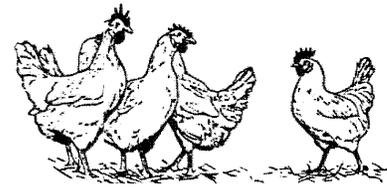


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U.S. JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during January 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 million were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2003 averaged 338 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,170 eggs compared to 2,143 eggs in January 2002.

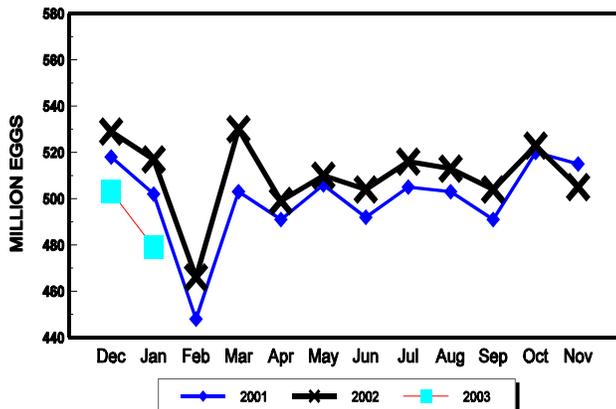
All layers in the U.S. totaled 339 million on February 1, 2003, up slightly from a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 70.1 eggs per 100 layers on February 1, 2003, up 2 percent from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during January totaled 479 million, 24.0 million less than last month and 38.0 million less than last January. Average number of layers during the month totaled 21.8 million, 2.2 percent below last month, and 8.7 percent lower than January 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,194 compared to 2,257 last month and 2,162 in January 2002.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA

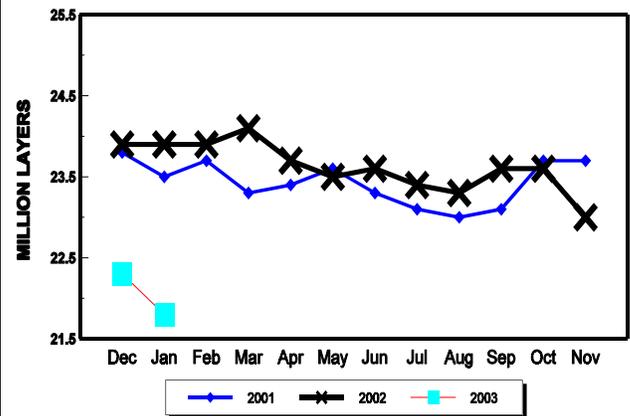
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JANUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF FEBRUARY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,583	9,989	1,909	1,892	202	189	2.5	7.5	7.0	8.0
Arkansas	14,836	14,849	1,887	1,899	280	282	1.0	1.5	7.5	10.0
California	23,914	21,831	2,162	2,194	517	479	5.5	6.0	31.5	40.0
Georgia	21,391	19,883	1,963	2,082	420	414	4.0	2.0	13.0	16.5
Indiana	22,075	22,949	2,202	2,227	486	511	5.0	3.0	28.5	32.5
Iowa	36,192	37,888	2,249	2,272	814	861	3.0	3.5	33.5	33.5
North Carolina	11,078	10,845	1,932	1,973	214	214	1.5	1.0	6.5	13.0
Ohio	30,182	30,567	2,197	2,182	663	667	3.5	4.5	17.5	25.0
Pennsylvania	23,938	24,921	2,289	2,339	548	583	4.5	4.0	18.5	17.0
Texas	19,118	18,809	2,045	2,100	391	395	6.0	7.5	25.0	21.0
United States	338,966	338,122	2,143	2,170	7,264	7,337	4.6	4.5	22.0	24.0

2002 CALIFORNIA LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION

Month	Average Number of Layers			Eggs Per 100 Layers			Total Egg Production		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
December ^{1/}	23,828	23,932	100	2,187	2,215	101	521	530	102
January	23,536	23,914	102	2,129	2,162	102	501	517	103
February	23,683	24,037	101	1,896	1,956	103	449	470	105
March	23,303	24,082	103	2,159	2,201	102	503	530	105
April	23,407	23,723	101	2,097	2,104	100	491	499	102
May	23,641	23,479	99	2,141	2,173	101	506	510	101
June	23,270	23,593	101	2,114	2,137	101	492	504	102
July	23,118	23,425	101	2,189	2,208	101	506	517	102
August	22,910	23,269	102	2,196	2,205	100	503	513	102
September	23,139	23,649	102	2,122	2,136	101	491	505	103
October	23,660	23,664	100	2,198	2,215	101	520	524	101
November	23,749	23,059	97	2,169	2,190	101	515	505	98
Avg./Total	23,437	23,652	101	2,133	2,159	101	5,998	6,124	102

^{1/} December of previous year.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The January 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 760 million, was down 2 percent from January of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 630 million on February 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2003, down 6 percent from January 2002.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 33.5 million, down 6 percent from January 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 27.5 million on February 1, 2003, down 14 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 198 thousand during January 2003, down 13 percent from January 2002.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	107,443	102,648	96
Arkansas	110,938	110,967	100
Delaware	12,668	12,643	100
Florida	8,810	5,756	65
Georgia	114,081	111,320	98
Kentucky	23,112	23,808	103
Maryland	34,588	35,138	102
Mississippi	70,502	70,342	100
North Carolina	68,237	65,985	97
Oklahoma	23,136	22,968	99
Pennsylvania	13,264	12,471	94
South Carolina	16,663	17,004	102
Texas	56,341	54,754	97
Virginia	24,375	23,467	96
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	71,563	70,932	99
Other States ^{1/}	19,948	19,570	98
UNITED STATES	775,669	759,773	98

