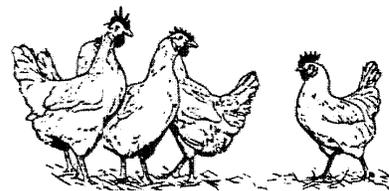


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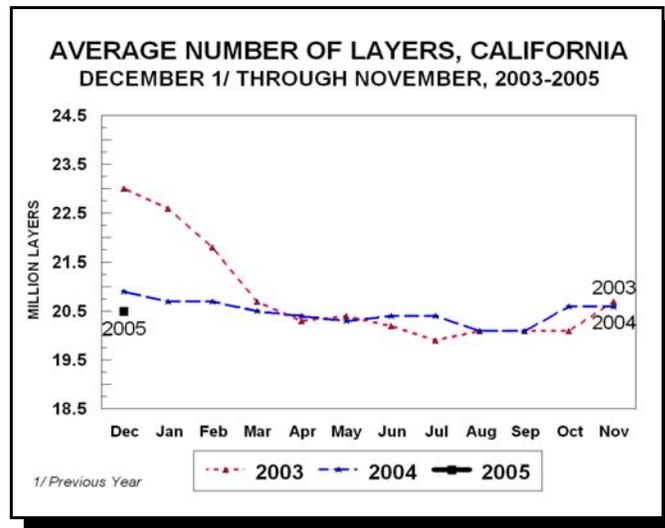
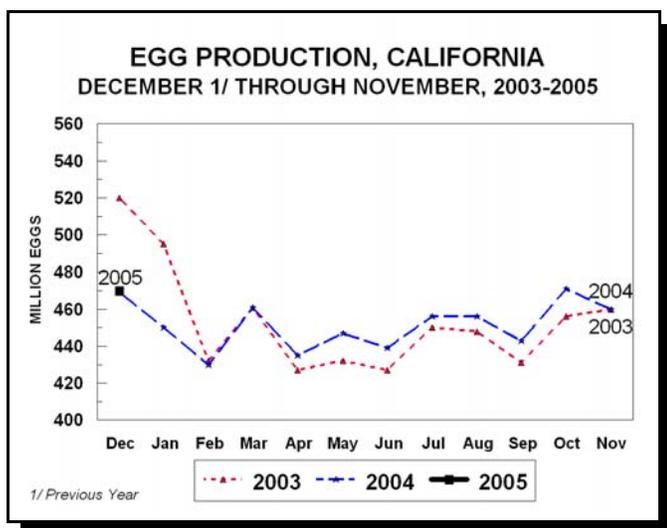
## U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during December 2004, 2 percent above last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2004 averaged 345 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,235 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2003.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 346 million on January 1, 2005, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 346 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers on January 1, 2005, up slightly from a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 470 million, 10.0 million more than last month and up slightly compared to last December. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.5 million, down slightly from last month and 2 percent below December 2003. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,290 compared to 2,231 last month and 2,244 in December 2003.



## DECEMBER LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1 FORCED MOLTING

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	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,418	9,255	1,932	1,945	182	180	0.5	1.5	4.5	4.5
Arkansas	14,522	14,796	1,914	1,953	278	289	1.5	2.0	10.5	10.5
California	20,899	20,524	2,244	2,290	469	470	7.0	3.0	31.0	36.0
Georgia	20,672	20,023	2,095	2,177	433	436	3.0	3.0	17.0	16.0
Indiana	23,427	23,287	2,275	2,280	533	531	3.5	4.5	32.0	31.5
Iowa	40,556	47,225	2,293	2,211	930	1,044	4.0	5.5	31.5	36.5
North Carolina	10,775	10,934	2,005	1,994	216	218	0.0	1.5	10.5	6.5
Ohio	28,276	27,839	2,309	2,324	653	647	5.0	4.0	24.0	24.0
Pennsylvania	23,504	23,920	2,314	2,379	544	569	3.5	4.5	21.5	13.0
Texas	18,473	18,293	2,236	2,296	413	420	5.5	2.5	10.5	20.0
UNITED STATES	338,243	344,533	2,223	2,235	7,520	7,699	3.9	4.1	22.4	23.2

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

The December 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 793 million, was up 2 percent from December of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 651 million on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.08 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2004, down 13 percent from December 2003.

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

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 37.0 million, up 10 percent from December 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on January 1, 2005, up 9 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 235 thousand during December 2004, down 4 percent from December 2003.

