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U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.43 billion during April 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2007 averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,162 eggs, down slightly from April 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2007 totaled 342 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers on May 1, 2007, down slightly from May 1, 2006.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 410 million, decreased 26.0 million from March's production and 7.00 million below last April. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.4 million, down 1 percent from last month and 3 percent below April 2006. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,118 compared to 2,233 a month earlier and 2,100 in April 2006.

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING APRIL, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MAY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand 1/		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	8,917	8,623	1,828	1,879	163	162	2.5	1.5	4.5	4.5
Arkansas	14,558	14,439	1,868	1,925	272	278	5.0	3.0	6.5	11.5
California	19,860	19,355	2,100	2,118	417	410	9.0	9.0	35.0	27.5
Georgia	19,836	19,593	2,011	2,042	399	400	3.0	5.0	10.5	13.0
Indiana	24,637	24,283	2,232	2,211	550	537	6.5	6.5	28.0	32.5
Iowa	52,645	52,475	2,207	2,180	1,162	1,144	5.5	7.0	34.5	36.0
North Carolina	11,060	12,075	1,989	1,988	220	240	1.0	0.5	9.5	7.5
Ohio	28,423	27,274	2,213	2,196	629	599	4.0	3.0	22.0	21.5
Pennsylvania	23,947	22,560	2,313	2,336	554	527	4.5	4.5	19.5	11.0
Texas	18,950	18,704	2,206	2,203	418	412	4.5	5.5	22.5	21.5
U.S. TOTAL	348,643	343,825	2,164	2,162	7,543	7,434	5.4	5.4	23.6	22.2

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table-egg and hatching-egg flocks, regardless of size.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Apr. 2007 Apr. 2006	Apr. 2007 Mar. 2007
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	52,753	17,891	21,107	40	118
Chickens	Lbs.	47,541	23,965	30,188	63	126
Ducks	Lbs.	145	a/	a/	a/	a/
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	100,439	41,856	51,295	51	123
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	423,732	346,703	355,733	84	103
Chickens	Lbs.	840,995	599,274	606,963	72	101
Ducks	Lbs.	8,002	5,660	6,551	82	116
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,272,729	951,637	969,247	76	102
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	23,259	14,632	14,319	62	98

a/ Regional total no longer published.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2007 totaled 801 million, up 2 percent from April 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 680 million on May 1, 2007, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.69 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2007, up 2 percent from April 2006.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	113,390	112,044	99
Arkansas	101,148	100,668	100
Delaware	13,193	14,601	111
Florida	4,897	4,990	102
Georgia	122,591	126,528	103
Kentucky	25,657	27,198	106
Louisiana	14,583	14,176	97
Maryland	30,580	31,478	103
Mississippi	66,936	69,012	103
North Carolina	65,635	70,018	107
Oklahoma	22,805	23,716	104
Pennsylvania	14,340	13,830	96
South Carolina	18,264	18,814	103
Texas	53,672	54,638	102
Virginia	23,616	23,119	98
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	72,055	72,142	100
Other States 1/	24,095	23,552	98
UNITED STATES	787,457	800,524	102

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

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2007 totaled 39.7 million, up 12 percent from April 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.8 million on May 1, 2007, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 274 thousand during April 2007, up 8 percent from April 2006.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,236	2,316	104
Indiana	4,844	6,003	124
Iowa	6,765	7,796	115
Minnesota	943	1,107	117
Pennsylvania	3,741	5,008	134
Other States 1/	16,906	17,474	103
UNITED STATES	35,435	39,704	112

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

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,088	12,258	101	4,945	6,250	126
East North Central	9,444	11,084	117	7,788	6,904	89
West North Central	30,513	30,083	99	9,156	9,247	101
South Atlantic	243,421	254,384	105	4,935	4,630	94
South Central	336,757	345,687	103	6,081	5,015	82
West	26,131	26,476	101	4,611	4,802	104
UNITED STATES	658,354	679,972	103	37,516	36,848	98

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2007, in the United States totaled 32.5 million, up 3 percent from May 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were up 3 percent from the April 1, 2007 total of 31.7 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 8 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 5 percent, and South Central and West down 3 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during April 2007, in the United States totaled 26.4 million, up 7 percent from April 2006. Poults hatched were down 2 percent from March 2007 total of 26.8 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 5 percent, West North Central up 13 percent, North and South Atlantic up 5 percent, and South Central and West up slightly.

