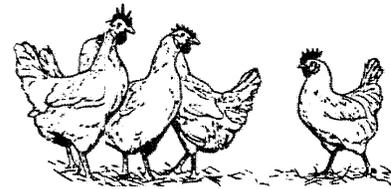


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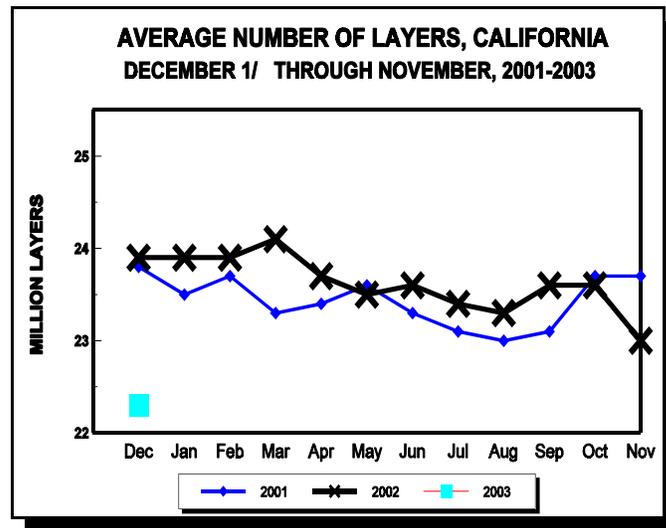
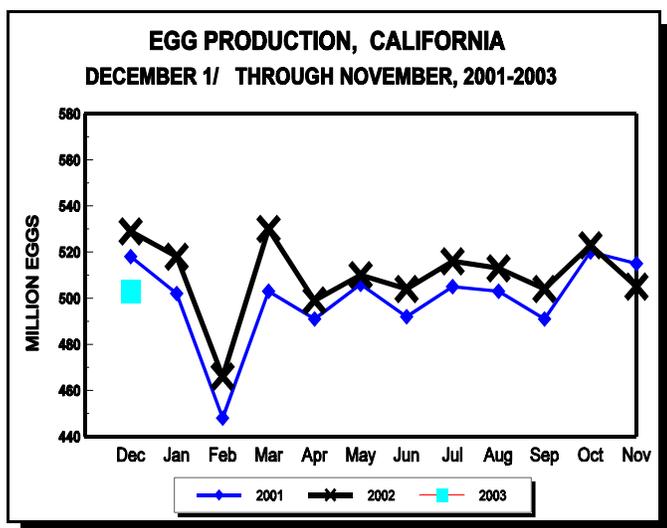
U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during December 2002, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 992 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2002 averaged 337 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,187 eggs, compared to 2,188 eggs in December 2001.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 338 million on January 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.65 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers on January 1, 2003, the same as last year.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 503 million, 2.00 million less than last month and 27.0 million less than last December. Average number of layers during the month totaled 22.3 million, 3.4 percent below last month and 6.9 percent lower than December 2001. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,257, compared to 2,190 last month and 2,215 in December 2001.



DECEMBER LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1 FORCED MOLTING

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	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,443	9,778	1,915	1,872	200	183	3.0	1.0	4.5	10.5
Arkansas	14,906	14,541	1,885	1,926	281	280	1.0	0.5	11.0	12.0
California	23,932	22,284	2,215	2,257	530	503	2.0	3.0	32.0	37.0
Georgia	21,489	20,005	2,066	2,149	444	430	5.0	3.5	13.0	18.5
Indiana	22,303	23,035	2,237	2,236	499	515	4.5	3.5	35.0	33.5
Iowa	35,487	37,540	2,263	2,280	803	856	5.0	8.5	30.5	30.5
North Carolina	11,160	10,612	1,935	2,026	216	215	0.5	1.0	7.0	11.0
Ohio	30,196	30,663	2,269	2,182	685	669	4.0	4.5	20.5	22.0
Pennsylvania	23,820	24,654	2,317	2,336	552	576	5.0	2.5	21.0	16.5
Texas	19,291	18,761	2,198	2,159	424	405	4.0	6.5	17.5	22.5
UNITED STATES	339,105	337,398	2,188	2,187	7,420	7,380	4.1	4.4	22.7	23.7

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The December 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 754 million, was down 2 percent from December of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 623 million on January 1, 2002, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.50 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2002, down 2 percent from December 2001.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 32.2 million, up 2 percent from December 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.1 million on January 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 187 thousand during December 2002, down 9 percent from December 2001.