**DECEMBER BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED**

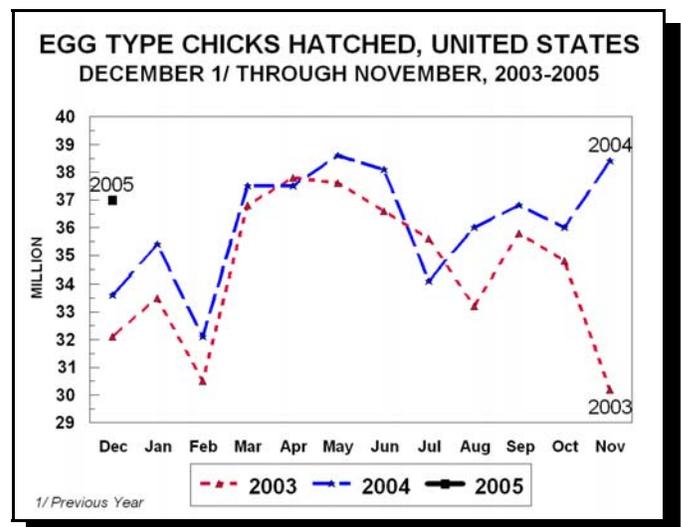
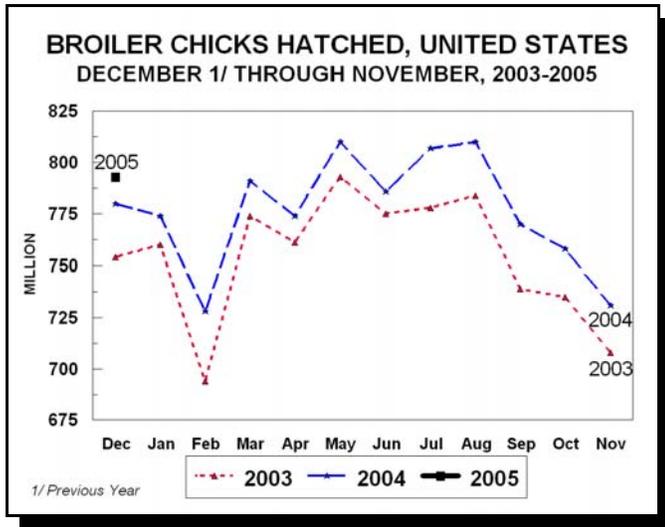
State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	108,364	108,972	101
Arkansas	112,029	112,701	101
Delaware	13,515	14,034	104
Florida	4,926	4,901	99
Georgia	119,326	121,845	102
Kentucky	25,181	26,158	104
Louisiana	14,293	14,617	102
Maryland	31,998	31,417	98
Mississippi	70,434	72,519	103
North Carolina	64,587	65,044	101
Oklahoma	23,245	24,316	105
Pennsylvania	13,414	14,060	105
South Carolina	13,851	16,922	122
Texas	53,322	54,695	103
Virginia	24,113	23,882	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	63,345	65,744	104
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	24,151	21,220	88
UNITED STATES	780,094	793,047	102

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

**DECEMBER EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED**

State	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	702	0	0
Florida	742	1,000	135
Georgia	2,123	2,302	108
Indiana	4,791	5,317	111
Iowa	6,529	6,135	94
Minnesota	1,112	818	74
Pennsylvania	4,623	5,291	114
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	11,948	14,617	122
UNITED STATES	33,645	37,035	110

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



**JANUARY 1 EGGS IN INCUBATORS**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	<u>2005/2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005/2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,108	12,794	106	4,613	5,000	108
East North Central	8,075	8,980	111	6,935	7,623	110
West North Central	21,729	22,826	105	7,295	6,935	95
South Atlantic	230,389	237,049	103	2,458	4,508	183
South Central	340,824	344,674	101	5,248	5,649	108
West	23,923	24,357	102	5,106	4,722	92
UNITED STATES	637,048	650,680	102	31,655	34,437	109

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

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

Nationally, the December market egg prices, at 48.8 cents per dozen, increased 5.2 cents from November, but were down 25.1 cents from last year. The December broiler price, at 39.0 cents per pound, was unchanged from November. The December turkey price, at 46.2 cents per pound, is down 2.8 cents from last month.

**POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED <sup>1/</sup>**

Commodity	Unit	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	81.0	49.0	54.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	38.0	39.0	39.0
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	73.9	43.6	48.8
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	38.2	49.0	46.2

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> Mid-month prices.

