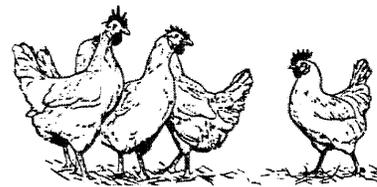


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U.S. JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

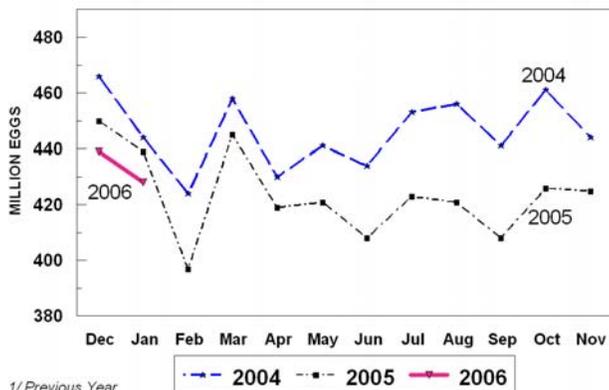
U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during January 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The number of layers during January 2006 averaged 349 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

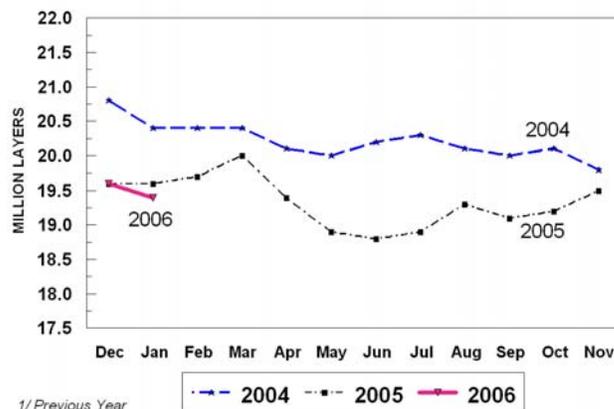
California's egg production during January totaled 428 million, 11.0 million below both December 2005 and last January. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.4 million, 1 percent below both last month and January 2005. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,207 compared to 2,243 a month earlier and 2,239 in January 2005.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 349 million on February 1, 2006, up slightly from a year ago. The 349 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers on February 1, 2006, up 1 percent from February 1, 2005.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2004-2006



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2004-2006



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	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,255	8,946	1,945	1,923	180	172	1.0	0.5	5.0	7.0
Arkansas	15,138	14,351	1,936	1,951	293	280	3.5	1.5	8.5	9.0
California	19,611	19,393	2,239	2,207	439	428	6.0	10.0	34.0	31.0
Georgia	20,365	19,197	2,121	2,094	432	402	2.5	6.0	17.0	11.5
Indiana	23,463	24,696	2,212	2,251	519	556	5.5	6.5	30.5	27.0
Iowa	49,771	51,125	2,176	2,249	1,083	1,150	4.0	5.0	29.0	35.0
North Carolina	10,954	11,075	1,981	2,023	217	224	1.5	1.0	6.5	7.5
Ohio	28,017	29,651	2,252	2,266	631	672	7.0	4.5	23.0	19.0
Pennsylvania	24,484	24,255	2,336	2,354	572	571	5.0	2.0	14.5	20.5
Texas	18,064	18,558	2,231	2,269	403	421	4.0	5.5	16.5	22.0
UNITED STATES	347,864	349,253	2,192	2,211	7,626	7,721	4.6	5.1	21.7	23.4

