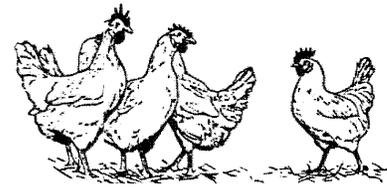


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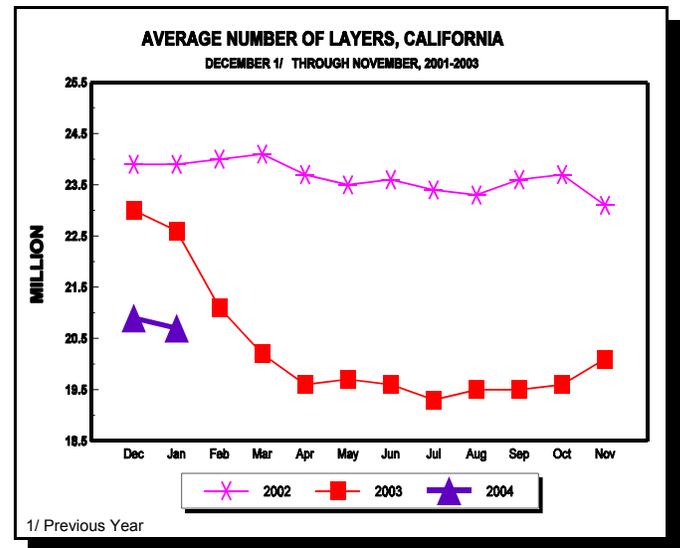
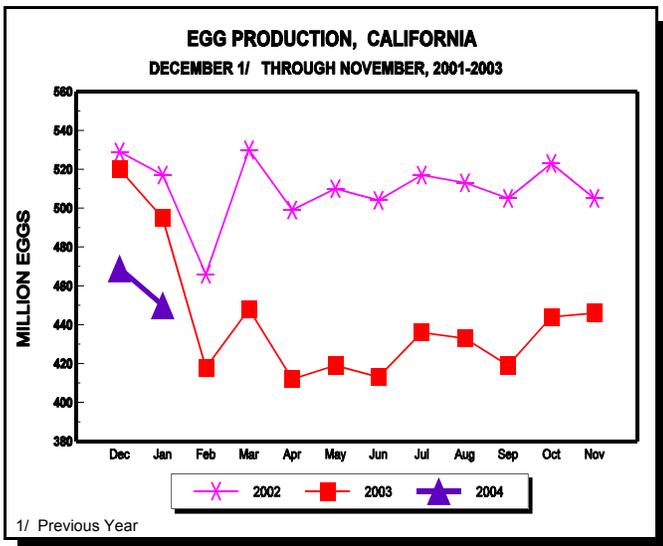
U.S. JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during January 2004, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.32 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2004 averaged 338 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,184 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2003.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during January totaled 450 million, 19.0 million less than last month and 45.0 million less than last January. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.7 million, down 1 percent from last month and 8 percent lower than January 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,174 compared to 2,244 last month and 2,194 in January 2003.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 338 million on February 1, 2004, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers on February 1, 2004, down slightly from a year ago.



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	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,989	9,367	1,892	1,890	189	177	7.5	1.0	8.0	4.5
Arkansas	14,849	14,416	1,899	1,894	282	273	1.5	2.5	10.0	9.0
California	22,565	20,702	2,194	2,174	495	450	6.0	5.5	40.0	29.0
Georgia	20,393	20,674	2,084	2,075	425	429	2.0	5.5	16.5	16.5
Indiana	22,949	23,240	2,227	2,250	511	523	3.0	5.0	32.5	32.5
Iowa	38,413	40,565	2,273	2,246	873	911	3.5	7.0	33.5	33.5
North Carolina	10,845	10,839	1,973	1,947	214	211	1.0	0.0	13.0	9.5
Ohio	30,567	27,231	2,182	2,218	667	604	4.5	7.5	25.0	23.0
Pennsylvania	25,321	23,643	2,341	2,301	593	544	4.0	3.0	17.0	20.0
Texas	18,809	18,601	2,100	2,226	395	414	7.5	5.5	21.0	10.5
UNITED STATES	340,910	337,892	2,168	2,184	7,390	7,380	4.5	5.1	24.0	22.1

