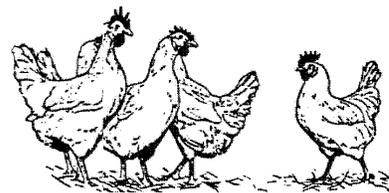


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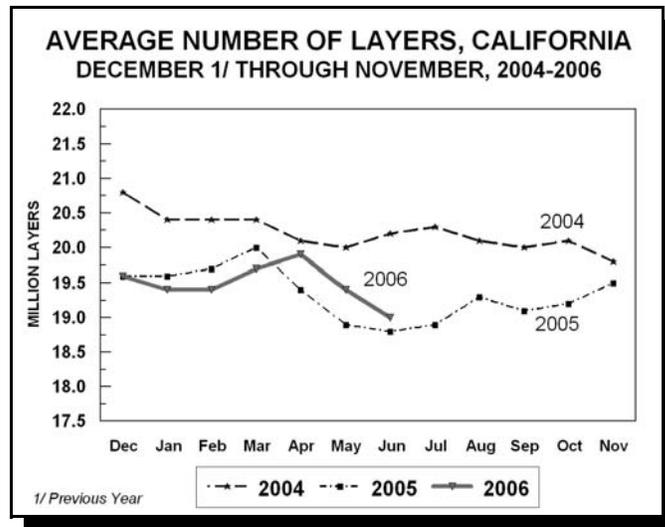
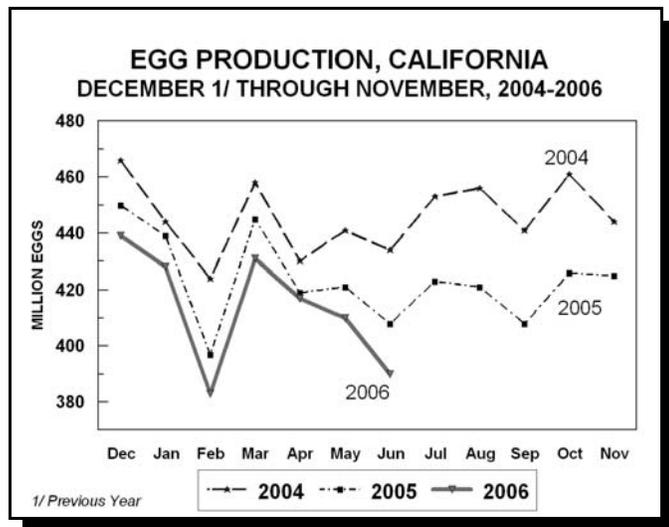
U.S. JUNE EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during June 2006, 1 percent above last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 991 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2006 averaged 342 million, 1 percent above last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,159 eggs, down slightly from June 2005.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 341 million on July 1, 2006, 1 percent above last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 72.7 eggs per 100 layers on July 1, 2006, up slightly from July 1, 2005.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during June totaled 390 million, 20.0 million less than May and 18.0 million below last June. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.0 million, 2 percent below last month, but 1 percent above June 2005. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,053 compared to 2,108 a month earlier and 2,170 in June 2005.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JUNE, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JULY 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	9,191	8,722	1,882	1,857	173	162	1.5	1.0	4.5	4.0
Arkansas	14,655	14,006	1,897	1,892	278	265	1.0	2.0	9.5	9.5
California	18,801	18,997	2,170	2,053	408	390	4.0	6.0	32.5	40.5
Georgia	19,072	18,582	2,040	2,018	389	375	4.0	2.5	15.0	12.5
Indiana	23,293	24,432	2,220	2,239	517	547	3.0	2.5	28.0	29.0
Iowa	47,989	51,354	2,159	2,187	1,036	1,123	3.0	3.5	37.0	36.0
North Carolina	10,811	10,776	1,961	1,977	212	213	0.0	0.5	9.5	11.0
Ohio	27,955	28,080	2,200	2,183	615	613	4.0	7.5	18.5	24.5
Pennsylvania	22,988	23,788	2,340	2,346	538	558	2.0	1.5	17.0	20.0
Texas	17,226	18,380	2,183	2,220	376	408	3.5	2.5	19.0	24.0
UNITED STATES	339,856	341,887	2,162	2,159	7,346	7,383	3.3	3.4	22.6	25.7

