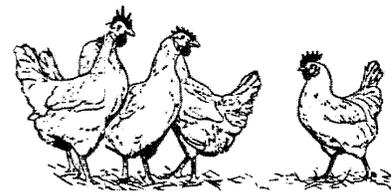


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U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.31 billion during August 2003, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2003 averaged 332 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,201 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2002.

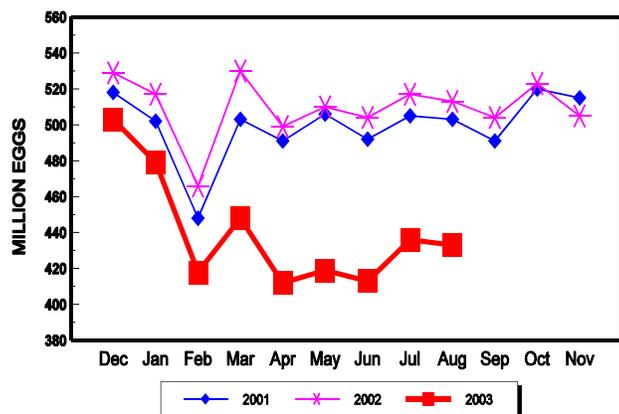
All layers in the U.S. totaled 332 million on September 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 275 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.49 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day averaged 70.6 eggs per 100 layers on September 1, 2003, down slightly from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 433 million, 3.00 million less than last month and 80.0 million less than last August. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.5 million, 1 percent above last month, but 16 percent lower than August 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,225 compared to 2,262 last month and 2,205 in August 2002.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA

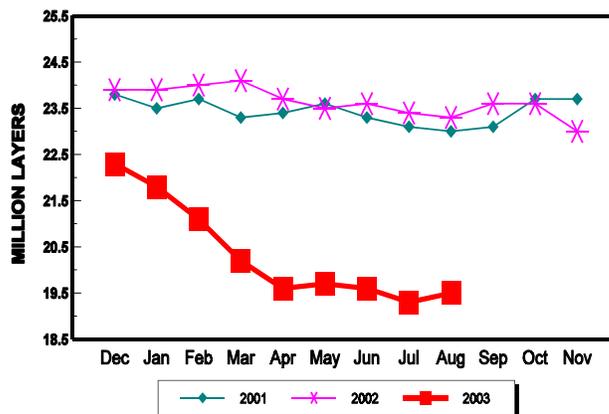
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, FORCED MOLTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 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 | 10,023 | 9,727 | 1,886 | 1,902 | 189 | 185 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 12.5 | 5.0 |
| Arkansas | 14,396 | 14,824 | 1,945 | 1,916 | 280 | 284 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 10.0 | 9.5 |
| California | 23,269 | 19,465 | 2,205 | 2,225 | 513 | 433 | 5.5 | 7.5 | 28.5 | 35.0 |
| Georgia | 20,005 | 20,230 | 2,039 | 2,101 | 408 | 425 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 15.0 | 18.0 |
| Indiana | 22,468 | 22,328 | 2,288 | 2,244 | 514 | 501 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 32.0 | 34.0 |
| Iowa | 37,657 | 38,918 | 2,292 | 2,233 | 863 | 869 | 3.5 | 7.0 | 31.5 | 30.0 |
| North Carolina | 11,001 | 10,500 | 1,927 | 1,990 | 212 | 209 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 9.0 | 11.0 |
| Ohio | 30,861 | 28,873 | 2,236 | 2,265 | 690 | 654 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 19.5 | 24.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 23,717 | 23,583 | 2,319 | 2,345 | 550 | 553 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 16.5 | 20.0 |
| Texas | 18,276 | 18,196 | 2,172 | 2,171 | 397 | 395 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 24.5 | 14.5 |
| UNITED STATES | 336,159 | 332,003 | 2,188 | 2,201 | 7,356 | 7,308 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 23.4 | 22.8 |

