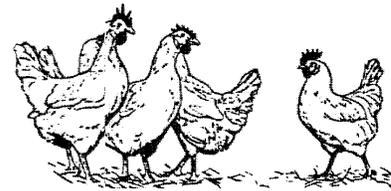


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U.S. NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.25 billion during November 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 962 million were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2002 averaged 339 million, up slightly from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,128 eggs in November 2001.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 339 million on December 1, 2002, slightly above a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 53.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.57 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers on December 1, 2002, up slightly from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during November totaled 505 million, 18.0 million less than last month and 10.0 million less than last November. The average number of layers during the month totaled 23.0 million, 2.4 percent below last month, and 3.0 percent lower than November 2001. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,192 compared to 2,216 last month and 2,169 in November 2001.

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING NOVEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF DECEMBER 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	10,279	9,692	1,848	1,826	190	177	0.0	0.0	11.5	13.5
Arkansas	14,811	14,645	1,843	1,857	273	272	0.0	0.0	11.0	11.5
California	23,745	23,035	2,169	2,192	515	505	2.5	4.0	36.5	54.5
Georgia	21,830	20,122	2,080	2,092	454	421	0.0	1.5	16.0	17.0
Indiana	22,695	23,367	2,172	2,191	493	512	2.0	2.5	32.5	31.0
Iowa	34,543	37,986	2,194	2,222	758	844	4.5	3.5	30.0	32.0
North Carolina	11,174	10,768	1,870	1,922	209	207	0.0	1.0	8.0	12.5
Ohio	30,123	30,445	2,184	2,105	658	641	2.5	6.0	22.0	21.5
Pennsylvania	23,950	23,989	2,267	2,276	543	546	4.0	3.0	20.0	17.5
Texas	18,915	18,682	2,115	2,163	400	404	7.5	0.0	17.0	15.5
United States	337,915	338,593	2,128	2,140	7,191	7,246	2.7	2.7	23.9	24.9

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, DECEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,260	11,903	97	5,287	4,511	85
East North Central	7,383	7,345	99	6,003	5,489	91
West North Central	21,095	19,939	95	5,975	6,133	103
South Atlantic	238,721	239,275	100	3,680	3,337	91
South Central	338,400	343,969	102	3,946	5,045	128
West	22,744	24,559	108	4,608	3,907	85
UNITED STATES	640,603	646,990	101	29,499	28,422	96

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U.S. BROILER HATCH

The November 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 690 million, was down 2 percent from November of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 647 million on December 1, 2002, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.90 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2002, down 4 percent from November 2001.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	2001	2002	2002 2001
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	95,685	93,835	98
Arkansas	100,879	96,547	96
Delaware	12,223	11,849	97
Florida	8,126	7,999	98
Georgia	103,317	100,553	97
Kentucky	20,746	20,732	100
Maryland	32,966	32,905	100
Mississippi	60,837	61,013	100
North Carolina	62,592	60,877	97
Oklahoma	20,617	20,512	99
Pennsylvania	11,865	11,345	96
South Carolina	15,794	15,550	98
Texas	48,497	50,197	104
Virginia	21,204	20,816	98
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	68,908	64,869	94
Other States ^{1/}	18,351	20,425	111
UNITED STATES	702,607	690,024	98

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

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average November prices received by California producers, when compared to October average prices, increased 25 cents per dozen for market eggs. Monthly statistics on California turkey prices have been discontinued.

Nationally, the November average prices received by producers increased 1.0 cent per pound for broilers, and turkey prices increased 2.6 cents per pound. Prices for market eggs increased 21.5 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	November 2001	October 2002	November 2002
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers ^{2/}	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs ^{3/ 5/}	Doz.	38.0	30.0	55.0
Turkeys ^{4/ 5/}	Lb.	44.0	---	---
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	39.0	28.0	29.0
Market Eggs ^{3/ 5/}	Doz.	48.6	34.8	56.3
Turkeys ^{5/}	Lb.	44.5	36.9	39.5

^{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/} Published annually.

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

^{4/} Discontinued in 2002.

^{5/} Mid-month prices.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 31.1 million, down 3 percent from November 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.4 million on December 1, 2002, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 223 thousand during November 2002, down 15 percent from November 2001.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	2001	2002	2002 2001
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	605	967	160
Florida	681	647	95
Georgia	1,997	1,855	93
Indiana	4,394	4,277	97
Iowa	4,769	4,630	97
Minnesota	1,758	1,616	92
Pennsylvania	4,121	3,544	86
Other States ^{1/}	13,756	13,542	98
UNITED STATES	32,081	31,078	97

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

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 30.1 million on December 1, 2002, up 1 percent from December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the November 1 total of 30.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up slightly; West North Central, up 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 4 percent; South Central, down 20 percent; and West, down 9 percent.

The 24.0 million poult placed during November 2002 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1 percent from the October 2002 total of 23.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 3 percent; South Central, down 4 percent; and West, up 10 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators December 1		2002 2001	Poults Placed During Nov. ^{1/}		2002 2001
	2001	2002		2001	2002	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,653	4,656	100	3,839	3,634	95
W N Central	10,445	11,185	107	8,619	8,788	102
N & S Atlantic	9,150	9,511	104	7,732	7,470	97
S Central	3,245	2,589	80	2,518	2,426	96
West	2,359	2,148	91	1,518	1,669	110
U.S.	29,852	30,089	101	24,226	23,987	99

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

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

Month	Total All Breeds		02-03	Cumulative Total		02-03
	2001-02	2002-03	01-02	2001-02	2002-03	01-02
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept. ^{2/}	22,414	22,670	101	22,414	22,670	101
Oct.	24,128	23,811	99	46,542	46,481	100
Nov.	24,226	23,987	99	70,768	70,468	100
Dec.	24,499			95,267		
Jan.	25,880			121,147		
Feb.	24,266			145,413		
Mar.	25,746			171,159		
Apr.	26,184			197,343		
May	25,551			222,894		
June	24,409			247,303		
July	25,646			272,949		
Aug.	24,924			297,873		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised 2002-03 Total All Breeds data.

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Dairy Products Prices *	Dairy Products	4 Boiler Hatchery
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PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	November 2001	October 2002 <i>a/</i>	November 2002	Nov. 2002 Nov. 2001	Nov. 2002 Oct. 2002
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	31,068	79,892	26,613	86	33
Chickens	Lbs.	37,732	62,373	54,578	145	88
Ducks	Lbs.	73	123	115	158	93
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	68,873	142,388	81,306	118	57
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	260,029	624,940	330,739	127	53
Chickens	Lbs.	684,017	861,284	796,076	116	92
Ducks	Lbs.	8,351	8,875	7,586	91	85
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	952,397	1,495,099	1,134,401	119	76
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	13,859	13,085	11,204	81	86

a/ Revised.

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