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 788 million, down 1 percent from June 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on July 1, 2006, 1 percent below a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.64 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2006, up 7 percent from June 2005.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JUNE

State	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> <u>2005</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	113,094	113,606	100
Arkansas	112,381	108,424	96
Delaware	14,808	13,729	93
Florida	4,901	4,593	94
Georgia	120,832	124,153	103
Kentucky	25,401	25,207	99
Louisiana	14,476	14,185	98
Maryland	31,496	31,213	99
Mississippi	68,830	65,537	95
North Carolina	66,766	67,316	101
Oklahoma	23,871	21,629	91
Pennsylvania	13,974	14,090	101
South Carolina	18,195	18,967	104
Texas	55,744	54,504	98
Virginia	23,683	23,341	99
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	65,524	64,115	98
Other States ^{1/}	22,969	23,182	101
UNITED STATES	796,945	787,791	99

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 37.7 million, up 8 percent from June 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.1 million on July 1, 2006, down 10 percent from a year ago.

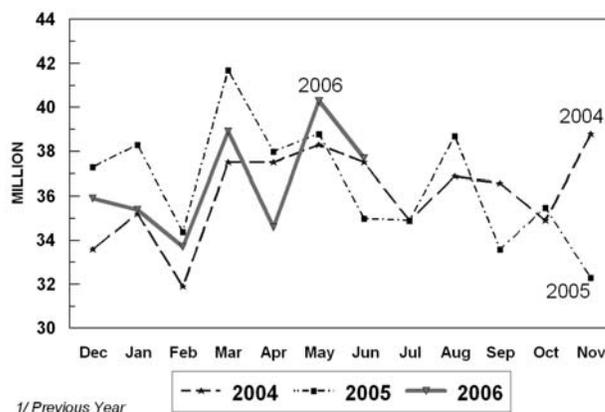
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 183 thousand during June 2006, up 5 percent from June 2005.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JUNE

State	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> <u>2005</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,228	2,209	99
Indiana	5,205	5,355	103
Iowa	5,238	6,430	123
Minnesota	1,125	1,031	92
Pennsylvania	4,769	4,741	99
Other States ^{1/}	16,469	17,934	109
UNITED STATES	35,034	37,700	108

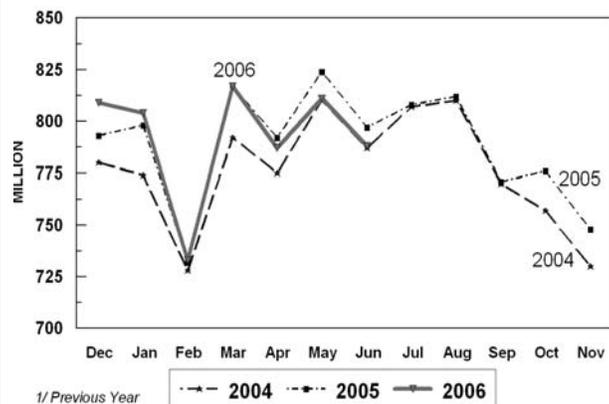
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**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2004-2006**



^{1/} Previous Year

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2004-2006**



^{1/} Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JULY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,923	12,021	101	4,666	6,164	132
East North Central	9,028	9,550	106	6,188	5,689	92
West North Central	23,559	23,376	99	8,700	7,215	83
South Atlantic	236,821	242,716	102	3,161	3,986	126
South Central	350,036	336,972	96	5,564	4,281	77
West	25,935	25,661	99	7,247	4,722	65
UNITED STATES	657,302	650,296	99	35,526	32,057	90

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average June prices received by California producers, when compared to May average prices, increased 12.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the June market egg price, at 37.0 cents per dozen, increased 13.9 cents from May and is 13.0 cents above June 2005. The June broiler price, at 39.0 cents per pound, is up 5.0 cents from May, but 5.0 cents below a year ago. The June turkey price, averaging 45.8 cents per pound, is up 2.1 cents from the previous month and up 3.7 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	29.0	35.0	47.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	44.0	34.0	39.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	24.0	23.1	37.0
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	42.1	43.7	45.8

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

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 32.2 million on July 1, 2006, up 5 percent from July 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 2 percent from the June 1, 2006 total of 31.6 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up slightly, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 16 percent, and South Central and West combined was up 1 percent.

