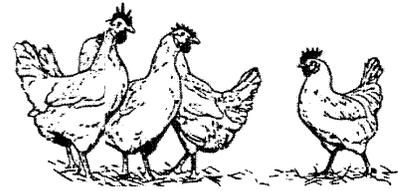


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U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.09 billion during April 2001, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.01 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 66.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2001 averaged 337 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during April 2000. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,106 eggs, down 1 percent from the 2,130 eggs in April 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2001 totaled 337 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 337 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.96 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on May 1, 2001 averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from the 70.6 eggs a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 491 million, 12.0 million less than last month and 25.0 million less than last April. Average number of layers during the month totaled 23.0 million, up 1 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year at this time. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,098 compared to 2,159 last month and 2,152 in April 2000.

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING APRIL, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MAY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,531	10,344	1,890	1,895	199	196	2.5	0.5	10.5	7.0
Arkansas	15,654	14,637	1,885	1,954	295	286	2.0	2.5	6.0	11.0
California	23,973	23,405	2,152	2,098	516	491	7.5	9.5	38.0	28.5
Georgia	20,946	21,503	2,077	2,014	435	433	7.0	6.0	15.5	18.5
Indiana	23,071	23,115	2,224	2,146	513	496	3.5	6.0	33.5	31.5
Iowa	27,685	32,483	2,236	2,180	619	708	1.5	4.5	32.0	26.0
North Carolina	11,042	11,233	1,829	1,843	202	207	0.5	1.5	8.0	10.0
Ohio	31,633	30,242	2,165	2,186	685	661	4.0	6.0	13.5	22.0
Pennsylvania	23,116	25,006	2,241	2,227	518	557	5.0	2.5	19.5	17.5
Texas	17,172	19,074	2,137	2,102	367	401	4.5	3.5	19.0	24.0
U.S. TOTAL	329,223	336,859	2,130	2,106	7,013	7,093	4.0	5.1	22.3	20.9

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 2000	March 2001 ^{a/}	April 2001	Apr. 2001 Apr. 2000	Apr. 2001 Mar. 2001
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	48,176	50,739	55,588	115	110
Chickens	Lbs.	54,987	40,806	40,759	74	100
Ducks	Lbs.	159	130	63	40	48
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	103,313	91,675	96,410	93	105
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	412,940	355,403	395,104	96	111
Chickens	Lbs.	836,102	642,952	654,789	78	102
Ducks	Lbs.	4,277	4,883	6,158	144	126
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,253,319	1,003,238	1,056,051	84	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	12,773	14,601	16,628	130	114

^{a/} Revised.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The April 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 745 million, was down slightly from April of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 635 million on May 1, 2001, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.40 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2001. This was down 5 percent from April 2000.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	102,452	102,831	100
Arkansas	106,328	106,071	100
Delaware	14,905	12,711	85
Florida	9,843	9,204	94
Georgia	111,151	111,296	100
Maryland	31,529	30,944	98
Mississippi	65,846	67,230	102
North Carolina	66,318	63,704	96
Pennsylvania	12,880	12,886	100
South Carolina	16,665	16,959	102
Texas	52,323	53,070	101
Virginia	24,092	24,559	102
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	41,466	40,253	97
Other States ^{1/}	91,032	93,586	103
United States	746,830	745,304	100

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 42.0 million, up 14 percent from April 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on May 1, 2001, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 293 thousand during April 2001. This was down 5 percent from April 2000.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	848	817	96
Florida	966	831	86
Georgia	1,708	2,122	124
Indiana	5,810	7,025	121
Iowa	5,350	5,890	110
Kansas	417	313	75
Minnesota	1,801	1,519	84
Missouri	388	388	100
Pennsylvania	5,148	5,349	104
Other States ^{1/}	14,213	17,437	123
United States	36,649	41,691	114

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

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
N Atlantic	11,655	11,972	103	6,213	6,004	97
E N Central	7,861	7,484	95	7,744	9,299	120
W N Central	21,254	22,733	107	8,287	6,967	84
S Atlantic	241,389	235,638	98	4,111	3,543	86
S Central	331,574	333,285	101	5,473	5,472	100
West	25,577	24,077	94	4,734	5,724	121
United States	639,310	635,189	99	36,562	37,009	101

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2001 in the United States totaled 32.3 million, up 2 percent from May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the April 1 total of 32.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 8 percent; West North Central, up 11 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 2 percent; South Central, down 7 percent; and West, down 12 percent.

The 26.2 million poult placements during April 2001 in the United States were up 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up slightly from the March 2001 total of 26.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 14 percent; West North Central, up 15 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 1 percent; South Central, down 9 percent; and West, down 9 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators May 1			Poults Placed during April 1/		
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,634	4,998	108	3,282	3,736	114
W N Central	10,185	11,267	111	7,880	9,059	115
N & S Atlantic	10,075	9,824	98	8,082	8,041	99
S Central	3,336	3,119	93	2,925	2,665	91
West	3,549	3,121	88	2,925	2,657	91
U.S.	31,779	32,329	102	24,932	26,158	105

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		00-01	Cumulative Total		00-01
	1999-00	2000-01	99-00	1999-00	2000-01	99-00
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,794	23,016	106	21,794	23,016	106
Oct.	22,313	23,672	106	44,107	46,688	106
Nov.	23,379	23,357	100	67,486	70,045	104
Dec.	24,358	23,297	96	91,844	93,342	102
Jan.	24,676	25,612	104	116,520	118,954	102
Feb.	24,197	23,686	98	140,717	142,640	101
Mar.	25,741	26,148	102	166,458	168,788	101
Apr.	25,094	26,158	104	191,552	194,946	102
May	25,816			217,368		
June	26,880			244,248		
July	26,822			271,070		
Aug.	24,731			295,801		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Egg producers in California produced 6.29 billion eggs in 2000, 5 percent below the 6.61 billion produced in 1999. The value of eggs produced totaled \$238 million, down 10 percent from the previous year's production of \$264 million.

