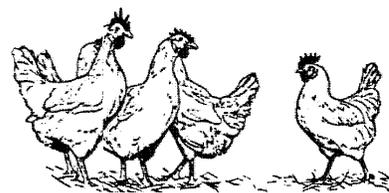


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## U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

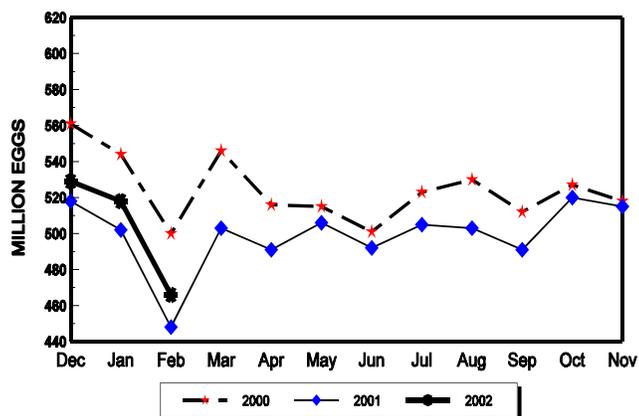
U.S. egg production totaled 6.56 billion during February 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 5.57 billion table eggs and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 929 million were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly higher than the average number of layers during February 2001. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,946 eggs, up slightly from the 1,943 eggs in February 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2002 totaled 336 million, slightly lower than a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on March 1, 2002 averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.5 eggs a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

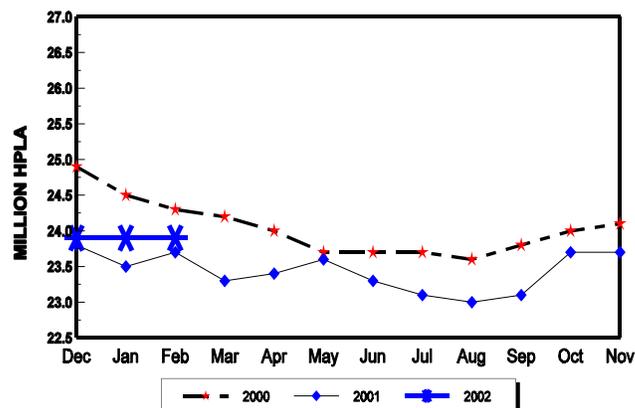
California's egg production during February totaled 466 million, 52.0 million less than last month, but 18.0 million more than last February. Average number of layers during the month totaled 23.9 million, the same as last month, but 1 percent higher than February 2001. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 1,952 compared to 2,167 last month and 1,892 in February 2001.

**EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



1/ Previous Year

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF HPLA, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



## 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	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,308	10,567	1,746	1,732	180	183	1.5	2.5	10.5	8.5
Arkansas	15,578	14,935	1,785	1,701	278	254	3.5	1.5	11.5	6.5
California	23,679	23,873	1,892	1,952	448	466	8.5	4.0	32.0	31.5
Georgia	20,749	20,928	1,827	1,821	379	381	3.5	3.5	21.0	13.0
Indiana	23,082	22,578	1,958	1,975	452	446	3.0	9.0	35.0	29.5
Iowa	31,302	35,581	2,022	2,038	633	725	4.0	3.5	31.0	31.0
North Carolina	11,271	11,146	1,739	1,723	196	192	2.0	0.0	9.5	7.5
Ohio	30,304	29,818	1,970	1,979	597	590	4.0	2.5	23.0	19.5
Pennsylvania	24,496	23,656	2,111	2,114	517	500	5.0	3.5	13.5	20.0
Texas	18,851	18,943	1,931	1,863	364	353	4.5	5.0	22.0	20.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>335,813</b>	<b>336,896</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>6,524</b>	<b>6,557</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>22.1</b>

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

The February 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 703 million, was up 5 percent from February of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on March 1, 2002, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.28 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2002, up 8 percent from February 2001.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY**

