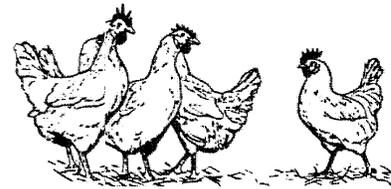


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## U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during April 2003, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2003 averaged 336 million, down slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,123 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2002. April 2003 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, equal to April 2002.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 334 million on May 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 334 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 57.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.77 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers on May 1, 2003, up 2 percent from a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 413 million, 35.0 million less than last month and 86.0 million less than last April. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.6 million, 3 percent below last month and 17.3 percent lower than April 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,107 compared to 2,220 last month and 2,104 in April 2002.

## 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	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,198	9,739	1,863	1,869	190	182	3.5	1.5	7.5	6.5
Arkansas	15,255	15,790	1,862	1,824	284	288	2.0	2.5	6.5	9.5
California	23,723	19,600	2,104	2,107	499	413	7.0	7.5	28.0	36.5
Georgia	20,438	20,516	2,031	2,042	415	419	6.0	4.5	11.5	14.5
Indiana	22,155	22,987	2,180	2,188	483	503	7.5	4.0	31.5	30.0
Iowa	36,937	38,204	2,220	2,167	820	828	5.5	4.0	29.5	34.5
North Carolina	11,320	10,948	1,855	1,900	210	208	2.0	2.0	5.0	12.0
Ohio	30,350	29,687	2,129	2,149	646	638	5.0	4.0	17.0	29.0
Pennsylvania	23,336	24,352	2,288	2,275	534	554	4.5	4.0	20.5	18.5
Texas	18,476	18,799	2,127	2,133	393	401	7.0	4.5	19.0	22.5
U.S. TOTAL	336,776	335,807	2,110	2,123	7,105	7,129	5.7	4.3	21.5	23.5

## PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 2002	March 2003 <i>a/</i>	April 2003	Apr. 2003 Apr. 2002	Apr. 2003 Mar. 2003
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	60,715	60,028	78,172	129	130
Chickens	Lbs.	46,239	47,279	49,824	108	105
Ducks	Lbs.	111	54	50	45	93
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	107,065	107,361	128,046	120	119
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	515,189	539,100	573,186	111	106
Chickens	Lbs.	852,430	641,983	719,324	84	112
Ducks	Lbs.	6,436	5,835	6,043	94	104
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,374,055	1,186,918	1,298,553	95	109
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	10,247	16,955	15,724	153	93

*a/* Revised.

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

The April 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 761 million, was down 1 percent from April of the previous year. There were 646 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.70 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2003, down 1 percent from April 2002.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL**

State	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	104,539	102,088	98
Arkansas	107,781	106,918	99
Delaware	12,435	13,228	106
Florida	8,267	5,668	69
Georgia	111,694	112,495	101
Kentucky	23,171	23,573	102
Louisiana	13,458	13,502	100
Maryland	33,804	34,559	102
Mississippi	68,376	69,272	101
North Carolina	68,429	67,214	98
Oklahoma	22,555	24,001	106
Pennsylvania	13,081	12,810	98
South Carolina	16,385	17,018	104
Texas	55,612	52,510	94
Virginia	23,607	23,880	101
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	59,576	59,932	101
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	22,645	22,477	99
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>765,415</b>	<b>761,145</b>	<b>99</b>

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

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

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 37.5 million, down 1 percent from April 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on May 1, 2003, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 276 thousand during April 2003, down 6 percent from April 2002.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL**

State	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	738	695	94
Florida	642	563	88
Georgia	2,149	2,429	113
Indiana	5,339	4,893	92
Iowa	5,784	6,398	111
Minnesota	1,317	1,451	110
Pennsylvania	4,402	4,740	108
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	17,717	16,362	92
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>38,088</b>	<b>37,531</b>	<b>99</b>

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

**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,407	11,913	96	5,007	4,319	86
East North Central	7,939	8,220	104	7,278	8,426	116
West North Central	22,632	23,654	105	7,675	8,774	114
South Atlantic	242,553	238,944	99	4,949	2,809	57
South Central	341,000	338,337	99	5,366	5,568	104
West	25,907	24,942	96	5,712	4,914	86
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>652,438</b>	<b>646,010</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>35,987</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>97</b>

**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators totaled 31.8 million in the United States on May 1, 2003, down 2 percent from May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were slightly below the April 2003 total of 32.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 8 percent; West North Central, down 4 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 9 percent; South Central, down 20 percent; and West, down slightly.

The 24.9 million poult placements during April 2003 in the United States were down 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down slightly from the March 2003 total of 24.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central, down 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, down 21 percent; and West, down 5 percent.

**ALL TURKEYS**

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators May 1		2003	Poults Placed during April <sup>1/</sup>		2003
	2002	2003	2002	2002	2003	2002
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
East North Central	5,248	4,810	92	3,907	3,700	95
West North Central	12,331	11,895	96	9,525	8,850	93
No. & So. Atlantic	9,058	9,898	109	7,833	8,051	103
South Central	3,070	2,459	80	2,622	2,079	79
West	2,797	2,787	100	2,297	2,182	95
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>32,504</b>	<b>31,849</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>26,184</b>	<b>24,862</b>	<b>95</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes exported poults.