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

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	805	806	100
Florida	497	665	134
Georgia	2,231	2,500	112
Indiana	4,855	5,269	109
Iowa	5,720	5,402	94
Minnesota	1,319	1,436	109
Pennsylvania	4,540	4,353	96
Other States ^{1/}	15,566	13,068	84
UNITED STATES	35,533	33,499	94

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, FEBRUARY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,515	11,238	98	4,357	3,868	89
East North Central	7,472	7,977	107	7,080	5,034	71
West North Central	20,643	18,815	91	6,361	6,285	99
South Atlantic	237,015	233,245	98	4,463	2,852	64
South Central	338,442	334,534	99	5,015	5,140	102
West	22,495	23,716	105	4,749	4,361	92
UNITED STATES	637,582	629,525	99	32,025	27,540	86

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average January prices received by California producers, when compared to December average prices, increased one cent per dozen for market eggs. Monthly statistics on California turkey prices have been discontinued.

Nationally, the January average prices received by producers increased six cents per pound for broilers, but turkey prices decreased 3.8 cents per pound. Prices for market eggs increased one cent per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	January 2002	December 2002	January 2003
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	40.0	52.0	53.0
Turkeys 2/ 4/	Lb.	---	---	---
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.0	29.0	35.0
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	45.0	51.9	52.9
Turkeys 5/	Lb.	34.1	38.4	34.6

- 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/ Mid-month price discontinued in 2002.
- 5/ Mid-month prices.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 2003, in the United States totaled 30.7 million, down 4 percent from February 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were slightly below the January 1 total of 30.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 3 percent; West North Central, down 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 3 percent; South Central, down 18 percent; and West, down 6 percent.

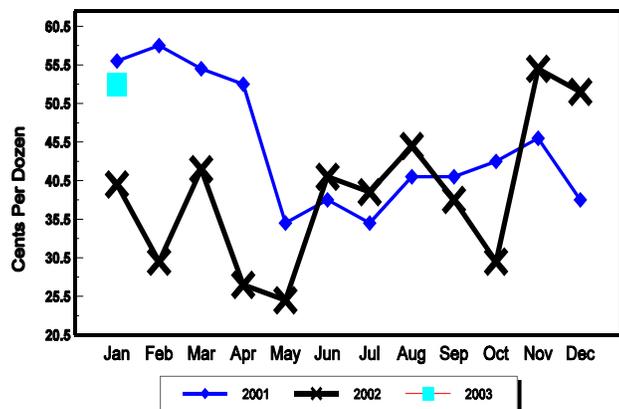
The 25.4 million poult placed during January 2003 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 6 percent from the December 2002 total of 24.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 2 percent; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 6 percent; South Central, down 20 percent; and West, up 17 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

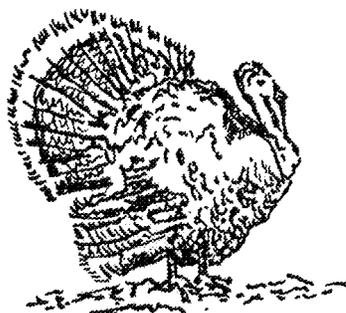
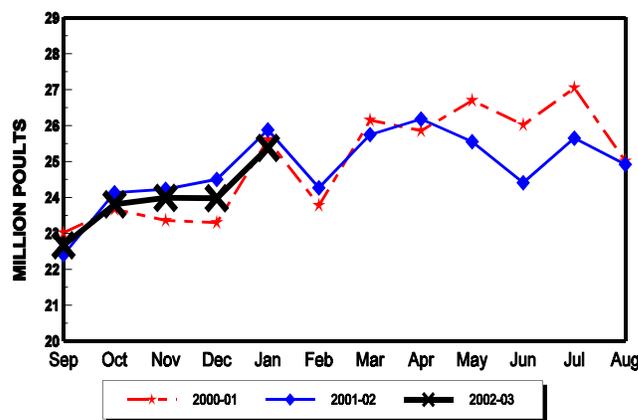
Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators February 1		2003 2002	Poults Placed During Jan. 1/		2003 2002
	2002	2003		2002	2003	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,919	4,794	97	3,788	3,849	102
W N Central	11,369	11,292	99	9,073	9,233	102
N&S Atlantic	9,840	9,569	97	8,753	8,258	94
S. Central	3,087	2,531	82	2,580	2,065	80
West	2,675	2,511	94	1,686	1,976	117
U.S.	31,890	30,697	96	25,880	25,381	98

- 1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2001-2003**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2000-2003**



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 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. 2/	24,499	23,977	98	95,267	94,656	99
Jan.	25,880	25,381	98	121,147	119,826	99
Feb.	24,266			145,413		
Mar. 3/	25,746			171,159		
Apr 3/	26,184			197,343		
May	25,551			222,894		
June 3/	24,409			247,303		
July 3/	25,646			272,949		
Aug.	24,924			297,873		

- 1/ Excludes exported poults.
- 2/ Revised in 2003.
- 3/ Revised in 2002.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	January 31, 2002	December 31, 2002 <u>a/</u>	January 31, 2003	<u>Jan. 2003</u> Jan. 2002	<u>Jan. 2003</u> Dec. 2002
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	33,873	25,531	32,778	97	128
Chickens	Lbs.	41,839	50,316	50,739	121	101
Ducks	Lbs.	79	146	84	106	58
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	75,791	75,993	83,601	110	110
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	327,056	333,047	436,445	133	131
Chickens	Lbs.	724,579	768,084	723,832	100	94
Ducks	Lbs.	6,462	6,398	5,222	81	82
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,058,097	1,107,529	1,165,499	110	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	13,135	13,525	15,361	117	114

a/ Revised.

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