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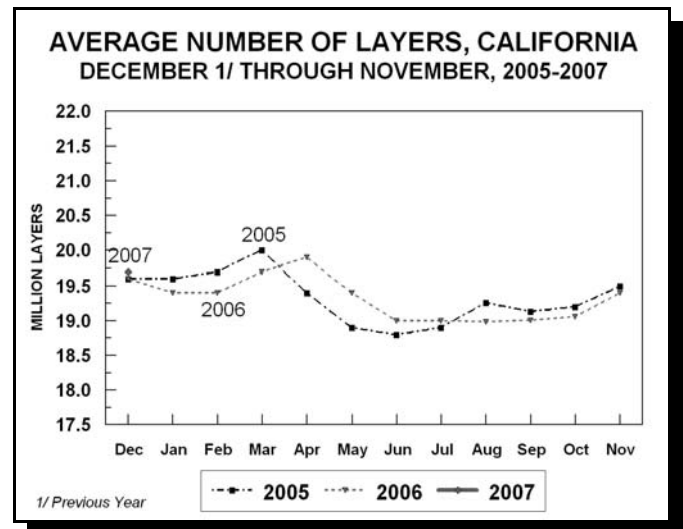
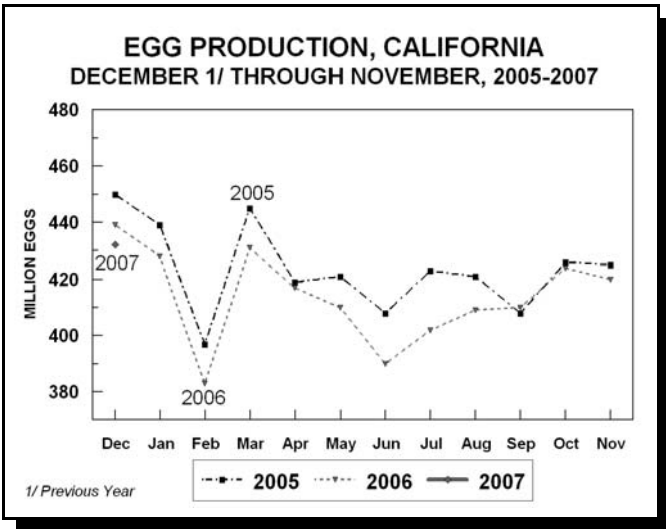
U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.78 billion during December 2006, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.68 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 December 2006 averaged 348 million, down slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from December 2005.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 432 million, up 12.0 million from the November production, but 7.00 million below last December. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.7 million, 1 percent above last month and a slight increase from December 2005. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,198 compared to 2,162 a month earlier and 2,243 in December 2005.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 348 million on January 1, 2007, slightly below last year. The 348 million layers consisted of 290 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from January 1, 2006.



DECEMBER LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1 FORCED MOLTING

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted a/		Layers With Molt Completed a/	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,013	8,823	1,908	1,961	172	173	1.0	1.5	7.0	4.5
Arkansas	14,559	14,069	1,985	1,962	289	276	0.5	2.5	11.5	11.5
California	19,576	19,650	2,243	2,198	439	432	9.0	5.5	31.0	35.0
Georgia	19,081	19,791	2,128	2,117	406	419	2.5	4.5	13.0	14.0
Indiana	24,523	24,676	2,308	2,278	566	562	3.5	4.5	29.0	31.0
Iowa	50,350	52,022	2,230	2,220	1,123	1,155	6.0	6.5	31.5	35.0
North Carolina	10,970	11,516	2,015	2,093	221	241	0.0	0.0	8.5	10.5
Ohio	29,217	27,544	2,303	2,305	673	635	4.0	3.5	16.5	25.5
Pennsylvania	24,444	23,598	2,320	2,377	567	561	4.0	3.5	18.5	14.5
Texas	18,669	18,996	2,314	2,279	432	433	3.5	6.5	24.5	23.5
UNITED STATES	348,545	348,108	2,235	2,234	7,791	7,777	4.3	4.4	23.0	24.4

a/ Revised 2006.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 795 million, down 2 percent from December 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.20 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2006, up 1 percent from December 2005.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 33.4 million, down 7 percent from December 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on January 1, 2007, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 205 thousand during December 2006, down 17 percent from December 2005.

