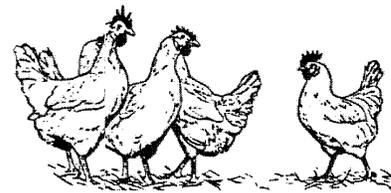


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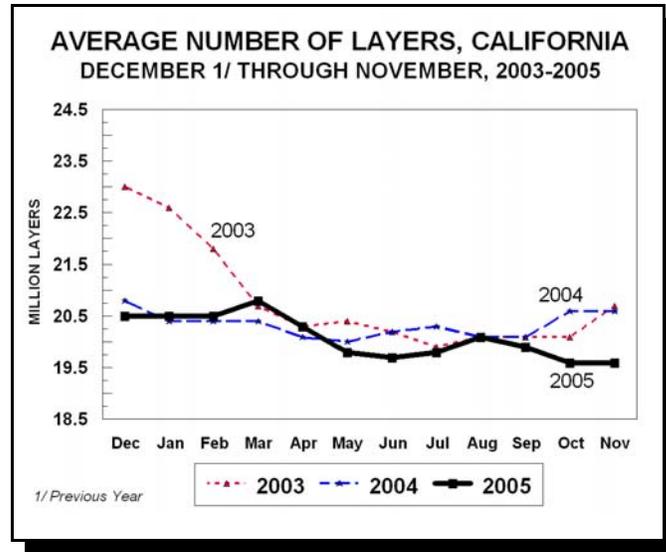
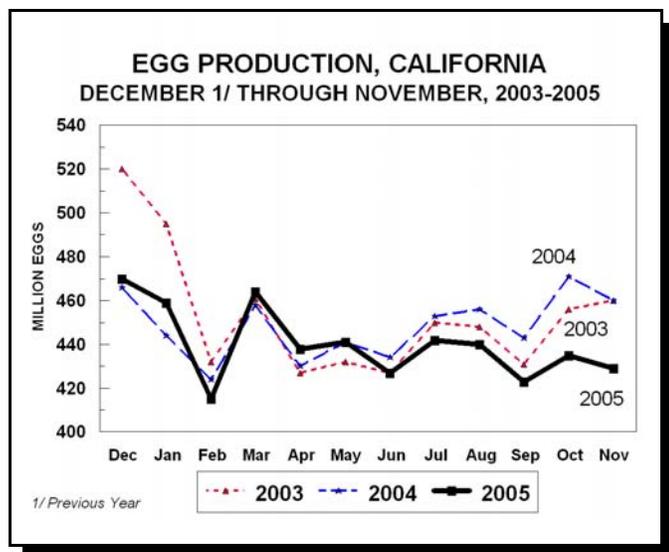
## U.S. NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The number of layers during November 2005 averaged 347 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,175 eggs, up slightly from November 2004.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 348 million on December 1, 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 348 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers on December 1, 2005, down 1 percent from December 1, 2004.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during November totaled 429 million, down 6.00 million from October's production and 31.0 million below last November. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.6 million, fractionally below last month and 5 percent less than November 2004. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,190 compared to 2,216 a month earlier and 2,231 in November 2004.



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING NOVEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF DECEMBER 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	9,300	9,126	1,871	1,841	174	168	0.0	0.5	5.0	7.5
Arkansas	15,202	14,817	1,881	1,923	286	285	1.0	1.0	10.5	11.5
California	20,614	19,587	2,231	2,190	460	429	3.0	2.0	33.0	32.0
Georgia	20,179	19,038	2,086	2,112	421	402	2.0	1.5	17.0	13.5
Indiana	23,246	24,348	2,241	2,230	521	543	0.0	4.0	33.0	28.0
Iowa	46,550	49,501	2,187	2,204	1,018	1,091	5.0	4.0	34.0	33.5
North Carolina	10,826	10,828	1,921	1,939	208	210	0.5	0.0	7.0	7.5
Ohio	28,149	28,364	2,210	2,168	622	615	3.5	2.0	29.0	18.0
Pennsylvania	23,630	24,096	2,306	2,249	545	542	1.0	1.5	13.0	19.5
Texas	18,562	18,359	2,160	2,228	401	409	1.5	1.0	21.0	20.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>344,797</b>	<b>346,596</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,175</b>	<b>7,482</b>	<b>7,538</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>23.1</b>

### U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2005 totaled 747 million, up 2 percent from November 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on December 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2005, up 2 percent from November 2004.

#### BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	100,202	107,654	107
Arkansas	99,960	102,199	102
Delaware	12,820	13,384	104
Florida	4,735	4,930	104
Georgia	110,788	111,709	101
Kentucky	23,064	23,329	101
Louisiana	13,587	14,162	104
Maryland	29,502	30,906	105
Mississippi	66,989	63,516	95
North Carolina	62,238	63,993	103
Oklahoma	22,506	22,898	102
Pennsylvania	12,964	13,574	105
South Carolina	15,958	17,043	107
Texas	50,554	51,441	102
Virginia	22,555	22,704	101
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	60,699	62,791	103
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	21,232	21,102	99
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>730,353</b>	<b>747,335</b>	<b>102</b>

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

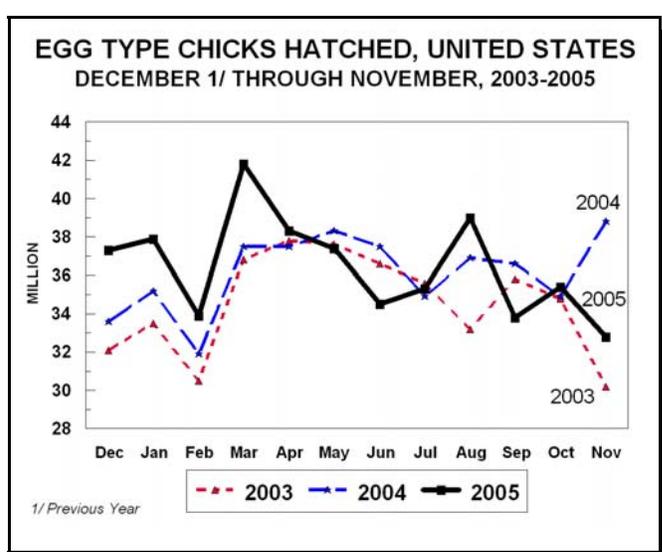
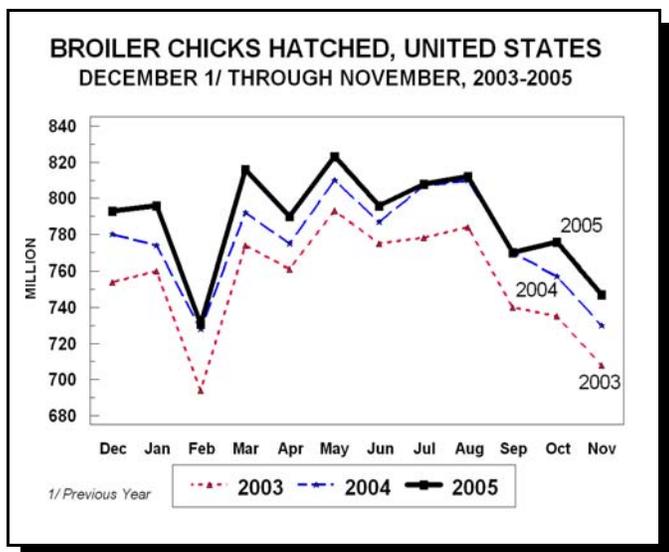
Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2005 totaled 32.8 million, down 15 percent from November 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.7 million on December 1, 2005, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 181 thousand during November 2005, down 20 percent from November 2004.

#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, NOVEMBER

State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	830	768	93
Florida	2,035	1,803	89
Georgia	4,872	4,551	93
Indiana	6,465	5,510	85
Iowa	820	1,126	137
Minnesota	5,787	4,008	69
Pennsylvania	17,949	14,986	83
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	38,758	32,752	85
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			

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#### EGGS IN INCUBATORS, DECEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,355	12,397	100	6,892	6,172	90
East North Central	8,405	8,869	106	7,656	7,907	103
West North Central	22,075	22,682	103	6,977	7,175	103
South Atlantic	232,241	237,993	102	4,590	3,783	82
South Central	344,548	350,557	102	5,234	5,657	108
West	25,488	25,081	98	4,263	4,010	94
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>645,112</b>	<b>657,579</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>35,612</b>	<b>34,704</b>	<b>97</b>

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average November prices received by California producers for market eggs, when compared to October average prices, increased 18.0 cents per dozen to 55.0 cents.

