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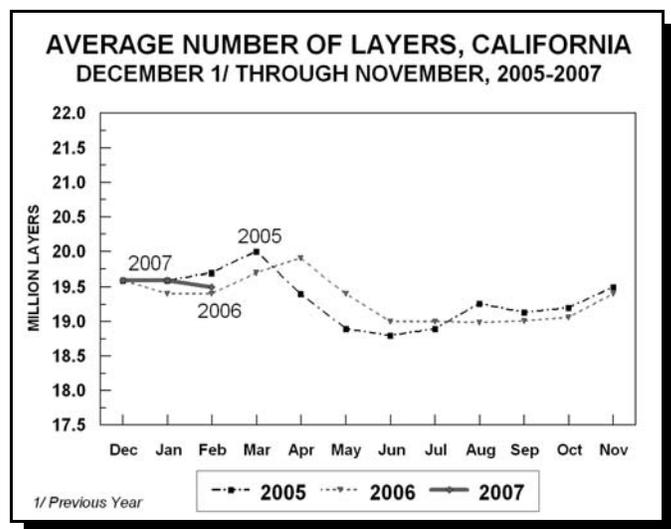
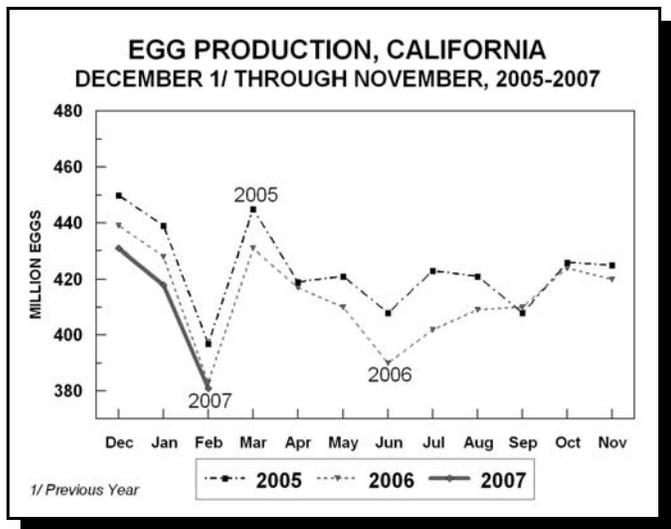
**U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION**

U.S. egg production totaled 6.91 billion during February 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 5.92 billion table eggs, and 998 million hatching eggs, of which 937 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2007 averaged 347 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,992 eggs, down slightly from February 2006.

**CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION**

California's egg production during February totaled 381 million, down 37.0 million from January production and 2.00 million below last February. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.5 million, 1 percent below last month, but 1 percent above February 2006. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 1,955 compared to 2,132 a month earlier and 1,977 in February 2006.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 347 million on March 1, 2007, down 1 percent from last year. The 347 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.6 eggs per 100 layers on March 1, 2007, unchanged from March 1, 2006.



**LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MARCH 1**

| State          | Average Number of Layers on Hand |         | Eggs Per 100 Layers |       | Total Egg Production |       | Layers Being Molted |      | Layers With Molt Completed |      |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
|                | 2006                             | 2007    | 2006                | 2007  | 2006                 | 2007  | 2006                | 2007 | 2006                       | 2007 |
|                | Thousands                        |         | Number              |       | Millions             |       | Percent             |      |                            |      |
| Alabama        | 8,897                            | 8,604   | 1,765               | 1,732 | 157                  | 149   | 0.5                 | 0.5  | 7.0                        | 5.0  |
| Arkansas       | 14,481                           | 14,561  | 1,726               | 1,738 | 250                  | 253   | 2.0                 | 1.5  | 8.0                        | 12.0 |
| California     | 19,377                           | 19,488  | 1,977               | 1,955 | 383                  | 381   | 8.5                 | 2.5  | 35.5                       | 34.0 |
| Georgia        | 19,550                           | 19,755  | 1,908               | 1,883 | 373                  | 372   | 2.0                 | 1.5  | 12.0                       | 17.0 |
| Indiana        | 25,043                           | 24,519  | 2,009               | 2,015 | 503                  | 494   | 2.0                 | 5.5  | 31.5                       | 32.0 |
| Iowa           | 51,600                           | 51,672  | 2,054               | 1,959 | 1,060                | 1,012 | 6.5                 | 4.0  | 34.5                       | 36.0 |
| North Carolina | 11,073                           | 11,902  | 1,797               | 1,815 | 199                  | 216   | 1.5                 | 1.0  | 8.0                        | 8.5  |
| Ohio           | 29,570                           | 27,152  | 2,002               | 2,059 | 592                  | 559   | 5.5                 | 2.0  | 21.0                       | 25.0 |
| Pennsylvania   | 23,667                           | 22,961  | 2,151               | 2,186 | 509                  | 502   | 1.5                 | 2.5  | 21.5                       | 13.5 |
| Texas          | 18,841                           | 19,042  | 2,001               | 2,027 | 377                  | 386   | 2.0                 | 4.5  | 23.0                       | 21.0 |
| United States  | 350,018                          | 347,005 | 1,994               | 1,992 | 6,980                | 6,914 | 4.0                 | 2.9  | 24.4                       | 24.3 |

**U.S. BROILER HATCH**

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2007 totaled 724 million, down 1 percent from February 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 664 million on March 1, 2007, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.07 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2007, down 7 percent from February 2006.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY**

| State   | 2006      | 2007    | 2007/2006 |
|---|-----------|---------|-----------|
|   | Thousands |         | Percent   |
| Alabama   | 104,694   | 101,237 | 97        |
| Arkansas  | 104,106   | 92,053  | 88        |
| Delaware  | 13,072    | 12,987  | 99        |
| Florida   | 4,583     | 4,587   | 100       |
| Georgia   | 112,868   | 114,722 | 102       |
| Kentucky  | 23,836    | 25,665  | 108       |
| Louisiana   | 13,750    | 12,419  | 90        |
| Maryland  | 29,064    | 27,770  | 96        |
| Mississippi                                       | 61,738    | 62,342  | 101       |
| North Carolina                                    | 61,152    | 61,954  | 101       |
| Oklahoma  | 21,689    | 21,633  | 100       |
| Pennsylvania                                      | 12,976    | 12,581  | 97        |
| South Carolina                                    | 16,977    | 17,680  | 104       |
| Texas   | 51,022    | 47,518  | 93        |
| Virginia  | 21,089    | 20,513  | 97        |
| California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia | 59,018    | 64,855  | 110       |
| Other States 1/                                   | 21,511    | 23,237  | 108       |
| United States                                     | 733,145   | 723,753 | 99        |

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

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2007 totaled 36.8 million, up 9 percent from February 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.5 million on March 1, 2007, up 5 percent from a year ago.

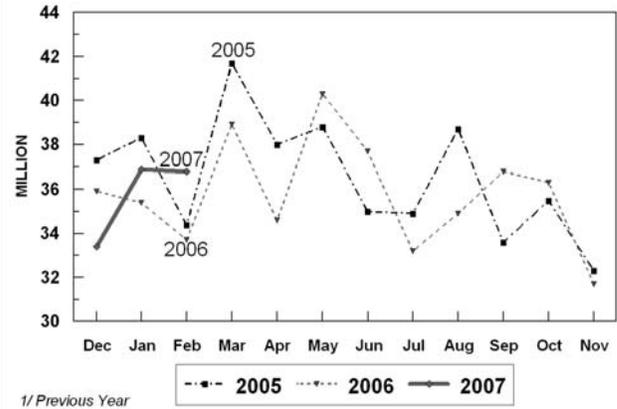
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 166 thousand during February 2007, down 15 percent from February 2006.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY**

| State           | 2006      | 2007   | 2007/2006 |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
|                 | Thousands |        | Percent   |
| Georgia         | 2,179     | 2,139  | 98        |
| Indiana         | 4,455     | 5,116  | 115       |
| Iowa            | 5,764     | 7,295  | 127       |
| Minnesota       | 1,000     | 823    | 82        |
| Pennsylvania    | 4,269     | 4,862  | 114       |
| Other States 1/ | 15,998    | 16,531 | 103       |
| United States   | 33,665    | 36,766 | 109       |