CALIFORNIA LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION

Month	Average Number of Layers			Eggs Per 100 Layers			Total Egg Production		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands		Percent	Number		Percent	Million		Percent
December ^{1/}	24,149	23,016	95	2,211	2,260	102	534	520	97
January	24,355	22,565	93	2,164	2,194	101	527	495	94
February	24,495	21,825	89	1,956	1,979	101	479	432	90
March	24,556	20,749	84	2,203	2,222	101	541	461	85
April	24,214	20,260	84	2,102	2,108	100	509	427	84
May	23,986	20,392	85	2,172	2,118	98	521	432	83
June	24,117	20,223	84	2,135	2,111	99	515	427	83
July	23,965	19,921	83	2,207	2,259	102	529	450	85
August	23,825	20,101	84	2,208	2,229	101	526	448	85
September	24,177	20,058	83	2,134	2,149	101	516	431	84
October	24,208	20,144	83	2,214	2,264	102	536	456	85
November	23,720	20,721	87	2,188	2,220	101	519	460	89
Avg./Total	24,147	20,831	86	2,158	2,176	101	6,252	5,439	87

^{1/} December of previous year.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The January 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 774 million, was up 2 percent from January of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 636 million on February 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.80 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2004, up 9 percent from January 2003.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 35.4 million, up 6 percent from January 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.5 million on February 1, 2004, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 164 thousand during January 2004, down 17 percent from January 2003.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	102,648	109,670	107
Arkansas	110,967	113,114	102
Delaware	12,643	13,544	107
Florida	5,756	4,940	86
Georgia	111,320	119,894	108
Kentucky	23,808	24,876	104
Louisiana	13,361	13,411	100
Maryland	35,138	32,079	91
Mississippi	70,342	71,206	101
North Carolina	65,985	64,309	97
Oklahoma	22,968	22,527	98
Pennsylvania	12,471	12,642	101
South Carolina	17,004	13,191	78
Texas	54,754	52,895	97
Virginia	23,467	23,179	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	57,571	61,268	106
Other States ^{1/}	19,570	21,225	108
UNITED STATES	759,773	773,970	102

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

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	806	823	102
Florida	665	709	107
Georgia	2,500	2,519	101
Indiana	5,269	5,096	97
Iowa	5,402	6,018	111
Minnesota	1,436	1,110	77
Pennsylvania	4,353	4,935	113
Other States ^{1/}	13,068	14,140	108
UNITED STATES	33,499	35,350	106

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, FEBRUARY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,238	12,093	108	3,868	5,610	145
East North Central	7,977	8,075	101	5,034	5,961	118
West North Central	18,815	21,614	115	6,285	6,490	103
South Atlantic	233,245	230,351	99	2,852	2,559	90
South Central	334,534	339,080	101	5,140	4,683	91
West	23,716	24,913	105	4,361	5,217	120
UNITED STATES	629,525	636,126	101	27,540	30,520	111

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average January prices received by California producers, when compared to December average prices, increased 5.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the January average prices received by producers increased 5.0 cents per pound for broilers, while turkey prices decreased 2.8 cents per pound compared to last month. Prices for market eggs increased 6.7 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	53.0	81.0	86.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	35.0	38.0	43.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	48.9	73.9	80.6
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	34.6	37.7	34.9

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

Turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 28.1 million, down 8 percent from February 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the January 2004 total of 28.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 11 percent; West North Central, down 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 17 percent; South Central, down 9 percent; and West, up 3 percent.

