
| | Thousands | | Percent |
| Arkansas | 773 | 920 | 119 |
| Florida | 1,060 | 1,010 | 95 |
| Georgia | 1,708 | 1,587 | 93 |
| Indiana | 5,675 | 4,782 | 84 |
| Iowa | 3,948 | 5,593 | 142 |
| Kansas | 212 | 326 | 154 |
| Minnesota | 1,637 | 1,652 | 101 |
| Missouri | 336 | 336 | 100 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,918 | 4,772 | 97 |
| Other States 1/ | 14,008 | 12,113 | 86 |
| UNITED STATES | 34,275 | 33,091 | 97 |

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



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, AUGUST 1

| Geographic Division | Broiler-Type | | | Egg-Type | | |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2000/1999 | 1999 | 2000 | 2000/1999 |
| | Thousands | | Percent | Thousands | | Percent |
| North Atlantic | 11,876 | 11,572 | 97 | 4,963 | 5,954 | 120 |
| East North Central | 8,903 | 7,903 | 89 | 7,943 | 5,927 | 75 |
| West North Central | 22,363 | 20,010 | 89 | 4,700 | 6,681 | 142 |
| South Atlantic | 236,703 | 229,378 | 97 | 2,938 | 3,402 | 116 |
| South Central | 322,450 | 322,575 | 100 | 4,394 | 3,982 | 91 |
| West | 24,206 | 22,762 | 94 | 4,416 | 4,007 | 91 |
| UNITED STATES | 626,501 | 614,200 | 98 | 29,354 | 29,953 | 102 |

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 2000 in the United States totaled 31.1 million, down 3 percent from August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were also down 9 percent from the July 1 total of 34.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 3 percent; West North Central, down 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 1 percent; South Central, up 1 percent; West, down 2 percent. The 27.1 million poults placed during July 2000 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up slightly from the May total of 27.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 7 percent; West North Central, down 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 2 percent; South Central, down 7 percent; West, up 23 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

| Geographic Division | Eggs in Incubators August 1 | | 2000 1999 | Poults Placed during July 1/ | | 2000 1999 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | | 1999 | 2000 | |
| | Thousands | | Percent | Thousands | | Percent |
| E.N. Central | 5,095 | 4,944 | 97 | 3,714 | 3,467 | 93 |
| W.N. Central | 10,853 | 10,089 | 93 | 8,858 | 8,775 | 99 |
| N.&S. Atlantic | 9,725 | 9,786 | 101 | 8,150 | 8,351 | 102 |
| S. Central | 3,313 | 3,351 | 101 | 3,053 | 2,845 | 93 |
| West | 2,961 | 2,897 | 98 | 2,980 | 3,658 | 123 |
| UNITED STATES | 31,947 | 31,067 | 97 | 26,755 | 27,096 | 101 |

1/ Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

| Month | Total All Breeds 2/ | | 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 | 23,379 | 105 | 66,040 | 67,486 | 102 |
| Dec. | 24,985 | 25,518 | 102 | 91,025 | 93,004 | 102 |
| Jan. | 24,590 | 24,676 | 100 | 115,615 | 117,680 | 102 |
| Feb. | 23,722 | 24,197 | 102 | 139,337 | 141,877 | 102 |
| Mar. | 25,917 | 25,741 | 99 | 165,254 | 167,618 | 101 |
| Apr. | 26,817 | *25,094 | 94 | 192,071 | 192,712 | 100 |
| May | 26,085 | 26,277 | 101 | 218,156 | 218,989 | 100 |
| June | 25,621 | *26,975 | 105 | 243,777 | 245,964 | 101 |
| July | 26,755 | 27,096 | 101 | 270,532 | 273,060 | 101 |
| Aug. | 24,755 | | | 295,287 | | |

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised January, February, March, April, and June 1999-00 data.

U.S. TURKEYS RAISED DOWN 4 PERCENT

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2000 is 273 million, the same as 1999. The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2000:

North Carolina is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 44.0 million birds, 5 percent less than 1999.

Minnesota ranks second with 43.0 million, down 1 percent from last year.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 28.0 million birds, 4 percent more than a year ago.

Virginia is the nation's fourth largest producing state with 25.0 million birds, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Missouri is in fifth place with 23.5 million birds, up 7 percent from last year's production.

California expects to raise 17.3 million turkeys, 1 percent below a year earlier.

TURKEYS RAISED IN 1999-00 1/

| State | Number | | 2000/1999 |
|-----------------|---------------|---------|-----------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | |
| | Thousand Head | | Percent |
| AR | 27,000 | 28,000 | 104 |
| CA | 17,500 | 17,300 | 99 |
| CT | 5 | 5 | 100 |
| IA | 7,800 | 7,200 | 92 |
| IL | 2,900 | 2,900 | 100 |
| IN | 13,500 | 13,500 | 100 |
| MA | 78 | 80 | 103 |
| MD & DE | 604 | 438 | 75 |
| MI | 2,700 | 4,700 | 174 |
| MN | 43,500 | 43,000 | 99 |
| MO | 22,000 | 23,500 | 107 |
| NC | 46,500 | 44,000 | 95 |
| ND | 1,800 | 2,200 | 122 |
| NH | 15 | 14 | 93 |
| NJ | 50 | 57 | 114 |
| NY | 490 | 490 | 100 |
| OH | 4,700 | 4,700 | 100 |
| PA | 9,800 | 9,600 | 98 |
| SC | 9,500 | 9,100 | 96 |
| SD | 4,200 | 4,000 | 95 |
| VA | 24,000 | 25,000 | 104 |
| VT | 41 | 40 | 98 |
| WV | 4,500 | 4,300 | 96 |
| Other States 2/ | 29,811 | 28,711 | 96 |
| UNITED STATES | 272,994 | 272,835 | 100 |

1/ Revised 1999 figures.

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

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

| Commodity | Unit | July 1999 | June 2000 1/ | July 2000 | July 2000 July 1999 | July 2000 June 2000 |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Thousands | | | Percent | |
| PACIFIC COAST | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 104,027 | 72,323 | 75,525 | 73 | 104 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 52,995 | 48,208 | 47,266 | 89 | 98 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 188 | 146 | 163 | 87 | 112 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 157,210 | 120,677 | 122,954 | 78 | 102 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 599,013 | 503,620 | 520,097 | 87 | 103 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 872,268 | 821,632 | 821,417 | 94 | 100 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 5,335 | 5,546 | 5,054 | 95 | 91 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 1,476,616 | 1,330,798 | 1,346,568 | 91 | 101 |
| Eggs, Frozen | Lbs. | 11,132 | 8,736 | 13,299 | 119 | 152 |

1/ Revised.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average July prices received by California producers, when compared to June average prices, decreased one cent per pound for live turkeys. Prices for market eggs decreased 5.6 cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the July average prices received by producers increased 0.5 of a cent per pound for broilers. Market eggs decreased 6.7 cents per dozen, but increased 0.3 of a cent per pound for turkeys.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

| Commodity | Unit | July 1999 | June 15, 2000 | July 15, 2000 |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Cents | | |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | |
| Chickens-Broilers ^{2/} | Lb. | --- | --- | --- |
| Market Eggs ^{3/} | Doz. | 34.0 | 45.6 | 40.0 |
| Turkeys | Lb. | 44.0 | 48.0 | 47.0 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | |
| Chickens-Broilers | Lb. | 38.0 | 37.0 | 37.5 |
| Market Eggs ^{3/} | Doz. | 40.4 | 44.1 | 37.4 |
| Turkeys | Lb. | 42.0 | 41.6 | 41.9 |

^{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/} Broiler prices published annually effective May 1999.

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