State	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	90,907	97,410	107
Arkansas	96,511	100,381	104
Delaware	13,043	11,771	90
Florida	8,206	7,529	92
Georgia	99,836	102,976	103
Maryland	27,266	31,651	116
Mississippi	59,537	62,327	105
North Carolina	57,434	61,281	107
Pennsylvania	11,665	11,171	96
South Carolina	15,107	14,921	99
Texas	47,633	50,822	107
Virginia	21,666	21,668	100
California, Tennessee and West Virginia	36,657	34,782	95
Other States 1/	85,030	93,886	110
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>670,498</b>	<b>702,576</b>	<b>105</b>

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

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

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 34.3 million, down 10 percent from February 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on March 1, 2002, down 8 percent from a year ago.

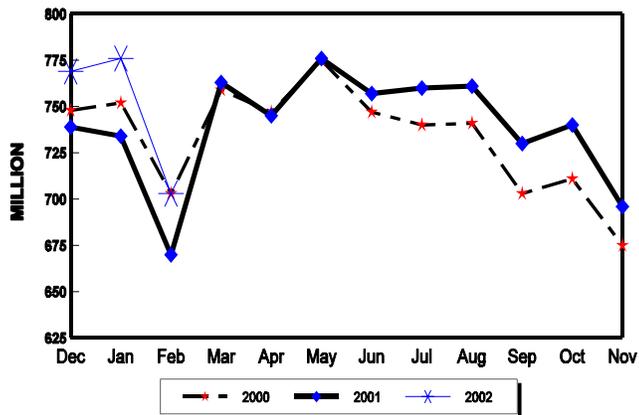
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 247 thousand during February 2002, up 6 percent from February 2001.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY**

State	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	986	811	82
Florida	1,135	611	54
Georgia	1,874	2,157	115
Indiana	7,113	4,883	69
Iowa	5,180	4,356	84
Minnesota	1,902	1,360	72
Pennsylvania	5,467	4,094	75
Other States 1/	14,541	16,054	110
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>38,198</b>	<b>34,326</b>	<b>90</b>

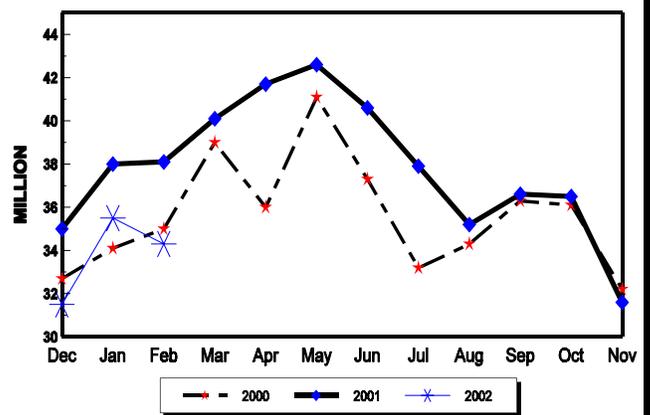
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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002**



1/ Previous Year

**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002**



1/ Previous Year

**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,939	12,592	105	5,235	4,821	92
East North Central	6,399	7,491	117	8,434	7,413	88
West North Central	21,180	21,529	102	6,755	6,520	97
South Atlantic	235,876	242,047	103	3,983	3,941	99
South Central	326,764	343,017	105	6,028	5,117	85
West	25,060	23,047	92	5,086	5,021	99
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>627,218</b>	<b>649,723</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>35,521</b>	<b>32,833</b>	<b>92</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

