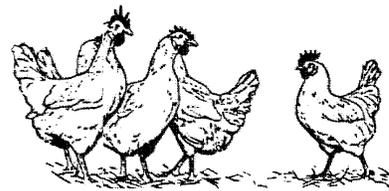


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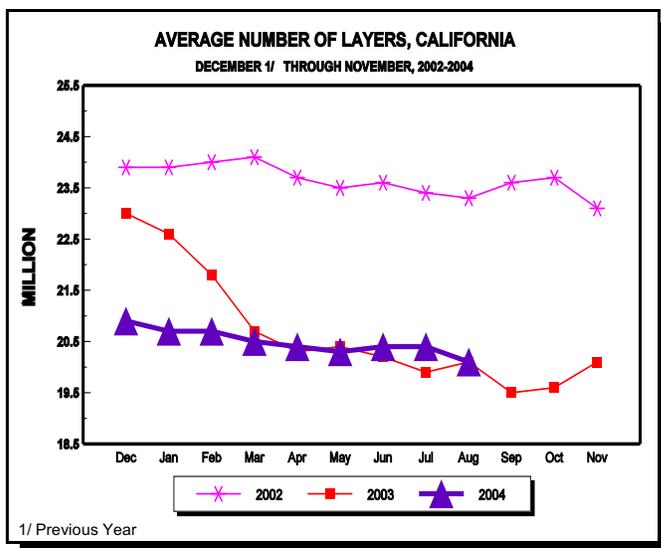
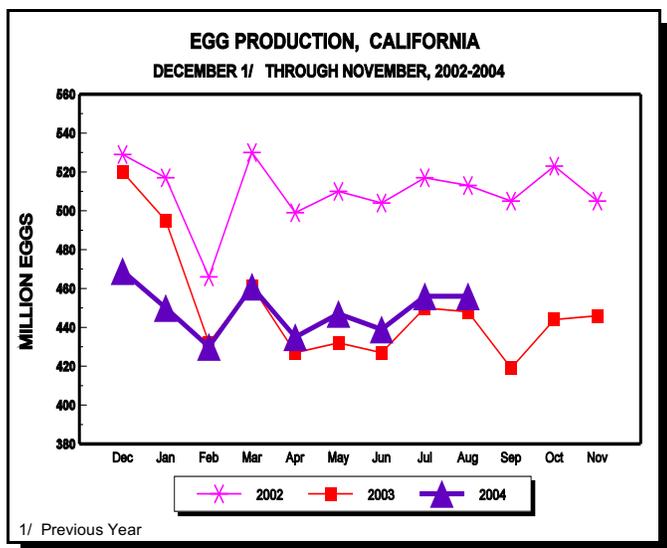
U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.52 billion during August 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, down slightly from August 2003.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 342 million on September 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market-type eggs, 55.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.64 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers on September 1, 2004, up slightly from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 456 million, unchanged from last month, but 8.0 million more compared to last August. Average number of layers during the month totaled 20.1 million, 1 percent less than last month, but slightly more than August 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,266 compared to 2,232 last month and 2,229 in August 2003.



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	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,727	9,493	1,902	1,907	185	181	1.0	1.0	5.0	5.5
Arkansas	14,824	13,980	1,916	1,888	284	264	1.5	2.0	9.5	9.5
California	20,101	20,127	2,229	2,266	448	456	7.5	10.5	35.0	32.5
Georgia	20,230	20,054	2,101	2,084	425	418	3.5	4.0	18.0	15.0
Indiana	22,328	24,411	2,244	2,188	501	534	4.0	5.0	34.0	30.5
Iowa	39,668	45,556	2,231	2,252	885	1,026	7.0	5.0	30.0	35.5
North Carolina	10,500	10,757	1,990	1,962	209	211	1.5	1.0	11.0	9.0
Ohio	28,873	27,911	2,265	2,225	654	621	4.0	5.0	24.5	26.5
Pennsylvania	23,983	23,964	2,342	2,366	562	567	4.0	3.5	20.0	15.5
Texas	18,196	18,088	2,171	2,222	395	402	1.5	3.0	14.5	20.5
UNITED STATES	334,332	342,039	2,203	2,197	7,367	7,515	3.9	4.5	22.8	23.4

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The August 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 810 million, was up 3 percent from August of the previous year. There were 654 million eggs in incubators on September 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.28 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2004, down 2 percent from August 2003.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 36.0 million, up 9 percent from August 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.5 million on September 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 313 thousand during August 2004, up 66 percent from August 2003.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