DECEMBER BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	107,548	102,392	95
Arkansas	111,607	107,716	97
Delaware	12,719	12,642	99
Florida	8,612	7,748	90
Georgia	113,555	110,347	97
Kentucky	22,482	23,945	107
Maryland	31,445	34,842	111
Mississippi	68,571	68,360	100
North Carolina	67,404	64,968	96
Oklahoma	23,116	22,865	99
Pennsylvania	13,549	12,688	94
South Carolina	16,491	16,287	99
Texas	54,206	55,602	103
Virginia	24,258	22,935	95
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	74,267	70,560	95
Other States ^{1/}	19,901	19,736	99
UNITED STATES	769,731	753,633	98

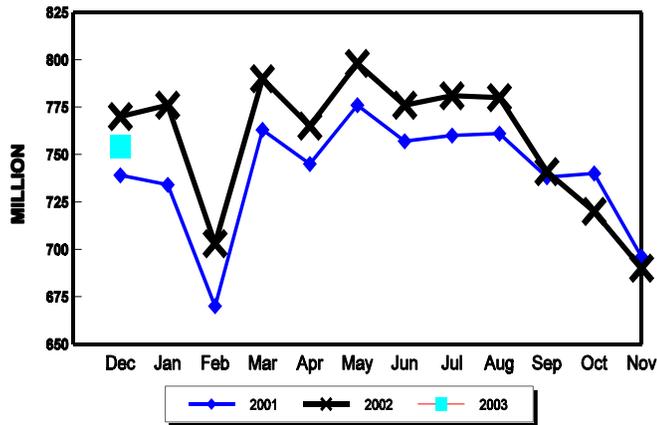
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DECEMBER EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

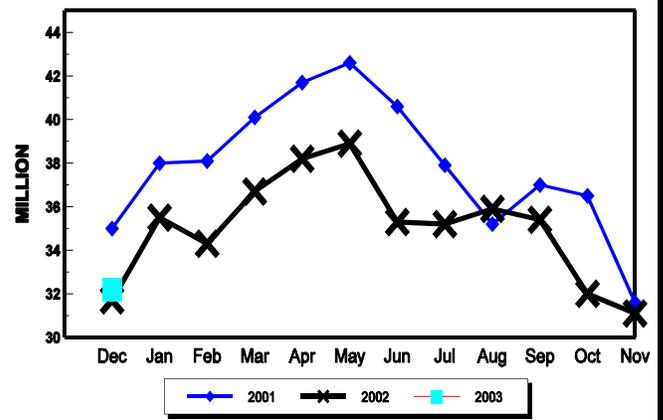
State	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	651	716	110
Florida	998	700	70
Georgia	2,269	2,319	102
Indiana	4,153	4,864	117
Iowa	4,414	5,228	118
Minnesota	1,095	1,493	136
Pennsylvania	4,565	4,349	95
Other States ^{1/}	13,512	12,484	92
UNITED STATES	31,657	32,153	102

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

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003**



**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003**



JANUARY 1 EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,197	11,758	96	4,708	4,313	92
East North Central	7,496	7,843	105	6,663	5,889	88
West North Central	20,815	19,202	92	6,357	6,216	98
South Atlantic	235,615	229,754	98	4,442	2,937	66
South Central	340,074	332,073	98	4,918	5,721	116
West	22,011	22,541	102	4,411	5,041	114
UNITED STATES	638,208	623,171	98	31,499	30,117	96

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average December prices received by California producers, when compared to November average prices, decreased 3.0 cents per dozen for market eggs. Monthly statistics on California turkey prices have been discontinued.

Nationally, the December average prices received by producers remained the same for broilers at 29.0 cents per pound but turkey prices decreased 4.4 cents per pound. Prices for market eggs decreased 1.1 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers ^{2/}	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs ^{3/ 5/}	Doz.	38.0	55.0	52.0
Turkeys ^{4/ 5/}	Lb.	44.0	---	---
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.0	29.0	29.0
Market Eggs ^{3/ 5/}	Doz.	41.0	56.3	51.9
Turkeys ^{5/}	Lb.	38.7	39.5	38.4

^{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. TURKEYS RAISED IN 2002 UP SLIGHTLY FROM 2001

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2002 totaled 272 million birds, up fractionally from the 272 million raised in 2001.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 45.5 million, followed by Minnesota with 44.0 million, Arkansas with 29.5 million, Missouri with 25.5 million, Virginia with 20.0 million, California with 17.7 million, and Indiana with 13.0 million. These states accounted for 72 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002.