**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>**

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.	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	23,977	98	95,267	94,445	99
Jan.	25,880	25,389	98	121,147	119,834	99
Feb.	24,266	23,833	98	145,413	143,667	99
Mar. <sup>2/</sup>	25,746	24,902	97	171,159	168,569	98
Apr.	26,184	24,862	95	197,343	193,431	98
May	25,551			222,894		
June	24,409			247,303		
July	25,646			272,949		
Aug.	24,924			297,873		

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes exported poults.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised data for "Total All Breeds, 2002-03."

**EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

Egg producers in California produced 6.12 billion eggs in 2002, 2 percent above the 6.00 billion produced in 2001. The value of eggs produced totaled \$200 million, down 15 percent from the previous year's production of \$236 million.

Nationally, the value of all egg production in 2002 was \$4.26 billion, down 4 percent from the \$4.45 billion in 2001. Egg production totaled 86.7 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 85.7 billion eggs produced in 2001. In 2002, all eggs averaged 59 cents per dozen, compared with 62.2 cents in 2001.

**EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

Year	EGGs Produced 1/	Price Per Dozen 2/	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			
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
2001	5,998	47.2	235,921
2002	6,124	39.2	200,051
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
2001	85,745	62.2	4,446,312
2002	86,698	59.0	4,262,662

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30.

2/ Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.

**BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

For the past three years, California's broiler production was combined with six other states (IA, IN, LA, MO, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These seven states produced 810 million birds totaling 3.99 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 31.7 cents for a total production value of \$1.26 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2002 was \$13.4 billion, down 20 percent from 2001. The total number of broilers produced in 2002 was 8.59 billion, up 2 percent from 2001. Broiler production in 2002 totaled 44.1 billion pounds (live weight), up 4 percent from 2001. The 2002 average price per pound on a live weight-equivalent basis was 30.5 cents per pound, down 22 percent from 39.3 cents in 2001 and the lowest broiler price since 1987.

**BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

Year	Number Produced 1/	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
1993	216,000	1,101,600	32.0	352,512
1994	226,200	1,131,000	33.0	373,230
1995	235,800	1,179,000	32.5	383,175
1996	234,200	1,171,000	39.0	456,690
1997	237,300	1,210,200	39.0	471,978
1998 3/	506,100	2,437,500	39.3	958,714
1999 3/	518,760	2,493,900	38.9	970,213
2000 4/	763,900	3,603,000	35.0	1,260,606
2001 4/	767,400	3,690,900	40.3	1,487,133
2002 4/	809,900	3,988,300	31.7	1,263,074
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
2001	8,389,090	42,445,800	39.3	16,693,515
2002	8,590,180	44,050,400	30.5	13,434,771

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

3/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, ME, OR and WA

4/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, MO, OR and WA

**TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

California turkey production totaled 439 million pounds (live weight) in 2002, down 3 percent from the 451 million pounds raised in 2001. Value of production, at \$158 million, was down 25 percent from the \$212 million realized in 2001. The annual average of 36 cents per pound was 11 cents below the 2001 average of 47 cents per pound.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2002 was \$2.70 billion, down 3 percent from the \$2.79 billion of the previous year. Turkey production in 2002 totaled 7.41 billion pounds, compared with 7.15 billion pounds in 2001. The average price received by producers during 2002 was 36.5 cents per pound, compared with 39 cents in 2001.

**TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE**

Year	Number Raised 1/	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
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
2001	18,700	450,670	47.0	211,815
2002	17,700	438,960	36.0	158,026
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
2001	272,059	7,154,781	39.0	2,790,317
2002	272,429	7,406,050	36.5	2,700,333

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of September 1 (of previous year) through August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

**CHICKEN VALUE OF SALES**

California's total value of other chickens (excluding broilers) sold in 2002 was \$289 thousand, 27 percent less than the value of a year earlier. The average price for other chickens was 0.8 cents per pound, down 0.2 cents from last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2002 was \$49.0 million, up 6 percent from the \$46.4 million a year ago. Prices averaged 4.7 cents per pound, compared with 4.5 cents in 2001. The number of chickens sold in 2002 totaled 198 million, down 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

**CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/**

Year	Number Sold	Price Per Pound	Value
	Thousand Head	Cents	Thousand Dollars
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			
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
2001	10,690	1.0	396
2002	9,761	0.8	289
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
2001	199,862	4.5	46,353
2002	198,035	4.7	49,023

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (previous year) through November 30 and excludes broilers.

**PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED**

Region	Unit	April 2002	April 2003
		Dollars	
<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	286	306
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	264	293
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	364	357
Laying Feed	Ton	239	260
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	240	241
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	259	234
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	264	279
Laying Feed	Ton	225	232

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

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

Nationally, the April average prices received by producers decreased two cents for broilers, while turkey prices remained the same. Prices for market eggs increased 0.2 cents per dozen.

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

Commodity	Unit	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	27.0	50.0	53.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	28.0	33.0	31.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	32.5	51.8	52.0
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	32.9	35.1	35.1

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/ Mid-month prices.