**U.S. TURKEYS RAISED**

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2004 totaled 264 million birds, down 4 percent from the 274 million raised in 2003.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 46.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 28.5 million, Missouri with 21.5 million, Virginia with 19.7 million, California with 15.7 million, and Indiana with 13.3 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004.

**TURKEY GROWERS**

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2005. These states produced more than 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2004. Intentions for the top seven producing States, compared with 2004, are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina down 5 percent, Arkansas down 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, California down 4 percent, and Indiana up 2 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2005 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

**TURKEYS RAISED AND INTENTIONS**

State	2003	2004 <sup>a/</sup>	2004	2005	2005
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	30,000	28,500	95	28,000	98
California	17,300	15,700	91	15,000	96
Indiana	12,800	13,300	104	13,600	102
Iowa	8,500	9,000	106	9,200	102
Minnesota	45,000	46,500	103	47,500	102
Missouri	23,500	21,500	91	22,500	105
North Carolina	42,500	39,000	92	37,000	95
Pennsylvania	9,500	12,000	126	11,800	98
South Carolina	12,000	12,000	100	8,600	72
Virginia	23,000	19,700	86	20,000	102
U.S. Total <sup>b/</sup>	274,048	264,207	96	257,600	98

<sup>a/</sup> Revised.

<sup>b/</sup> Data for the "2005 Intentions" are based on a 23-state total.

**U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 28.2 million on January 1, 2005, 1 percent below January 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the December 1, 2004 total of 27.7 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 3 percent, South Central down 4 percent, and West up 8 percent.

The 22.2 million poults placed during December 2004 in the United States were down 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down slightly from November 2004. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 10 percent, West North Central down 3 percent, North and South Atlantic down 9 percent, South Central down slightly, and West up 8 percent.

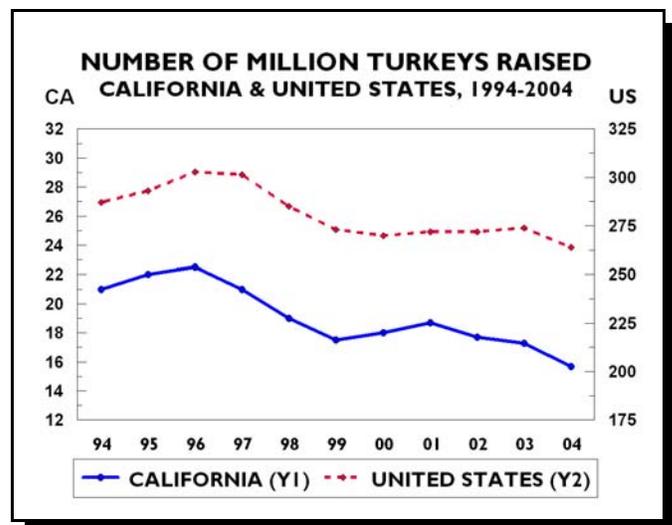
**ALL TURKEYS**

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Jan. 1		2005 2004	Poults Placed During Dec.		2004 2003
	2004	2005		2003	2004	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,543	4,469	98	3,588	3,216	90
W N Central	10,521	10,620	101	8,946	8,653	97
N & S Atlantic	8,740	8,448	97	7,543	6,868	91
S Central	2,352	2,249	96	1,890	1,881	100
West	2,238	2,413	108	1,457	1,579	108
U.S.	28,394	28,199	99	23,424	22,197	95

**U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS <sup>1/</sup>**

Month	Total All Breeds		04-05 03-04	Cumulative Total		04-05 03-04
	2003-04	2004-05		2003-04	2004-05	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96
Oct.	22,805	20,806	91	44,976	42,074	94
Nov.	22,155	22,232	100	67,131	64,306	96
Dec.	23,424	22,197	95	90,555	86,503	96
Jan.	23,273			113,828		
Feb.	22,905			136,733		
Mar.	24,215			160,948		
Apr.	24,664			185,612		
May	23,692			209,304		
June	23,291			232,595		
July	25,013			257,608		
Aug.	23,674			281,282		

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



**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2003	November 30, 2004	December 31, 2004	Dec. 2004 Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004 Nov. 2004
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	28,999	28,279	26,738	92	95
Chickens	Lbs.	28,944	39,155	35,126	121	90
Ducks	Lbs.	27	74	85	315	115
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	57,970	67,508	61,949	107	92
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	354,039	294,868	288,292	81	98
Chickens	Lbs.	611,472	769,185	729,689	119	95
Ducks	Lbs.	1,192	582	705	59	121
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	966,703	1,064,635	1,018,686	105	96
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,036	17,324	19,583	109	113

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