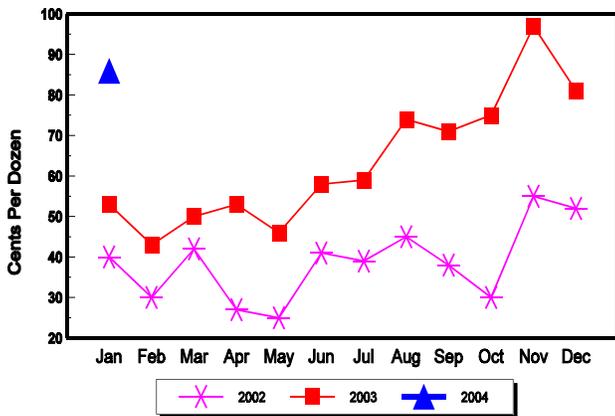
The 23.3 million poult placed during January 2004 in the United States were down 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1 percent from the December 2003 total of 23.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 12 percent; West North Central, down 6 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 9 percent; South Central, down 5 percent; and West, down 9 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

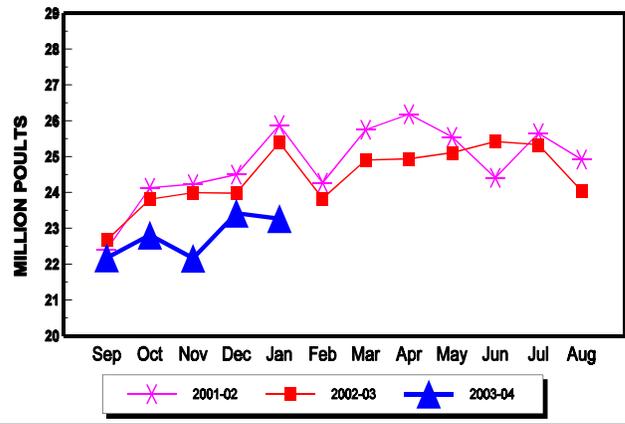
Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators February 1		2004 2003	Poult Placed During January 1/		2004 2003
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
East North Central	4,794	4,269	89	3,849	3,381	88
West North Central	11,292	11,034	98	9,233	8,663	94
No. & So. Atlantic	9,569	7,942	83	8,258	7,475	91
South Central	2,529	2,306	91	2,073	1,960	95
West	2,511	2,588	103	1,976	1,794	91
UNITED STATES	30,695	28,139	92	25,389	23,273	92

1/ Excludes exported poults.

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



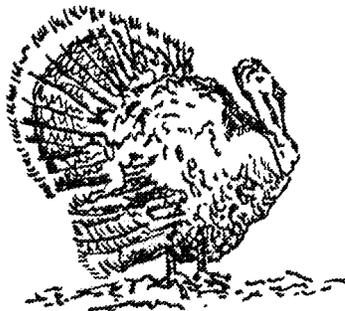
**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2001-2004**



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		03-04 02-03	Cumulative Total		03-04 02-03
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
September	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
October	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
November	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
December	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
January	25,389	23,273	92	119,834	113,828	95
February	23,833			143,667		
March	24,902			168,569		
April	24,938			193,507		
May	25,111			218,618		
June	25,422			244,040		
July	25,330			269,370		
August	24,036			293,406		

1/ Excludes exported poults.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	January 31, 2003	December 31, 2003	January 31, 2004	<u>Jan. 2004</u> Jan. 2003	<u>Jan. 2004</u> Dec. 2003
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	58,876	28,999	29,803	51	103
Chickens	Lbs.	49,982	28,944	28,190	56	97
Ducks	Lbs.	84	27	31	37	115
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	108,942	57,970	58,024	53	100
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	451,874	354,039	409,911	91	116
Chickens	Lbs.	722,477	611,472	532,475	74	87
Ducks	Lbs.	5,222	1,192	1,484	28	124
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,179,573	966,703	943,870	80	98
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	15,340	18,036	21,386	139	119

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