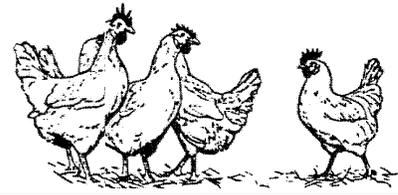


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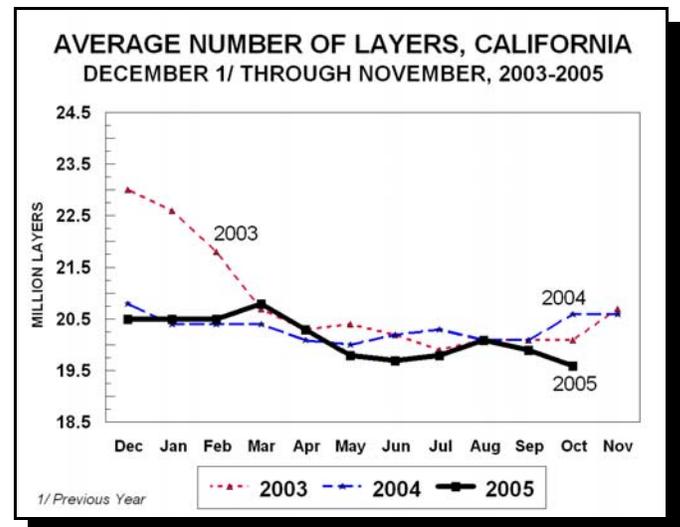
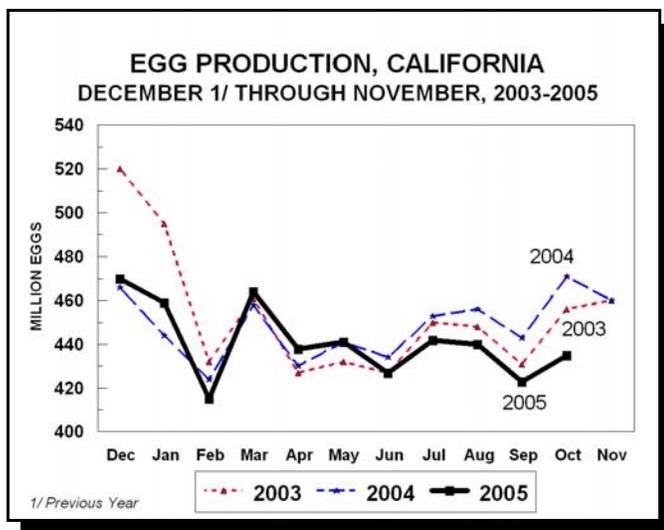
## U.S. OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during October 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The number of layers during October 2005 averaged 344 million, down slightly from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2004.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during October totaled 435 million, up 12.0 million from September's production, but 36.0 million below last October. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.6 million, 1 percent lower than last month and 5 percent lower than October 2004. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,216 compared to 2,131 a month earlier and 2,289 in October 2004.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 345 million on November 1, 2005, down slightly from a year ago. The 345 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.46 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers on November 1, 2005, up 1 percent from November 1, 2004.



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING OCTOBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF NOVEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,233	9,120	1,939	1,897	179	173	0.5	1.5	5.5	7.0
Arkansas	15,375	14,790	1,938	2,008	298	297	0.5	1.0	11.0	11.0
California	20,578	19,629	2,289	2,216	471	435	5.0	3.5	34.0	36.0
Georgia	20,323	19,081	2,140	2,170	435	414	6.5	2.0	17.0	15.0
Indiana	23,238	23,788	2,276	2,299	529	547	3.0	2.0	31.0	29.5
Iowa	46,197	49,351	2,260	2,286	1,044	1,128	5.0	3.5	37.5	37.0
North Carolina	10,826	10,832	1,977	2,031	214	220	1.0	1.5	8.0	8.5
Ohio	28,467	27,856	2,234	2,269	636	632	7.0	4.5	28.0	16.0
Pennsylvania	23,835	23,758	2,333	2,319	556	551	0.0	2.0	13.5	21.0
Texas	18,515	17,790	2,220	2,254	411	401	7.0	0.5	20.5	25.0
UNITED STATES	345,056	344,043	2,220	2,239	7,659	7,703	4.2	3.1	23.7	24.2

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2005 totaled 776 million, up 3 percent from October 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 624 million on November 1, 2005, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.94 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2005, up 8 percent from October 2004.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER**