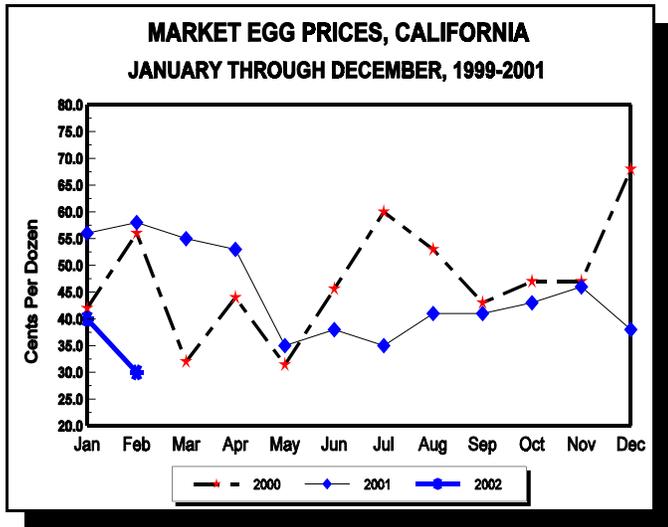
The average February prices received by California producers, when compared to January average prices, decreased 10 cents per dozen for market eggs. Monthly State turkey prices were discontinued.

Nationally, the February average prices received by producers decreased 3.0 cents per pound for broilers, while turkey prices remained the same at 34.1 cents per pound. Prices for market eggs decreased 8.4 cents per dozen.

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

Commodity	Unit	Feb. 15, 2001	Jan. 15, 2002	Feb. 15, 2002
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	58.0	40.0	30.0
Turkeys 4/	Lb.	45.0	---	---
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.0	37.0	34.0
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	50.9	45.0	36.6
Turkeys	Lb.	36.3	34.1	34.1

- 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 in May.
- 3/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.
- 4/ Discontinued in 2002.



**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2002 in the United States totaled 32.6 million, up 2 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the February 1 total of 31.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 1 percent; West North Central, up 9 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 2 percent; South Central, down 4 percent; and West, down 7 percent.

The 24.3 million poult placed during February 2002 in the United States were up 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 6 percent from the January 2002 total of 25.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, unchanged; West North Central, up 8 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 1 percent; South Central, up 7 percent; and West, down 18 percent.

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

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators Mar. 1		2002 2001	Poult Placed During Feb. 1/		2002 2001	
	2001	2002		2001	2002		
	Thousands		Pct.		Thousands		Pct.
EN Central	4,931	4,881	99	3,559	3,557	100	
WN Central	10,721	11,720	109	8,275	8,939	108	
N & S Atlantic	9,816	10,002	102	7,156	7,247	101	
S Central	3,008	2,892	96	2,323	2,496	107	
West	3,329	3,101	93	2,462	2,027	82	
U.S.	31,805	32,596	102	23,775	24,266	102	

1/ Excludes exported poult.

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

Month	Total All Breeds		01-02 00-01	Cumulative Total		01-02 00-01	
	2000-01	2001-02		2000-01	2001-02		
	Thousands		Percent		Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,016	22,408	97	23,016	22,408	97	
Oct.	23,672	24,428	103	46,688	46,836	100	
Nov.	23,357	24,226	104	70,045	71,062	101	
Dec.	23,297	24,563	105	93,342	95,625	102	
Jan. 2/	25,612	25,880	101	118,954	121,505	102	
Feb.	23,775	24,266	102	142,729	145,771	102	
Mar.	26,148			168,877			
Apr.	25,858			194,735			
May	26,682			221,417			
June	26,121			247,538			
July	27,064			274,602			
Aug.	25,032			299,634			

- 1/ Excludes exported poult.
- 2/ Revised 2001-02 data for "Total All Breeds."

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	February 28, 2001	January 31, 2002 a/	February 28, 2002	Feb. 2002 Feb. 2001	Feb. 2002 Jan. 2002
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	42,205	28,601	32,259	76	113
Chickens	Lbs.	45,448	41,839	39,517	87	94
Ducks	Lbs.	139	79	92	66	116
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	87,792	70,519	71,868	82	102
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	333,521	325,185	402,089	121	124
Chickens	Lbs.	683,306	717,736	724,826	106	101
Ducks	Lbs.	4,163	6,979	7,145	172	102
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,020,990	1,049,900	1,134,060	111	108
Eggs, Frozen	Cases	15,468	13,148	13,971	90	106

a/ Revised.