CALIFORNIA LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION

Month	Average Number of Layers			Eggs Per 100 Layers			Total Egg Production		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Number		Percent	Million		Percent
December ^{1/}	20,769	19,611	94	2,244	2,295	102	466	450	97
January	20,442	19,611	96	2,172	2,239	103	444	439	99
February	20,416	19,655	96	2,077	2,020	97	424	397	94
March	20,398	19,957	98	2,245	2,230	99	458	445	97
April	20,110	19,444	97	2,138	2,155	101	430	419	97
May	20,014	18,920	95	2,203	2,225	101	441	421	95
June	20,171	18,801	93	2,152	2,170	101	434	408	94
July	20,298	18,938	93	2,232	2,234	100	453	423	93
August	20,127	19,260	96	2,266	2,186	96	456	421	92
September	19,953	19,134	96	2,210	2,132	96	441	408	93
October	20,118	19,201	95	2,291	2,219	97	461	426	92
November	19,847	19,495	95	2,237	2,180	97	444	425	96
Avg./Total ^{2/}	20,222	19,336	96	2,206	2,190	99	5,352	5,082	95

^{1/} December of previous year.

^{2/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2006 totaled 804 million, up 1 percent from January 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 661 million on February 1, 2006, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.83 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2006, up 6 percent from January 2005.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2006 totaled 35.4 million, down 7 percent from January 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.5 million on February 1, 2006, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 188 thousand during January 2006, up 20 percent from January 2005.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> <u>2005</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	109,263	114,204	105
Arkansas	114,494	115,133	101
Delaware	14,702	15,095	103
Florida	4,854	4,964	102
Georgia	123,719	123,833	100
Kentucky	25,499	25,549	100
Louisiana	14,661	14,959	102
Maryland	31,788	32,498	102
Mississippi	72,503	69,102	95
North Carolina	66,311	68,670	104
Oklahoma	23,595	23,564	100
Pennsylvania	14,168	13,942	98
South Carolina	17,293	18,570	107
Texas	54,510	56,761	104
Virginia	23,587	23,548	100
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	65,033	63,433	98
Other States ^{1/}	20,046	20,248	101
UNITED STATES	796,026	804,073	101

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

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> <u>2005</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Florida	908	721	79
Georgia	2,327	2389	103
Indiana	5,538	5196	94
Iowa	5,832	6586	113
Minnesota	818	947	116
Pennsylvania	5,818	4231	73
Other States ^{1/}	16,695	15,352	92
UNITED STATES	37,936	35,422	93

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, FEBRUARY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,898	11,759	99	5,273	5,920	112
East North Central	8,699	8,898	102	6,981	6,035	86
West North Central	23,200	23,307	100	5,449	7,535	138
South Atlantic	236,272	241,995	102	4,644	3,816	82
South Central	348,833	351,930	101	6,504	5,957	92
West	25,142	23,084	92	5,351	4,234	79
UNITED STATES	654,044	660,973	101	34,202	33,497	98

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

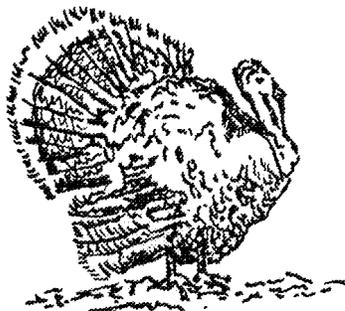
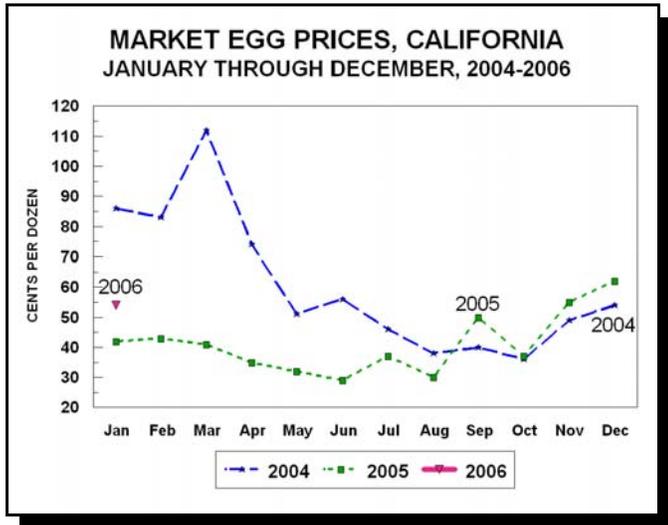
The average January prices received by California producers, when compared to December average prices, decrease 8.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, January market egg prices, at 43.8 cents per dozen, decreased 12.6 cents from December, but were 6.5 cents above January 2005. The January broiler price, at 38.0 cents per pound, was down 1.0 cent from December and 5.0 cents below a year ago. The January turkey price, averaging 40.8 cents per pound, was down 13.5 cents from the previous month, but up 1.5 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	42.0	62.0	54.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	43.0	39.0	38.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	37.3	56.4	43.8
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	39.3	54.3	40.8