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The August 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 783 million, was up slightly from August of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 632 million eggs on September 1, 2003, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.40 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2003, down 1 percent from August 2002.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

| State | 2002 | 2003 | <u>2003</u> <u>2002</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | Thousands | | Percent |
| Alabama | 108,485 | 107,855 | 99 |
| Arkansas | 109,920 | 112,574 | 102 |
| Delaware | 13,101 | 14,115 | 108 |
| Florida | 8,273 | 4,944 | 60 |
| Georgia | 115,797 | 119,670 | 103 |
| Kentucky | 24,552 | 25,387 | 103 |
| Louisiana | 14,096 | 13,957 | 99 |
| Maryland | 35,956 | 34,354 | 96 |
| Mississippi | 70,527 | 71,917 | 102 |
| North Carolina | 67,441 | 64,522 | 96 |
| Oklahoma | 24,419 | 23,152 | 95 |
| Pennsylvania | 13,218 | 13,495 | 102 |
| South Carolina | 16,662 | 16,226 | 97 |
| Texas | 53,967 | 53,621 | 99 |
| Virginia | 22,843 | 23,813 | 104 |
| California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia | 58,167 | 60,425 | 104 |
| Other States ^{1/} | 22,596 | 23,148 | 102 |
| UNITED STATES | 780,020 | 783,175 | 100 |

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 33.2 million, down 7 percent from August 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.8 million on September 1, 2003, down 4 percent from a year ago.

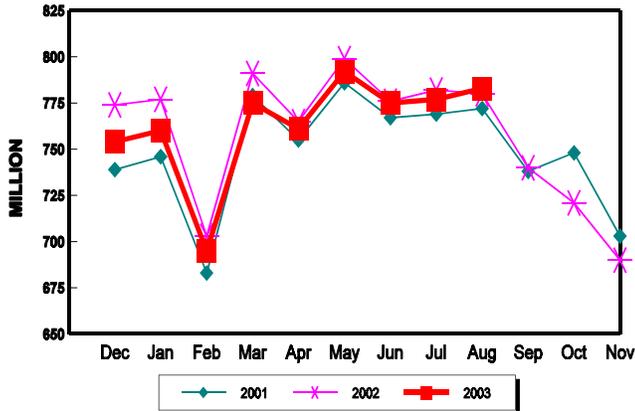
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 184 thousand during August 2003, down 17 percent from August 2002.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

| State | 2002 | 2003 | <u>2003</u> <u>2002</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | Thousands | | Percent |
| Arkansas | 1,035 | 1,028 | 99 |
| Florida | 571 | 697 | 122 |
| Georgia | 2,258 | 2,429 | 108 |
| Indiana | 4,941 | 4,745 | 96 |
| Iowa | 5,857 | 5,237 | 89 |
| Minnesota | 1,476 | 1,116 | 76 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,661 | 4,513 | 97 |
| Other States ^{1/} | 14,882 | 13,414 | 90 |
| UNITED STATES | 35,681 | 33,179 | 93 |

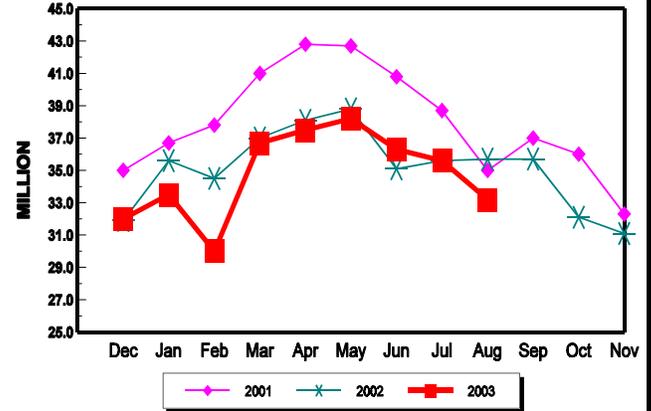
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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003**



^{1/} Previous Year

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



^{1/} Previous Year

U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

| Geographic Division | Broiler-Type | | | Egg-Type | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | <u>2003/2002</u> | 2002 | 2003 | <u>2003/2002</u> |
| | Thousands | | Percent | Thousands | | Percent |
| North Atlantic | 11,502 | 11,885 | 103 | 4,942 | 5,317 | 108 |
| East North Central | 7,636 | 8,324 | 109 | 6,911 | 7,318 | 106 |
| West North Central | 20,428 | 21,510 | 105 | 7,164 | 7,255 | 101 |
| South Atlantic | 235,389 | 230,681 | 98 | 4,558 | 2,469 | 54 |
| South Central | 334,834 | 337,782 | 101 | 5,040 | 4,941 | 98 |
| West | 23,238 | 21,954 | 94 | 4,564 | 4,491 | 98 |
| UNITED STATES | 633,027 | 632,136 | 100 | 33,179 | 31,791 | 96 |

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average August prices received by California producers, when compared to July average prices, increased 15 cents per dozen for market eggs.