DECEMBER BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

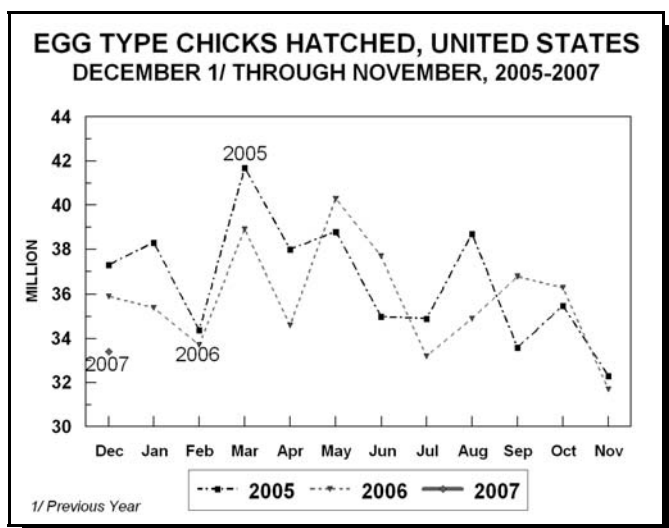
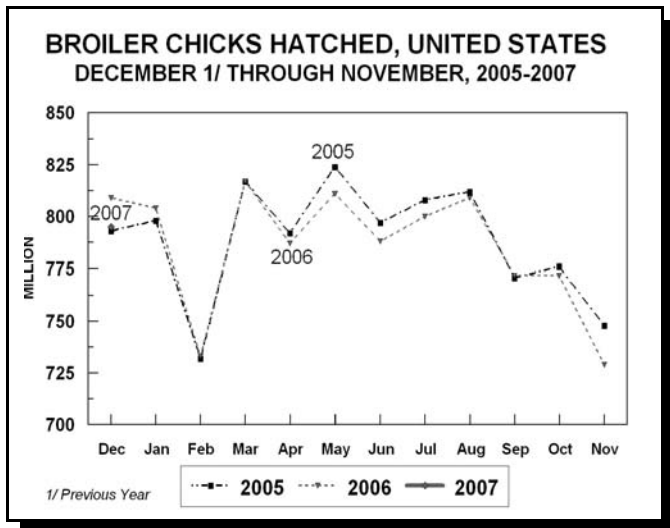
State	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> <u>2005</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	115,375	112,745	98
Arkansas	114,254	108,372	95
Delaware	14,741	14,428	98
Florida	5,039	4,874	97
Georgia	122,618	127,185	104
Kentucky	25,240	26,818	106
Louisiana	15,064	13,837	92
Maryland	32,687	31,019	95
Mississippi	69,691	64,813	93
North Carolina	68,078	68,974	101
Oklahoma	24,132	23,635	98
Pennsylvania	14,716	14,713	100
South Carolina	18,537	19,514	105
Texas	56,744	53,074	94
Virginia	23,655	22,997	97
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	65,967	66,158	100
Other States <u>1/</u>	21,987	22,289	101
UNITED STATES	808,525	795,445	98

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

DECEMBER EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> <u>2005</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,384	2,286	96
Indiana	5,288	4,934	93
Iowa	6,517	5,877	90
Minnesota	1,050	1,065	101
Pennsylvania	4,889	4,447	91
Other States <u>1/</u>	15,789	14,821	94
UNITED STATES	35,917	33,430	93

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JANUARY 1 EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,379	11,775	103	6,229	6,167	99
East North Central	9,413	9,799	104	7,036	7,146	102
West North Central	22,967	22,959	100	8,258	8,005	97
South Atlantic	242,458	244,091	101	4,306	3,772	88
South Central	350,504	338,741	97	5,949	4,029	68
West	23,892	25,106	105	3,769	5,264	140
UNITED STATES	660,613	652,471	99	35,547	34,383	97

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average December price received by California producers, when compared to November average price, decreased 3.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the December market egg price, at 66.5 cents per dozen, decreased 1.0 cent from November, but is 10.1 cents higher than December 2005. The December broiler price, at 40.0 cents per pound, is unchanged from November, but 1.0 cent above a year ago. The December turkey price, at 43.4 cents per pound, is down 23.7 cents from the previous month and down 10.5 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	62.0	77.0	74.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	39.0	40.0	40.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	56.4	67.5	66.5
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	53.9	67.1	43.4

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. TURKEYS RAISED

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 totaled 262 million birds, up 4 percent from the 252 million raised in 2005.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 45.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 37.5 million, Arkansas with 30.0 million, Virginia with 21.5 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, California with 15.8 million, and Indiana with 13.8 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2006.