State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	106,358	111,950	105
Arkansas	108,403	109,617	101
Delaware	13,144	14,390	109
Florida	4,933	5,109	104
Georgia	115,525	119,293	103
Kentucky	23,912	24,531	103
Louisiana	13,919	14,547	105
Maryland	30,087	31,707	105
Mississippi	69,188	66,023	95
North Carolina	63,039	64,131	102
Oklahoma	22,000	23,265	106
Pennsylvania	12,877	14,644	114
South Carolina	15,450	18,280	118
Texas	53,247	52,051	98
Virginia	22,900	22,828	100
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	63,120	64,621	102
Other States <u>1/</u>	18,793	19,346	103
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>756,895</b>	<b>776,333</b>	<b>103</b>

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

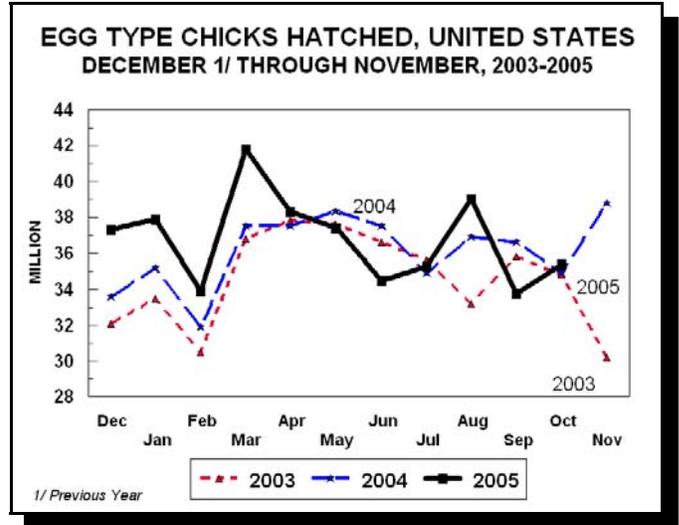
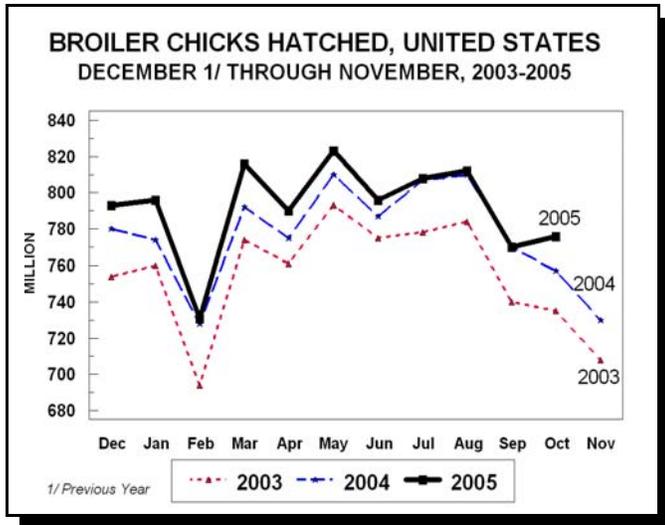
Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2005 totaled 35.4 million, up 1 percent from October 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.1 million on November 1, 2005, down 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 189 thousand during October 2005, down 29 percent from October 2004.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER**

State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Florida	520	685	132
Georgia	2,397	2,371	99
Indiana	4,322	5,293	122
Iowa	5,075	5,725	113
Minnesota	820	1,126	137
Pennsylvania	5,183	4,343	84
Other States <u>1/</u>	16,549	15,824	96
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>34,866</b>	<b>35,367</b>	<b>101</b>

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**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, NOVEMBER 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	<u>2005/2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005/2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,296	11,403	93	6,694	5,654	84
East North Central	8,582	8,414	98	7,697	6,476	84
West North Central	20,027	20,590	103	8,097	7,272	90
South Atlantic	222,404	228,836	103	3,757	3,392	90
South Central	320,217	329,506	103	5,904	5,591	95
West	24,275	25,189	104	5,205	4,696	90
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>607,801</b>	<b>623,938</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>37,354</b>	<b>33,081</b>	<b>89</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average October prices received by California producers, when compared to September average prices, decreased 13.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, October market egg prices, at 31.4 cents per dozen, decreased 15.1 cents from September, but were 0.8 cents above October 2004. The October broiler price, at 43.0 cents per pound, was down 3.0 cents from September, but 4.0 cents above a year ago. The October turkey price, averaging 52.9 cents per pound, is up 2.2 cents from the previous month and up 4.8 cents from a year earlier.