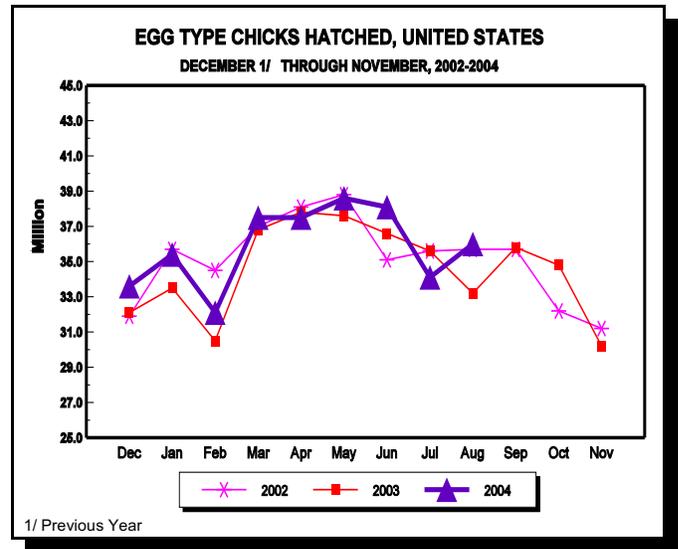
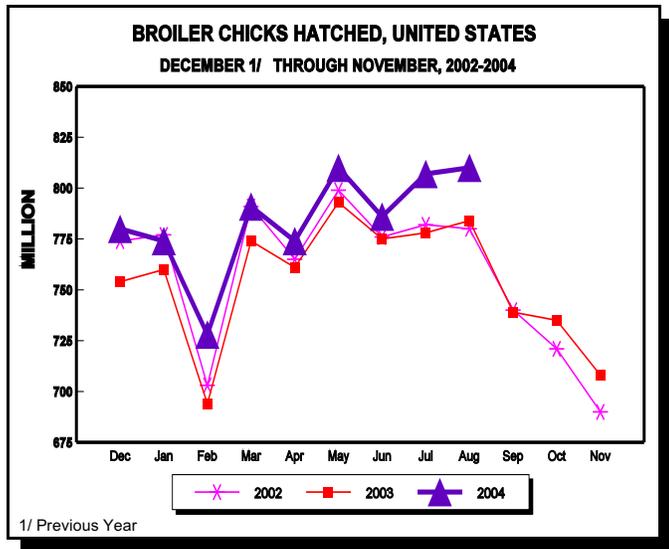
State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	107,855	113,951	106
Arkansas	112,574	115,625	103
Delaware	14,116	13,655	97
Florida	4,944	4,901	99
Georgia	119,959	123,259	103
Kentucky	25,388	26,737	105
Louisiana	13,957	14,198	102
Maryland	34,354	32,384	94
Mississippi	71,917	74,516	104
North Carolina	64,522	66,832	104
Oklahoma	23,152	24,827	107
Pennsylvania	13,544	13,679	101
South Carolina	16,226	14,339	88
Texas	53,622	56,866	106
Virginia	23,813	25,067	105
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	60,427	64,894	107
Other States ^{1/}	23,667	24,090	102
UNITED STATES	784,037	809,820	103

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

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	1,028	940	91
Florida	697	617	89
Georgia	2,429	2,414	99
Indiana	4,745	4,816	101
Iowa	5,237	5,881	112
Minnesota	1,116	810	73
Pennsylvania	4,513	4,497	100
Other States ^{1/}	13,434	16,049	119
UNITED STATES	33,199	36,024	109

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U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	<u>2004/2003</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004/2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,824	12,490	106	5,317	5,044	95
East North Central	7,979	9,426	118	7,318	6,381	87
West North Central	21,566	23,785	110	7,255	6,895	95
South Atlantic	230,592	233,811	101	2,469	3,517	142
South Central	338,336	351,601	104	4,941	5,069	103
West	22,389	23,238	104	4,863	5,633	116
UNITED STATES	632,686	654,351	103	32,163	32,539	101

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

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

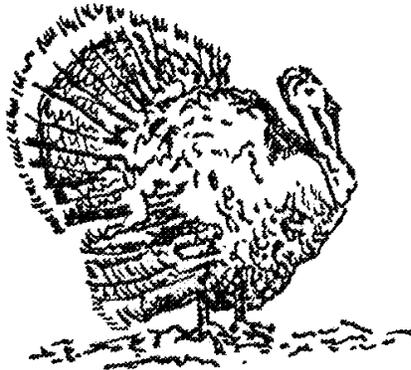
Nationally, the August market egg price was 33.4 cents per dozen, a 16 percent decrease from July. The August broiler price was 46.0 cents per pound, a decrease of 12 percent from the previous record-high July price. The August turkey price, at 45.4 cents per pound, was up 1.8 cents from last month.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	74.0	46.0	38.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	36.0	52.0	46.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	66.8	39.9	33.4
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	32.7	43.6	45.4

^{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, 2004, down slightly from September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 7 percent below the August 2004 total of 30.6 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 3 percent; West North Central, down 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, up 4 percent; and West, down 5 percent.

The 23.7 million poult placed during August 2004 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 6 percent from the July 2004 total of 25.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up 1 percent; West North Central, up 5 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 11 percent; South Central, up 10 percent; and West, down 11 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators September 1		2004 2003	Poults Placed During Aug. ^{1/}		2004 2003
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,604	4,478	97	3,541	3,577	101
W N Central	11,341	11,147	98	8,795	9,262	105
N & S Atlantic	8,318	8,539	103	7,399	6,622	89
S Central	2,208	2,301	104	1,708	1,873	110
West	1,933	1,843	95	2,593	2,320	89
U.S.	28,404	28,308	100	24,036	23,654	98

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

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
Sept.	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct.	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov.	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
Dec.	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
Jan.	25,389	23,273	92	119,834	113,828	95
Feb.	23,833	22,905	96	143,667	136,733	95
Mar.	24,902	24,215	97	168,569	160,948	95
Apr.	24,938	24,664	99	193,507	185,612	96
May	25,111	23,692	94	218,618	209,304	96
June	25,422	23,291	92	244,040	232,595	95
July	25,330	25,275	100	269,370	257,870	96
Aug.	24,036	23,654	98	293,406	281,524	96

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	August 31, 2003	July 31, 2004	August 31, 2004	Aug. 2004 Aug. 2003	Aug. 2004 July 2004
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	74,189	48,440	47,704	64	98
Chickens	Lbs.	39,462	31,060	30,675	78	99
Ducks	Lbs.	68	56	76	112	136
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	113,719	79,556	78,455	69	99
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	706,502	599,589	585,059	83	98
Chickens	Lbs.	617,698	730,290	728,071	118	100
Ducks	Lbs.	4,064	972	1,001	25	103
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,328,264	1,330,851	1,314,131	99	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,044	16,720	17,157	95	103