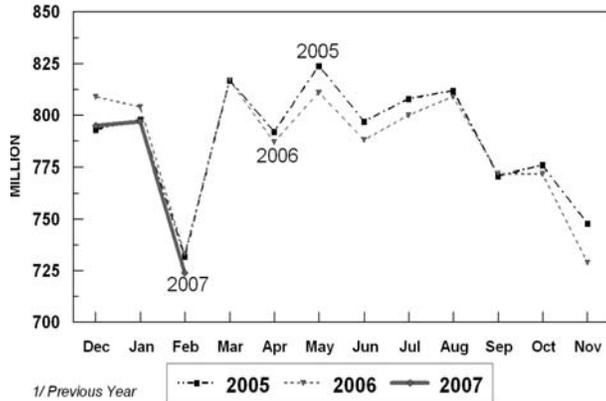
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**EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2005-2007**



1/ Previous Year

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2005-2007**



1/ Previous Year

**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1**

| Geographic Division | Broiler-Type |         |           | Egg-Type  |        |           |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
|                     | 2006         | 2007    | 2007/2006 | 2006      | 2007   | 2007/2006 |
|                     | Thousands    |         | Percent   | Thousands |        | Percent   |
| North Atlantic      | 11,544       | 11,858  | 103       | 7,107     | 6,847  | 96        |
| East North Central  | 9,116        | 9,721   | 107       | 6,291     | 8,078  | 128       |
| West North Central  | 23,500       | 28,711  | 122       | 7,892     | 8,939  | 113       |
| South Atlantic      | 245,223      | 248,207 | 101       | 4,527     | 3,957  | 87        |
| South Central       | 351,279      | 340,157 | 97        | 5,330     | 4,876  | 91        |
| West                | 24,962       | 25,161  | 101       | 5,367     | 5,771  | 108       |
| United States       | 665,624      | 663,815 | 100       | 36,514    | 38,468 | 105       |

**POULTRY AND EGG PRICES**

The average February price received by California producers, when compared to January average price, decreased 16.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the February market egg price, at 62.7 cents per dozen, decreased 16.1 cents from January, but is up 32.6 cents from February 2006. The February broiler price, at 47.0 cents per pound, is up 4.0 cents from January and 9.0 cents above a year ago. The February turkey price, at 43.2 cents per pound, is up 2.4 cents from the previous month and 3.6 cents from a year earlier.

**POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/**

| Commodity            | Unit | February 2006 | January 2007 | February 2007 |
|----------------------|------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                      |      | Cents         |              |               |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b>    |      |               |              |               |
| Market Eggs 2/       | Doz. | 35.0          | 82.0         | 66.0          |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> |      |               |              |               |
| Chickens-Broilers    | Lb.  | 38.0          | 43.0         | 47.0          |
| Market Eggs 2/       | Doz. | 30.1          | 78.8         | 62.7          |
| Turkeys 2/           | Lb.  | 39.6          | 40.8         | 43.2          |

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 31.2 million on March 1, 2007, up 4 percent from March 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were down slightly from the February 1, 2007 total of 31.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 5 percent, West North Central up 6 percent, North and South Atlantic up 3 percent, and South Central and West up 3 percent.

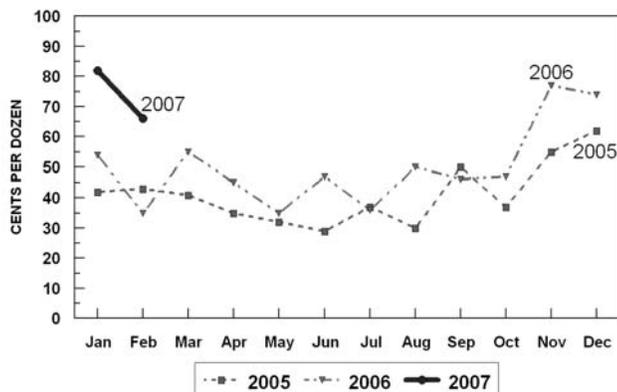
The 24.0 million poult placed during February 2007 in the United States were up 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Placements were down 6 percent from the January 2007 total of 25.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 4 percent, West North Central up 6 percent, North and South Atlantic down 3 percent, and South Central and West up 7 percent.