The 26.1 million net poults placed during April 2007 in the United States were up 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 1 percent from the March 2007 total of 26.4 million.

Special Note: Eggs hatched data for January through April 2007 is in this release to provide data users a complete data series. The eggs hatched table on page two is expanded this month only to provide this information.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators May 1		2007 2006	Eggs Hatched During April		2007 2006
	2006	2007		2006	2007	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
East North Central	5,030	4,634	92	3,897	4,108	105
West North Central	11,922	12,752	107	8,704	9,853	113
No. & So. Atlantic	10,386	10,935	105	8,230	8,672	105
So. Central & West	4,329	4,208	97	3,747	3,754	100
UNITED STATES	31,667	32,529	103	24,578	26,387	107

1/ Regions (No. & So. Atlantic and So. Central & West) combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

NET TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		06-07 05-06	Cumulative Total		06-07 05-06
	2005-06	2006-07		2005-06	2006-07	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,018	23,534	102	23,018	23,534	102
Oct.	21,633	24,891	115	44,651	48,425	108
Nov.	22,540	23,792	106	67,191	72,217	107
Dec.	24,329	23,879	98	91,520	96,096	105
Jan.	24,341	26,068	107	115,861	122,164	105
Feb.	23,473	24,249	103	139,334	146,413	105
Mar. 2/	25,230	26,433	105	164,564	172,846	105
Apr.	24,212	26,140	108	188,776	198,986	105
May	25,639			214,415		
June	26,002			240,417		
July	26,058			266,475		
Aug.	25,693			292,168		

1/ Includes imports, but excludes exports.
2/ Revised 2006-07 data.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Egg producers in California produced 4.96 billion eggs in 2006, 2 percent below the 5.08 billion produced in 2005. The value of eggs produced totaled \$213 million, increased 17 percent from the previous year's production of \$182 million.

Nationally, the value of all egg production in 2006 was \$4.39 billion, up 8 percent from the \$4.05 billion in 2005. Egg production totaled 90.9 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 90.0 billion eggs produced in 2005. In 2006, all eggs averaged 57.9 cents per dozen, compared with 54.0 cents in 2005.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen 2/	Value of Production 2/
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1997	6,663	62.1	344,810
1998	6,608	56.1	308,924
1999	6,606	47.9	263,690
2000	6,319	45.3	237,561
2001	6,082	47.2	235,921
2002	6,257	39.2	204,232
2003	5,439	62.3	282,458
2004	5,352	64.4	287,392
2005	5,082	42.9	181,655
2006	4,962	51.5	212,889
UNITED STATES			
2005	90,027	54.0	4,049,293
2006	90,877	57.9	4,387,528

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Includes hatching eggs and market (table) eggs.

2/ Revised 2005 data.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

This year, broiler production for California was combined with nine other states (IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These ten states produced 859 million birds totaling 4.42 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 39.4 cents for a total production value of \$1.73 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2006 was \$18.9 billion, down 10 percent from 2005. The total number of broilers produced in 2006 was 8.88 billion, up slightly from 2005. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2006 was 48.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2005. The 2006 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 38.6 cents per pound, compared with 43.6 cents in 2005.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1997	237,300	1,210,200	39.0	471,978
1998 3/	506,660	2,444,100	39.3	961,745
1999 3/	519,510	2,501,200	38.9	972,841
2000 4/	763,600	3,606,000	35.0	1,261,596
2001 4/	768,080	3,697,500	40.3	1,487,707
2002 4/	810,300	3,988,300	31.7	1,264,724
2003 4/	777,600	3,868,850	37.0	1,430,557
2004 5/	829,250	4,161,850	47.3	1,969,802
2005 6/ 7/	862,500	4,452,900	44.4	1,978,098
2006 8/	859,400	4,424,700	39.4	1,743,848
UNITED STATES				
2005 7/	8,872,000	47,855,600	43.6	20,877,916
2006	8,882,000	48,794,900	38.6	18,851,054

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (of previous year) through November 30. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

3/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, ME, MI, OR, and WA.