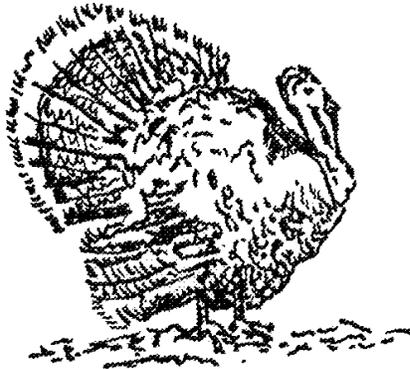
Nationally, the August average prices received by producers increased one cent per pound for broilers, while turkey prices decreased 0.9 compared to last month. Prices for market eggs increased 14.5 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

| Commodity | Unit | August 2002 | July 2003 | August 2003 |
|----------------------|------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | | Cents | | |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | |
| Market Eggs 2/ | Doz. | 45.0 | 59.0 | 74.0 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | |
| Chickens-Broilers | Lb. | 29.0 | 36.0 | 37.0 |
| Market Eggs 2/ | Doz. | 43.6 | 52.4 | 66.9 |
| Turkeys 2/ | Lb. | 38.2 | 33.1 | 32.2 |

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.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 28.3 million on September 1, 2003, down 4 percent from September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 13 percent below the August 2003 total of 32.5 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 4 percent; West North Central, down slightly; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, down 22 percent; and West, down 26 percent.

The 24.0 million poults placed during August 2003 in the United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 5 percent from the July 2003 total of 25.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 10 percent; West North Central, down 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, up slightly; South Central, down 30 percent; and West, up 12 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

| Geographic Division | Eggs in Incubators September 1 | | 2003 2002 | Poults Placed during Aug. 1/ | | 2003 2002 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | | 2002 | 2003 | |
| | Thousands | | Pct. | Thousands | | Pct. |
| E N Central | 4,815 | 4,604 | 96 | 3,935 | 3,541 | 90 |
| W N Central | 11,353 | 11,341 | 100 | 8,864 | 8,795 | 99 |
| N & S Atlantic | 8,051 | 8,318 | 103 | 7,374 | 7,399 | 100 |
| S Central | 2,671 | 2,083 | 78 | 2,428 | 1,708 | 70 |
| West | 2,603 | 1,933 | 74 | 2,323 | 2,593 | 112 |
| U.S. | 29,493 | 28,279 | 96 | 24,924 | 24,036 | 96 |

1/ Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

| Month | Total All Breeds 2/ | | 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 | 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 |
| June | 24,409 | 25,422 | 104 | 247,303 | 244,040 | 99 |
| July | 25,646 | 25,330 | 99 | 272,949 | 269,222 | 99 |
| Aug. | 24,924 | 24,036 | 96 | 297,873 | 293,406 | 99 |

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised July 2002-03 data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

| Commodity | Unit | August 31, 2002 | July 31, 2003 | August 31, 2003 | Aug. 2003 Aug. 2002 | Aug. 2003 July 2003 |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Thousands | | | Percent | |
| PACIFIC COAST | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 83,065 | 80,508 | 74,290 | 89 | 92 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 59,122 | 41,728 | 40,070 | 68 | 96 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 165 | 63 | 62 | 38 | 98 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 142,352 | 122,299 | 114,422 | 80 | 94 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| Turkeys | Lbs. | 685,621 | 722,543 | 716,038 | 104 | 99 |
| Chickens | Lbs. | 824,021 | 635,590 | 620,296 | 75 | 98 |
| Ducks | Lbs. | 7,654 | 5,034 | 4,058 | 53 | 81 |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 1,517,296 | 1,363,167 | 1,340,392 | 88 | 98 |
| Eggs, Frozen | Lbs. | 13,178 | 18,570 | 17,991 | 137 | 97 |