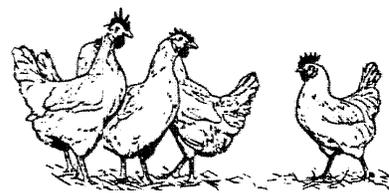


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U.S. JULY EGG PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY

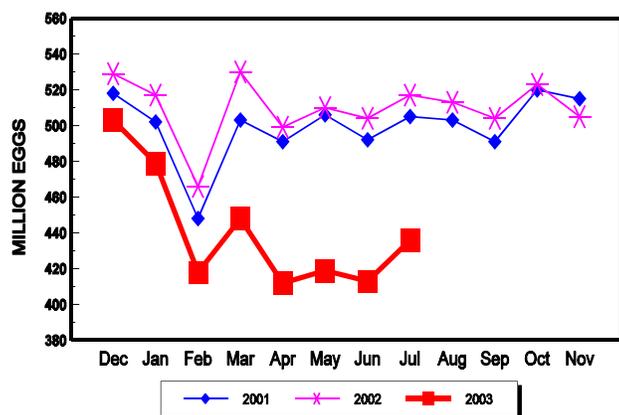
U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during July 2003, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2003 averaged 332 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,214 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2002. July 2002 and July 2003 both contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 332 million on August 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.59 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers on August 1, 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

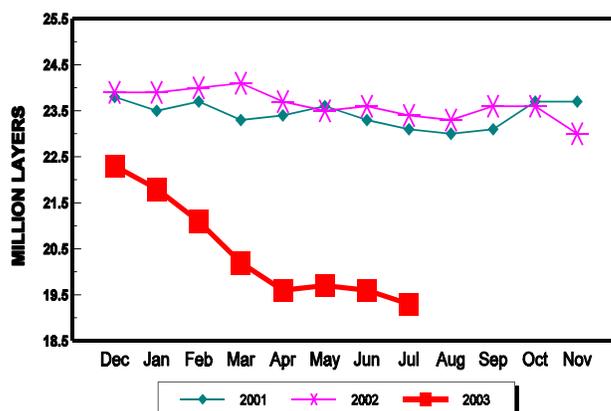
California's egg production during July totaled 436 million, 23.0 million more than last month, but 81.0 million less than last July. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.3 million, 1 percent below last month and 18 percent lower than July 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,262 compared to 2,111 last month and 2,208 in July 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 JULY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF AUGUST 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	9,972	9,749	1,875	1,877	187	183	4.0	2.0	11.0	5.0
Arkansas	14,567	15,361	1,936	1,894	282	291	3.0	0.0	9.0	10.5
California	23,425	19,272	2,208	2,262	517	436	6.0	2.0	27.0	37.0
Georgia	20,124	20,337	1,973	2,065	397	420	5.0	5.5	14.5	15.5
Indiana	22,232	22,281	2,254	2,262	501	504	9.0	5.5	24.5	32.5
Iowa	37,478	38,641	2,289	2,316	858	895	6.0	10.0	27.5	31.5
North Carolina	11,029	10,663	1,922	2,026	212	216	1.0	0.5	9.0	11.0
Ohio	30,739	28,842	2,238	2,254	688	650	6.5	2.5	17.5	26.0
Pennsylvania	23,457	23,823	2,353	2,351	552	560	3.5	4.0	19.5	20.5
Texas	18,199	18,239	2,225	2,204	405	402	4.0	4.5	23.0	21.0
UNITED STATES	335,498	331,702	2,190	2,214	7,347	7,343	4.6	4.3	21.9	23.5

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The July 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 777 million, was down 1 percent from July of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 641 million on August 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.10 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2003, up 7 percent from July 2002.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	2002	2003	2003 2002
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	106,051	105,661	100
Arkansas	110,953	111,352	100
Delaware	12,567	13,188	105
Florida	8,679	4,874	56
Georgia	117,389	118,582	101
Kentucky	24,087	24,218	101
Louisiana	13,781	14,446	105
Maryland	35,482	34,497	97
Mississippi	70,081	71,521	102
North Carolina	67,027	64,958	97
Oklahoma	24,427	23,159	95
Pennsylvania	13,361	13,087	98
South Carolina	16,751	16,007	96
Texas	55,363	53,685	97
Virginia	22,832	23,867	105
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	60,737	62,077	102
Other States ^{1/}	22,139	22,162	100
UNITED STATES	781,707	777,341	99

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 35.6 million, up slightly from July 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.7 million on August 1, 2003, down 6 percent from a year ago.

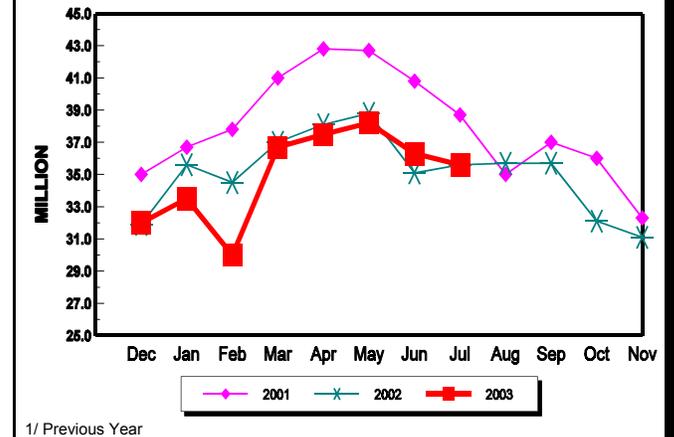
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 226 thousand during July 2003, down 20 percent from July 2002.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JULY