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5/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, HI, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, OR, and WA.

6/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, CT, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA.

7/ Revised.

8/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, MI, MO, NY, OR, and WA.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

California turkey production totaled 428 million pounds (live weight) in 2006, up 8 percent from the 396 million pounds raised in 2005. Value of production, at \$197 million was up 16 percent from the \$170 million realized in 2005. The annual average price per pound in 2006 was 46.0 cents, compared with 43.0 cents in 2005.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2006 was \$3.55 billion, up 12 percent from the \$3.18 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2006 totaled 7.42 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.10 billion pounds produced in 2005. The average price received by producers during 2006 was 47.9 cents per pound, compared with 44.9 cents in 2005.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Number Raised 1/	Pounds Produced 2/	Price Per Pound 3/	Value of Production 2/
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1997	21,000	480,900	42.0	201,978
1998	19,000	442,700	41.0	181,507
1999	17,500	428,750	45.0	192,938
2000	18,000	439,200	48.0	210,816
2001	18,700	450,670	47.0	211,815
2002	17,700	438,960	36.0	158,026
2003	17,300	418,660	36.0	150,718
2004	15,700	414,480	41.0	169,937
2005	14,500	395,850	43.0	170,216
2006	15,800	428,180	46.0	196,963
UNITED STATES				
2005	252,053	7,095,977	44.9	3,182,767
2006	261,960	7,417,935	47.9	3,551,127

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of September 1 (of previous year) through August 31. Excludes young turkeys lost.

2/ Revised 2005 data.

3/ Live weight equivalent price.

CHICKEN VALUE OF SALES

California's total value of other chickens (excluding broilers) sold in 2006 was \$235 thousand, 31 percent below the value of a year earlier. The average price for other chickens was 1.0 cent per pound, down 0.2 of a cent from last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2006 was \$53.1 million, down 18 percent from the \$64.7 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.8 cents per pound, compared with 6.5 cents in 2005. The number of chickens sold in 2006 totaled 172 million, down 11 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Sold	Price Per Pound	Value
	Thousand Head	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1997	15,300	2.3	1,232
1998	13,808	3.4	1,643
1999	13,807	4.0	1,988
2000	13,232	4.0	1,958
2001	10,835	1.0	401
2002	9,954	1.0	295
2003	8,953	0.5	175
2004	7,240	0.8	226
2005 2/	7,669	1.2	341
2006	6,906	1.0	235
UNITED STATES			
2005 2/	193,246	6.5	64,739
2006	172,421	5.8	53,124

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (previous year) through November 30 and excludes broilers.

2/ Revised.

PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED 1/

Region	Unit	April 2006	April 2007
		Dollars	
PACIFIC REGION			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	257	462
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	286	266
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	408	469
Laying Feed	Ton	238	253
UNITED STATES			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	273	327
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	255	306
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	302	337
Laying Feed	Ton	240	278

1/ Complete ration feed. Fed without mixing or supplementation.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average April price received by California producers was 56.0 cents per dozen, when compared to March average price, a decrease of 15.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the April market egg price, at 55.8 cents per dozen, decreased 12.3 cents from March, but is 23.7 cents above April 2006. The April broiler price, at 50.0 cents per pound, is unchanged from March, but 15.0 cents above a year ago. The April turkey price, at 46.8 cents per pound, is up 2.5 cents from the previous month and up 4.3 cents from a year earlier.

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

Commodity	Unit	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	45.0	71.0	56.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	35.0	50.0	50.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	32.1	68.1	55.8
Turkeys 2/	Lbs.	42.5	44.3	46.8

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.

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