TURKEY GROWERS PLAN 2 PERCENT DECREASE IN 2003

Turkey growers in 23 states intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2003. These states produced more than 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2002. Intentions for the top seven producing states compared with 2002 are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina down 3 percent, Arkansas and Missouri down 2 percent, Virginia down 5 percent, California down 10 percent, and Indiana was unchanged. The number of turkeys actually raised in 2003 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED AND INTENTIONS

State	2001	2002 ^{a/}	2002	2003	2003
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	27,000	29,500	109	29,000	98
California	18,700	17,700	95	16,000	90
Indiana	14,000	13,000	93	13,000	100
Iowa	7,100	6,800	96	7,000	103
Minnesota	44,000	44,000	100	45,000	102
Missouri	24,000	25,500	106	25,000	98
North Carolina	43,000	45,500	106	44,000	97
Pennsylvania	9,500	9,900	104	9,900	100
South Carolina	9,200	9,900	108	9,700	98
Virginia	24,000	20,000	83	19,000	95
U.S. Total	272,059	272,429	100	265,450	97

^{a/} Revised.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 30.9 million on January 1, 2003, down 4 percent from January 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 3 percent below the December 1 total of 30.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up slightly; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 8 percent; South Central, down 18 percent; and West, down 3 percent.

The 24.2 million poults placed during December 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 November 2002 total of 24.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up slightly; West North Central, up 3 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, down 23 percent; and West, down 12 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

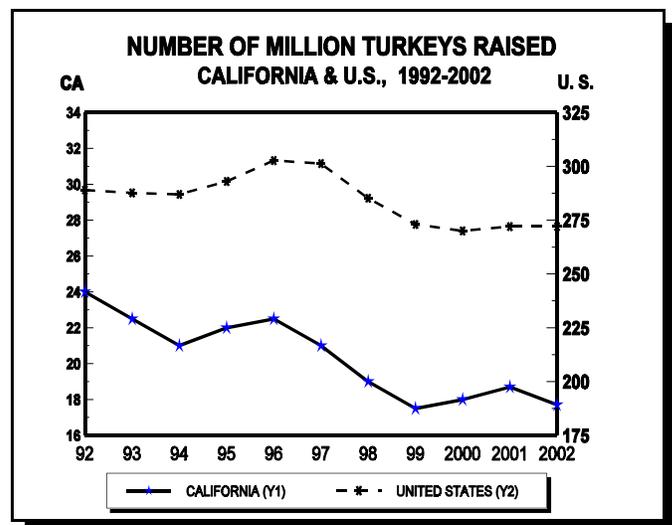
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Jan. 1		2003 2002	Poults Placed During Dec.		2002 2001
	2002	2003		2001	2002	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,839	4,860	100	3,646	3,653	100
W N Central	11,282	11,494	102	8,671	8,929	103
N & S Atlantic	10,149	9,363	92	7,649	7,907	103
S Central	3,240	2,650	82	2,695	2,088	77
West	2,616	2,539	97	1,838	1,611	88
U.S.	32,126	30,906	96	24,499	24,188	99

U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		02-03 01-02	Cumulative Total		02-03 01-02
	2001-02	2002-03		2001-02	2002-03	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	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	24,188	99	95,267	94,656	99
Jan.	25,880			121,147		
Feb.	24,266			145,413		
Mar. ^{2/}	25,746			171,159		
Apr. ^{2/}	26,184			197,343		
May	25,551			222,894		
June ^{2/}	24,409			247,303		
July ^{2/}	25,646			272,949		
Aug.	24,924			297,873		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised in 2002.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2001	November 30, 2002 <u>a/</u>	December 31, 2002	<u>Dec. 2002</u> <u>Dec. 2001</u>	<u>Dec. 2002</u> <u>Nov. 2002</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	28,792	27,929	25,108	87	90
Chickens	Lbs.	39,480	54,952	50,147	127	91
Ducks	Lbs.	73	80	149	204	186
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	68,345	82,961	75,404	110	91
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	240,524	334,339	333,866	139	100
Chickens	Lbs.	719,689	800,423	772,153	107	96
Ducks	Lbs.	6,994	7,551	6,405	92	85
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	967,207	1,142,313	1,112,424	115	97
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	13,710	11,199	13,686	100	122

a/ Revised.

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