State	2002	2003	2003 2002
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	834	824	99
Florida	536	812	151
Georgia	2,194	2,407	110
Indiana	5,149	4,932	96
Iowa	5,235	6,297	120
Minnesota	1,416	1,100	78
Pennsylvania	3,815	4,685	123
Other States ^{1/}	16,394	14,536	89
UNITED STATES	35,573	35,593	100

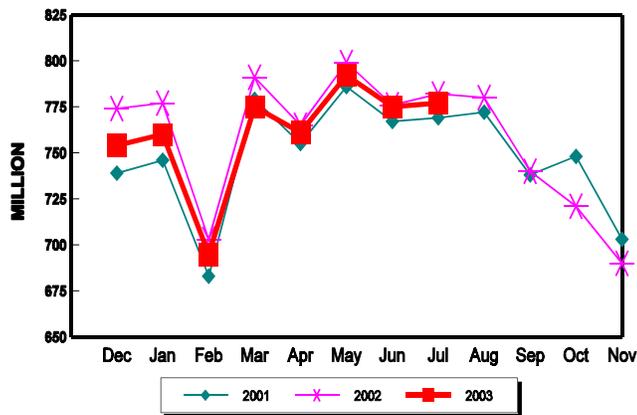
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**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003**



^{1/} Previous Year

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



^{1/} Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, AUGUST 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,663	12,322	106	4,745	4,854	102
East North Central	7,600	8,395	110	6,868	7,100	103
West North Central	20,614	22,026	107	7,821	7,500	96
South Atlantic	239,283	233,599	98	3,916	2,556	65
South Central	342,058	341,216	100	5,195	5,099	98
West	23,507	23,217	99	4,287	3,601	84
UNITED STATES	644,725	640,775	99	32,832	30,710	94

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 32.2 million on August 1, 2003, down slightly from August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent above the July 2003 total of 32.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, unchanged; West North Central, down 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 5 percent; South Central, down 26 percent; and West, up 19 percent.

The 25.2 million poult placed during July 2003 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1 percent from the June 2003 total of 25.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 7 percent; West North Central, unchanged; North and South Atlantic, up 4 percent; South Central, down 17 percent; and West, down 6 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators August 1		2003	Poults Placed During July 1/		2003
	2002	2003	2002	2002	2003	2002
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
East No. Central	5,116	5,102	100	3,942	3,649	93
West No. Central	11,647	11,392	98	9,016	9,049	100
No. & So. Atlantic	9,394	9,842	105	7,744	8,072	104
South Central	2,966	2,204	74	2,261	1,882	83
West	3,113	3,692	119	2,683	2,530	94
UNITED STATES	32,236	32,232	100	25,646	25,182	98

1/ Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds 2/		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.	25,746	24,902	97	171,159	168,569	98
Apr.	26,184	24,938	95	197,343	193,507	98
May	25,551	25,111	98	222,894	218,618	98
Jun.	24,409	25,422	104	247,303	244,040	99
Jul.	25,646	25,182	98	272,949	269,222	99
Aug.	24,924			297,873		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised June 2002-03 data.

U.S. TURKEYS RAISED DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM 2002

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2003 is 269 million, down 1 percent from the number raised during 2002.

The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2003:

Minnesota, at 45.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state and shows a 3 percent increase from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 45.0 million birds, down 1 percent from 2002.

Missouri is in third place by producing 27.5 million birds, 8 percent more than a year ago.

Arkansas growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2003, down 19 percent from the previous year.

Virginia, at 23.0 million birds, is up 15 percent from 2002.

California expects to raise 16.5 million turkeys, 7 percent less than a year earlier.

TURKEYS RAISED IN 2002-03 1/

State	Number		2003/2002
	2002	2003	
	Thousand Head		Percent
Arkansas	29,500	24,000	81
California	17,700	16,500	93
Connecticut	7	7	100
Delaware 2/	3	---	---
Illinois	2,900	2,900	100
Indiana	13,000	12,800	98
Iowa	6,800	6,500	96
Maryland	435	450	103
Massachusetts	68	68	100
Michigan	4,800	4,800	100
Minnesota	44,000	45,500	103
Missouri	25,500	27,500	108
New Hampshire	5	5	100
New Jersey	34	37	109
New York	520	570	110
North Carolina	45,500	45,000	99
North Dakota	1,900	1,300	68
Ohio	5,400	5,300	98
Pennsylvania	9,900	9,500	96
South Carolina	9,900	9,900	100
South Dakota	4,800	4,900	102
Vermont	46	50	109
Virginia	20,000	23,000	115
West Virginia	3,600	4,100	114
Other States 2/	26,111	24,513	94
UNITED STATES	272,429	269,200	99

1/ Revised.

2/ CO, DE (in 2003), KS, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	July 2003	July 2003
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	85,023	81,008	80,508	95	99
Chickens	Lbs.	62,305	43,349	41,728	67	96
Ducks	Lbs.	172	47	63	37	134
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	147,500	124,404	122,299	83	98
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	706,194	718,212	742,188	105	103
Chickens	Lbs.	869,226	653,259	645,793	74	99
Ducks	Lbs.	7,173	6,872	4,345	61	63
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,582,593	1,378,343	1,392,326	88	101
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	12,943	17,951	18,525	143	103

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average July prices received by California producers, when compared to June average prices, increased one cent per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the July average prices received by producers remained the same for broilers, while turkey prices decreased 1.3 cents from last month. Prices for market eggs increased 2.5 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	39.0	58.0	59.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	30.0	36.0	36.0
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	38.0	49.9	52.4
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	38.6	34.4	33.1

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