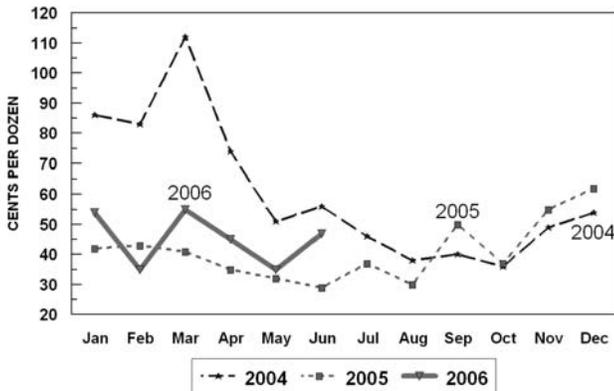
The 25.7 million poult placed during June 2006 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were 2 percent above May 2006. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central up 5 percent, North and South Atlantic up 18 percent, and South Central and West combined was down 9 percent.

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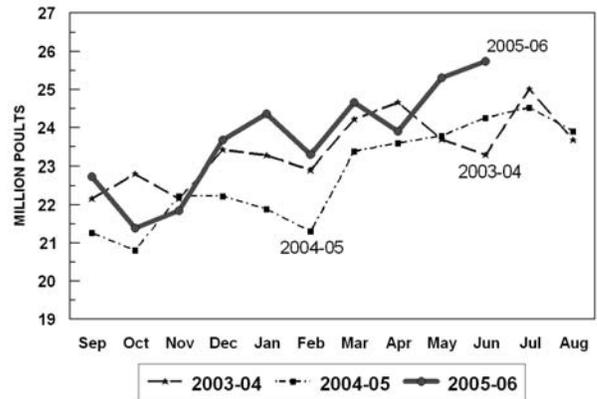
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators July 1		2006 2005	Poults Placed During June 1/		2006 2005
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
EN Central	5,013	5,017	100	3,872	3,923	101
WN Central	11,278	11,452	102	9,232	9,709	105
N&S Atlantic	8,745	10,118	116	7,261	8,578	118
S Central&West	5,518	5,596	101	3,888	3,533	91
U.S.	30,554	32,183	105	24,253	25,743	106

1/ Excludes exported poults.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2004-2006



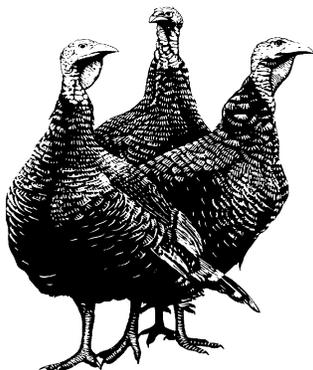
TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2003-2006



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
Sept.	21,268	22,747	107	21,268	22,747	107
Oct.	20,806	21,400	103	42,074	44,147	105
Nov.	22,232	21,850	98	64,306	65,997	103
Dec.	22,230	23,673	106	86,536	89,670	104
Jan.	21,887	24,364	111	108,423	114,034	105
Feb.	21,321	23,296	109	129,744	137,330	106
Mar.	23,376	24,659	105	153,120	161,989	106
Apr.	23,587	23,902	101	176,707	185,891	105
May	23,781	25,313	106	200,488	211,204	105
June	24,253	25,743	106	224,741	236,947	105
July	24,533			249,274		
Aug.	23,899			273,173		

1/ Excludes exported poults.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006	<u>June 2006</u> <u>June 2005</u>	<u>June 2006</u> <u>May 2006</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	50,478	57,903	60,228	119	104
Chickens	Lbs.	33,017	46,369	48,936	148	106
Ducks	Lbs.	38	170	151	397	89
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	83,533	104,442	109,315	131	105
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	506,302	466,579	505,384	100	108
Chickens	Lbs.	690,840	773,099	782,004	113	101
Ducks	Lbs.	2,475	7,928	6,122	247	77
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,199,617	1,247,606	1,293,510	108	104
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	19,681	21,017	22,133	112	105