TURKEY GROWERS

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2007. These States produced more than 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2006. Intentions for the top seven producing States, compared with 2006, are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina up 5 percent, Arkansas unchanged, Virginia up 2 percent, Missouri unchanged, California up 6 percent, and Indiana up 15 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2007 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED AND INTENTIONS a/

State	2005 b/	2006 c/	2006	2007	2007
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	28,500	30,000	105	30,000	100
California	14,500	15,800	109	16,800	106
Indiana	13,400	13,800	103	15,900	115
Iowa	9,000	8,200	91	8,600	105
Minnesota	44,500	45,000	101	46,000	102
Missouri	20,000	20,000	100	20,000	100
North Carolina	35,500	37,500	106	39,500	105
Pennsylvania	10,500	10,500	100	10,800	103
South Carolina	8,000	9,600	120	11,000	115
Virginia	20,000	21,500	108	22,000	102
U.S. Total	252,053	261,960	104	269,800	104

a/ Revised 2005 and 2006 data.

b/ Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1, 2004 through Aug. 31, 2005. Excludes young turkeys lost.

c/ Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1, 2005 through Aug. 31, 2006. Excludes young turkeys lost.

d/ Data for the "2007 Intentions" are based on a 23-state total.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 31.2 million on January 1, 2007, up 5 percent from January 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were up 7 percent from the December 1, 2006 total of 29.2 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 9 percent, West North Central up 6 percent, North and South Atlantic up 5 percent, and South Central and West down 5 percent.

The 23.6 million poults placed during December 2006 in the United States were down slightly from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Placements were up 1 percent from the November 2006 total of 23.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central down 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 4 percent, and South Central and West up 13 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators January 1		2007 2006	Poults Placed During Dec. 1/		2006 2005
	2006	2007		2005	2006	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,616	5,015	109	3,683	3,597	98
W N Central	11,360	12,092	106	9,229	8,563	93
N & S Atlantic 2/	9,407	9,908	105	7,649	7,933	104
S Central & West 2/	4,390	4,162	95	3,112	3,522	113
U.S.	29,773	31,177	105	23,673	23,615	100

1/ Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region and not the actual location of the birds after placement. Excludes exported poults.

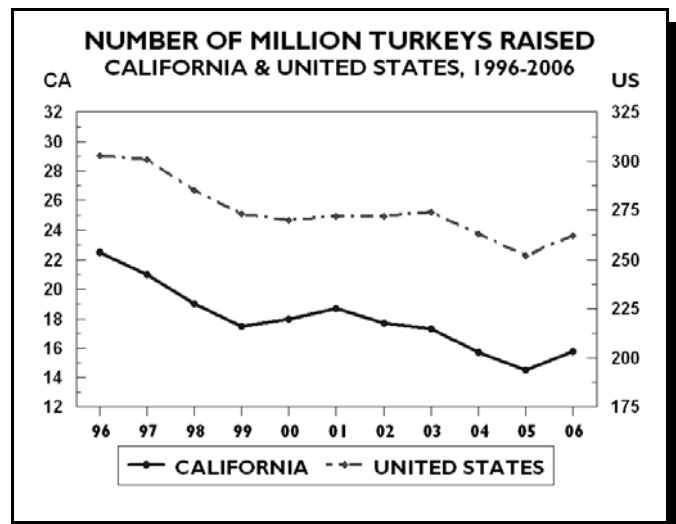
2/ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 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.	22,747	23,355	103	22,747	23,355	103
Oct.	21,400	24,706	115	44,147	48,061	109
Nov. 2/	21,850	23,443	107	65,997	71,504	108
Dec.	23,673	23,615	100	89,670	95,119	106
Jan.	24,364			114,034		
Feb.	23,296			137,330		
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 data.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2005	November 30, 2006	December 31, 2006	<u>Dec. 2006</u> <u>Dec. 2005</u>	<u>Dec. 2006</u> <u>Nov. 2006</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	19,575	23,788	24,072	123	101
Chickens	Lbs.	45,230	38,617	34,400	76	89
Ducks	Lbs.	133	103	12	9	12
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	64,938	62,508	58,484	90	94
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	206,166	214,526	221,124	107	103
Chickens	Lbs.	925,763	692,276	760,005	82	110
Ducks	Lbs.	2,615	5,134	4,826	185	94
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	21,018	17,057	16,807	80	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	1,134,544	911,936	985,955	87	108

Financial FACTS for the 2007 Farm Bill

Respond to USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey to provide the financial facts policymakers will use to craft the 2007 Farm Bill.



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