Nationally, the November market egg price, at 43.6 cents per dozen, increased 13.3 cents from October, but decreased 48.9 cents from last year. Increase in market egg price was due to seasonal demand. The November broiler price, at 39.0 cents per pound, was unchanged from October. The November turkey price, at 49.0 cents per pound, is up 0.6 cents from last month.

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

Commodity	Unit	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	49.0	37.0	55.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	39.0	43.0	42.0
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	43.7	31.4	48.2
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	48.7	52.9	54.9

<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 27.7 million on December 1, 2004, 2 percent below December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent below the November 1, 2004 total of 28.3 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 10 percent, South Central up 5 percent, and West up 6 percent.

The 22.2 million poult placed during November 2004 in the United States were up slightly from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 7 percent from the October 2004 total of 20.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 6 percent, South Central down 8 percent, and West down 2 percent.

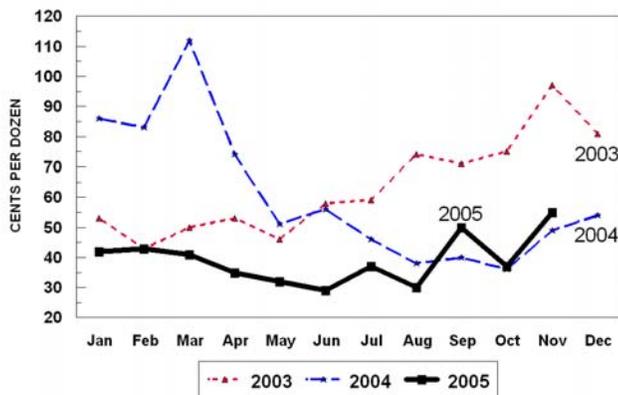
**ALL TURKEYS**

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators December 1		2005 2004	Poults Placed During Nov. 1/		2005 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,576	4,691	103	3,144	3,472	110
W N Central	11,045	11,140	101	8,382	8,656	103
N & S Atlantic	7,677	8,845	115	7,344	6,770	92
S Central	2,421	1,653	68	1,827	1,545	85
West	1,989	1,973	99	1,535	1,404	91
<b>U.S. <sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>27,708</b>	<b>28,302</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22,232</b>	<b>21,847</b>	<b>98</b>

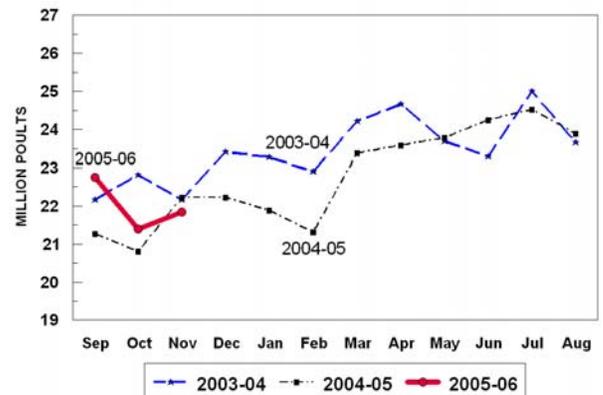
<sup>1/</sup> Excludes exported poults.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised "Eggs in Incubators December 1" for 2004.

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



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES  
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2003-2005**



**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.	21,268	22,747	107	21,268	22,747	107
Oct. <sup>2/</sup>	20,806	21,400	103	42,074	44,147	105
Nov.	22,232	21,847	98	64,306	65,994	103
Dec.	22,230			86,536		
Jan.	21,887			108,423		
Feb.	21,321			129,744		
Mar.	23,376			153,120		
Apr.	23,587			176,707		
May	23,781			200,488		
June	24,253			224,741		
July	24,533			249,274		
Aug.	23,899			273,173		

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

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

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	<u>Nov. 2005</u> Nov. 2004	<u>Nov. 2005</u> Oct. 2005
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	28,279	56,281	20,426	72	36
Chickens	Lbs.	39,155	36,051	40,893	104	113
Ducks	Lbs.	74	125	142	192	114
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	67,508	92,457	61,461	91	66
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	294,868	417,605	200,901	68	48
Chickens	Lbs.	769,185	804,192	870,961	113	108
Ducks	Lbs.	582	2,714	2,886	496	106
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,064,635	1,224,511	1,074,748	101	88
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	17,324	17,619	17,593	102	100

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