- 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

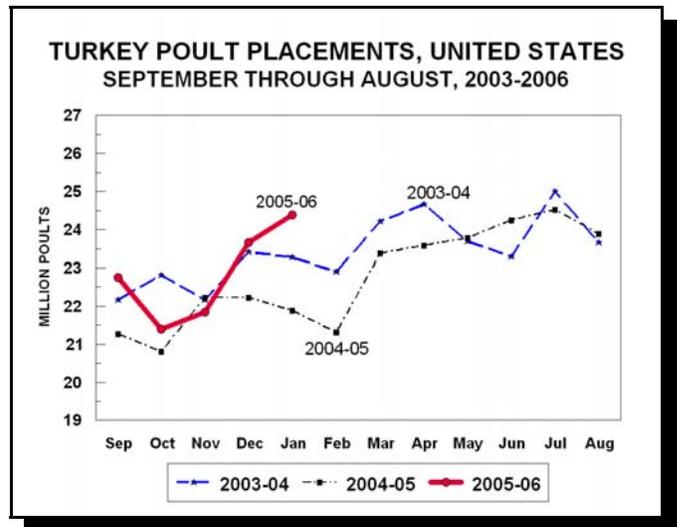
Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 29.8 million on February 1, 2006, up 10 percent from February 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were slightly above the January 1, 2006 total of 29.8 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 5 percent, West North Central up 9 percent, North and South Atlantic up 27 percent, and South Central and West combined, down 10 percent.

The 24.4 million poult placed during January 2006 in the United States were up 11 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 3 percent from December 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 5 percent, West North Central up 13 percent, North and South Atlantic up 19 percent, South Central and West were unchanged from last year.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators February 1		2006 2005	Poults Placed During January 1/		2006 2005
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
East North Central	4,604	4,819	105	3,353	3,510	105
West North Central	10,337	11,226	109	8,298	9,352	113
No. & So. Atlantic	7,836	9,971	127	6,667	7,945	119
So. Central & West	4,238	3,831	90	3,569	3,568	100
UNITED STATES	27,015	29,847	110	21,887	24,375	111

1/ Excludes exported poults.



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

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
September	21,268	22,747	107	21,268	22,747	107
October	20,806	21,400	103	42,074	44,147	105
November	22,232	21,850	98	64,306	65,997	103
December 2/	22,230	23,673	106	86,536	89,670	104
January	21,887	24,375	111	108,423	114,045	105
February	21,321			129,744		
March	23,376			153,120		
April	23,587			176,707		
May	23,781			200,488		
June	24,253			224,741		
July	24,533			249,274		
August	23,899			273,173		

- 1/ Excludes exported poults.
- 2/ Revised 2005-06 "Total All Breeds."

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	January 31, 2005	December 31, 2005	January 31, 2006	<u>Jan. 2006</u> Jan. 2005	<u>Jan. 2006</u> Dec. 2005
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	27,222	19,575	24,810	91	127
Chickens	Lbs.	34,765	45,230	47,427	136	105
Ducks	Lbs.	20	133	111	555	83
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	62,007	64,938	72,348	117	111
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	332,894	206,166	264,047	79	128
Chickens	Lbs.	647,254	925,763	946,536	146	102
Ducks	Lbs.	401	2,615	3,300	823	126
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	980,549	1,134,544	1,213,883	124	107
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,577	21,018	22,751	122	108

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