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

Commodity	Unit	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	36.0	50.0	37.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	39.0	46.0	43.0
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	30.6	46.5	31.4
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	48.1	50.7	52.9

<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. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION**

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 27.1 million on November 1, 2005, down 4 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the October 1, 2005 total of 26.5 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 4 percent, West North Central down 1 percent, North and South Atlantic up 1 percent, South Central down 31 percent, and West down 11 percent.

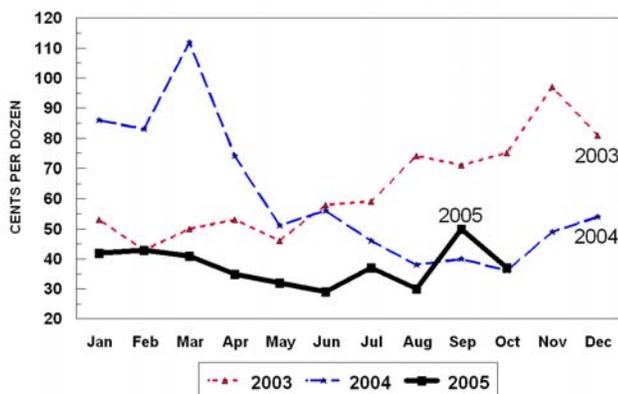
The 21.4 million poult placed during October 2005 in the United States were up 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 6 percent from September 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 14 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, South Central down 30 percent, and West down 2 percent.

**ALL TURKEYS**

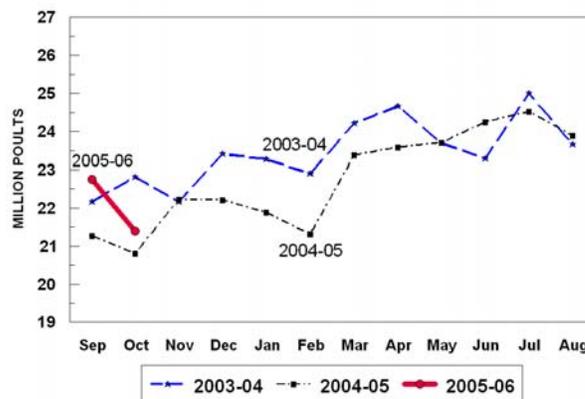
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Nov. 1		2005 2004	Poults Placed During Oct. 1/		2005 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,668	4,500	96	3,009	3,441	114
W N Central	10,843	10,719	99	8,074	8,650	107
N & S Atlantic	8,541	8,624	101	6,743	6,871	102
S Central	2,296	1,583	69	1,649	1,148	70
West	1,927	1,709	89	1,331	1,306	98
U.S.	28,275	27,135	96	20,806	21,416	103

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

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2003-2005**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES  
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2002-2005**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>**

Month	Total All Breeds		05-06 04-05	Cumulative Total		05-06 04-05
	2004-05	2005-06		2004-05	2005-06	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept. <sup>2/</sup>	21,268	22,747	107	21,268	22,747	107
Oct.	20,806	21,416	103	42,074	44,163	105
Nov.	22,232			64,306		
Dec.	22,205			86,511		
Jan.	21,887			108,398		
Feb.	21,321			129,719		
Mar.	23,376			153,095		
Apr.	23,587			176,682		
May	23,714			200,396		
June	24,253			224,649		
July	24,533			249,182		
Aug.	23,899			273,081		

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

<sup>2/</sup> Revised 2005-06 data for "Total All Breeds."

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	Oct. 2004	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	<u>Oct. 05</u> <u>Oct. 04</u>	<u>Oct. 05</u> <u>Sept. 05</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	41,231	68,126	56,281	137	83
Chickens	Lbs.	39,090	36,036	36,051	92	100
Ducks	Lbs.	43	98	125	291	128
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	80,364	104,260	92,457	115	89
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	472,343	477,801	423,457	90	89
Chickens	Lbs.	800,294	754,882	791,484	99	105
Ducks	Lbs.	823	2,452	4,251	517	173
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,273,460	1,235,135	1,219,192	96	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	17,877	18,837	17,574	98	93