Nationally, the value of egg production in 2000 was \$4.35 billion, up 1 percent from the \$4.29 billion in 1999. Egg production totaled 84.4 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 82.71 billion eggs produced in 1999. In 2000, eggs averaged 61.8 cents per dozen compared with 62.2 cents in 1999.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1991	7,721	58.4	375,755
1992	7,224	47.6	286,552
1993	7,029	49.1	287,603
1994	6,602	46.4	255,277
1995	6,444	53.7	288,869
1996	6,569	67.1	367,317
1997	6,663	62.1	344,810
1998	6,608	56.1	308,924
1999	6,606	47.9	263,690
2000	6,293	45.3	237,561
UNITED STATES			
1999	82,715	62.2	4,287,164
2000	84,412	61.8	4,347,190

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

This year and last year, broiler production for California was combined with six other states (IA, IN, LA, ME, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These seven states produced 524 million birds totaling 2.53 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 35.8 cents for a total production value of \$905 million.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2000 was \$14.0 billion, down 8 percent from the \$15.1 billion in 1999. The total number of broilers produced in 2000 was 8.26 billion, up 1 percent from 1999. Broiler production totaled 41.5 billion pounds (live weight) in 2000, up 1 percent from 1999. The 2000 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 33.6 cents per pound, compared to 37.1 cents per pound in 1999.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 1/	Value of Production 2/
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1991	240,200	1,152,960	29.0	296,894
1992	233,000	1,188,300	29.5	274,495
1993	216,000	1,101,600	32.0	312,736
1994	226,200	1,131,000	33.0	341,053
1995	235,800	1,179,000	32.5	339,094
1996	234,200	1,171,000	39.0	361,805
1997	237,300	1,210,200	39.0	338,330
1998	506,100	2,437,500	39.3	958,714
1999 3/	518,760	2,493,900	38.9	970,213
2000 3/	524,330	2,525,160	35.8	904,938
UNITED STATES				
1999	8,146,010	40,829,800	37.1	15,128,840
2000	8,262,630	41,516,260	33.6	13,953,196

1/ Live weight equivalent price.

2/ Gross income including home consumption.

3/ Data for CA, IA, IN, LA, ME, OR, and WA were combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

California turkey production totaled 439 million pounds (live weight) in 2000, up 1 percent from the 429 million pounds raised in 1999. Value of production, at \$211 million, was 1 percent above the \$193 million realized in 1999. The annual average of 48 cents per pound was three cents above the 1999 average of 45 cents per pound.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2000 was \$2.84 billion, up 1 percent from the \$2.81 billion the previous year. Turkey production totaled 6.99 billion pounds (live weight) in 2000, compared with 6.89 billion pounds in 1999. The average price received by producers during 2000 was 40.7 cents per pound, compared with 40.8 cents in 1999.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Number Raised	Pounds Produced 1/	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1991	29,000	652,500	37.0	241,425
1992	24,000	508,800	39.0	198,432
1993	22,500	486,000	43.0	208,980
1994	21,000	449,400	43.0	193,242
1995	22,000	462,000	46.0	212,520
1996	22,500	492,750	45.0	221,738
1997	21,000	480,900	42.0	201,978
1998	19,000	442,700	41.0	181,507
1999	17,500	428,750	45.0	192,938
2000	18,000	439,200	48.0	210,816
UNITED STATES				
1999	270,494	6,886,406	40.8	2,809,874
2000	269,969	6,988,379	40.7	2,843,242

1/ Includes home consumption.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

CHICKEN VALUE OF SALES

California's total value of other chickens (excluding broilers) sold in 2000 was \$1.96 million, 1 percent less than the value of a year earlier. Average price for other chickens was four cents per pound, the same as last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2000 was \$64.7 million, down 1 percent from \$73.2 million a year ago. Prices averaged six cents per pound, compared with seven cents in 1999.

CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Sold	Price Per Pound	Value
	Thousand Head	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1991	19,600	3.1	2,430
1992	20,000	2.0	1,520
1993	18,100	2.4	1,651
1994	14,300	2.0	1,058
1995	13,300	1.9	910
1996	11,600	2.0	812
1997	15,300	2.3	1,232
1998	13,749	3.4	1,636
1999	13,807	4.0	1,988
2000	13,232	4.0	1,958
UNITED STATES			
1999	210,173	7.1	73,150
2000	218,371	5.8	64,655

1/ Excludes commercial broilers.

PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED

Region	Unit	April 2000	Apr. 15, 2001
		Dollars	
PACIFIC REGION			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	237	213
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	201	205
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	264	305
Laying Feed	Ton	212	204
UNITED STATES			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	249	239
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	226	232
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	255	259
Laying Feed	Ton	206	212

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average April prices received by California producers, when compared to March average prices, remained the same at 46 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased two cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the April average prices received by producers decreased one cent per pound for broilers. Prices increased by 0.7 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased by 2.6 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	April 2000	Mar. 15, 2001	Apr. 15, 2001
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	31.4	---	---
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	43.8	55.0	53.0
Turkeys	Lb.	47.0	46.0	46.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	34.0	40.0	39.0
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	47.6	51.8	49.2
Turkeys	Lb.	40.0	37.1	37.8

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.