**REGIONAL TURKEY POULT PLACEMENT AND EGGS IN INCUBATORS**

| Geographic Division | Eggs In Incubators March 1 |        | 2007 2006 | Poult Placed During February 1/ |        | 2007 2006 |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|
|                     | 2006                       | 2007   | Pct.      | 2006                            | 2007   | Pct.      |
|                     | Thousands                  |        | Thousands |                                 | Pct.   |           |
| E N Central         | 4,663                      | 4,908  | 105       | 3,501                           | 3,658  | 104       |
| W N Central         | 11,443                     | 12,098 | 106       | 9,050                           | 9,567  | 106       |
| N & S Atlantic      | 9,535                      | 9,790  | 103       | 7,693                           | 7,483  | 97        |
| S Central & West    | 4,273                      | 4,422  | 103       | 3,052                           | 3,279  | 107       |
| United States       | 29,914                     | 31,218 | 104       | 23,296                          | 23,987 | 103       |

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2005-2007**



**U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/**

| Month   | Total All Breeds |         | 06-07   | Cumulative Total |         | 06-07   |
|---------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|
|         | 2005-06          | 2006-07 | 05-06   | 2005-06          | 2006-07 | 05-06   |
|         | Thousands        |         | Percent | Thousands        |         | Percent |
| Sept.   | 22,747           | 23,355  | 103     | 22,747           | 23,355  | 103     |
| Oct.    | 21,400           | 24,706  | 115     | 44,147           | 48,061  | 109     |
| Nov.    | 21,850           | 23,443  | 107     | 65,997           | 71,504  | 108     |
| Dec.    | 23,673           | 23,615  | 100     | 89,670           | 95,119  | 106     |
| Jan. 2/ | 24,364           | 25,625  | 105     | 114,034          | 120,744 | 106     |
| Feb.    | 23,296           | 23,987  | 103     | 137,330          | 144,731 | 105     |
| Mar.    | 24,692           |         |         | 162,022          |         |         |
| Apr.    | 23,902           |         |         | 185,924          |         |         |
| May     | 25,313           |         |         | 211,237          |         |         |
| June    | 25,764           |         |         | 237,001          |         |         |
| July    | 25,631           |         |         | 262,632          |         |         |
| Aug.    | 25,089           |         |         | 287,721          |         |         |

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised 2006-07 data..

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

| Commodity                     | Unit | February 28, 2006 | January 31, 2007 | February 28, 2007 | Feb. 2007<br>Feb. 2006 | Feb. 2007<br>Jan. 2007 |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                               |      | Thousands         |                  |                   | Percent                |                        |
| <b>PACIFIC COAST</b>          |      |                   |                  |                   |                        |                        |
| Turkeys                       | Lbs. | 31,132            | 19,239           | 15,238            | 49                     | 79                     |
| Chickens                      | Lbs. | 49,099            | 34,600           | 26,734            | 54                     | 77                     |
| Ducks                         | Lbs. | 113               | a/               | a/                | 0                      | a/                     |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 80,344            | 53,839           | 41,972            | 52                     | 78                     |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b>          |      |                   |                  |                   |                        |                        |
| Turkeys                       | Lbs. | 315,679           | 293,352          | 318,021           | 101                    | 108                    |
| Chickens                      | Lbs. | 923,718           | 676,562          | 626,408           | 68                     | 93                     |
| Ducks                         | Lbs. | 4,599             | 4,770            | 4,770             | 104                    | 100                    |
| Total Frozen Poultry Supplies | Lbs. | 1,243,996         | 974,684          | 949,199           | 76                     | 97                     |
| Eggs, Frozen                  | Lbs. | 24,468            | 17,207           | 15,706            | 64                     | 91                     |

a/ Regional total no longer published.