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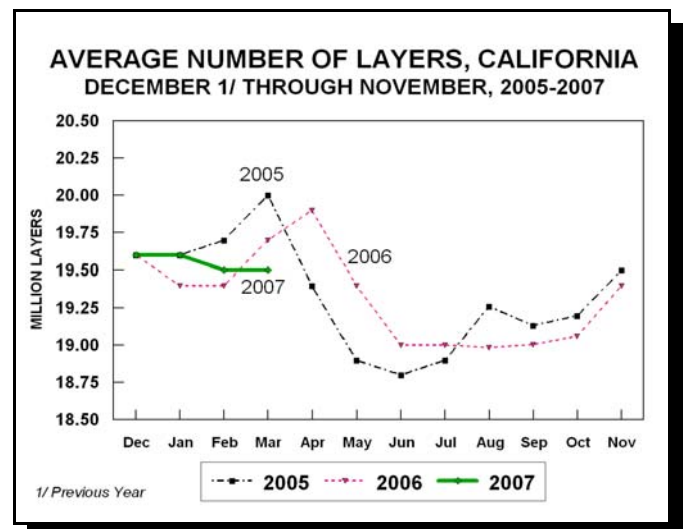
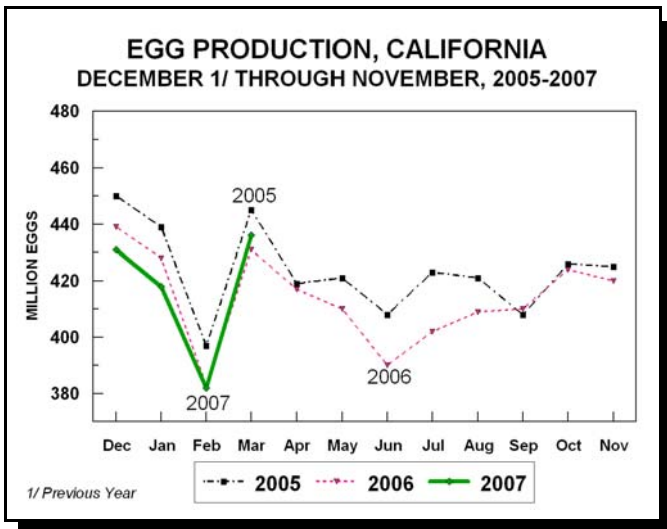
U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.77 billion during March 2007, 1 percent below last year. Production included 6.65 billion table eggs and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 68.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2007 averaged 346 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,243 eggs, up slightly from March 2006.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 346 million on April 1, 2007, 1 percent below last year. The 346 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.80 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 73.0 eggs per 100 layers on April 1, 2007, up slightly from April 1, 2006.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during March totaled 436 million, an increase of 54.0 million from February's revised production and 5.00 million above last March. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.5 million, slightly above last month, but 1 percent below March 2006. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,233 compared to 1,958 a month earlier and 2,189 in March 2006.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 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	8,858	8,750	1,930	1,931	171	169	1.0	0.5	7.0	5.5
Arkansas	14,645	14,602	1,926	2,000	282	292	0.0	1.5	9.5	13.0
California	19,693	19,526	2,189	2,233	431	436	5.0	1.0	36.0	32.5
Georgia	19,740	19,780	2,107	2,154	416	426	0.5	1.0	12.5	16.5
Indiana	24,772	24,486	2,301	2,279	570	558	1.0	3.5	30.5	33.5
Iowa	52,257	52,367	2,289	2,217	1,196	1,161	1.5	3.0	37.0	36.5
North Carolina	11,081	11,877	2,003	2,054	222	244	1.0	0.0	9.0	8.0
Ohio	29,053	27,687	2,261	2,304	657	638	1.5	2.5	23.5	25.0
Pennsylvania	23,818	22,679	2,381	2,416	567	548	3.5	3.0	18.5	11.0
Texas	19,247	18,895	2,265	2,297	436	434	1.5	2.0	22.5	22.5
UNITED STATES	350,470	346,437	2,238	2,243	7,843	7,769	2.3	2.8	24.9	23.5

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2007 totaled 811 million, down 1 percent from March 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 667 million on April 1, 2007, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2007, down 5 percent from March 2006.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	117,446	113,341	97
Arkansas	106,842	102,806	96
Delaware	14,388	14,732	102
Florida	5,052	5,006	99
Georgia	126,415	128,847	102
Kentucky	25,223	27,469	109
Louisiana	15,236	14,310	94
Maryland	31,883	31,705	99
Mississippi	68,568	70,717	103
North Carolina	70,944	71,172	100
Oklahoma	23,915	24,209	101
Pennsylvania	14,202	14,127	99
South Carolina	19,578	19,720	101
Texas	56,907	54,608	96
Virginia	23,997	22,726	95
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	74,390	73,764	99
Other States 1/	22,856	21,473	94
UNITED STATES	817,842	810,732	99

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2007 totaled 40.5 million, up 4 percent from March 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.5 million on April 1, 2007, up 11 percent from a year ago.

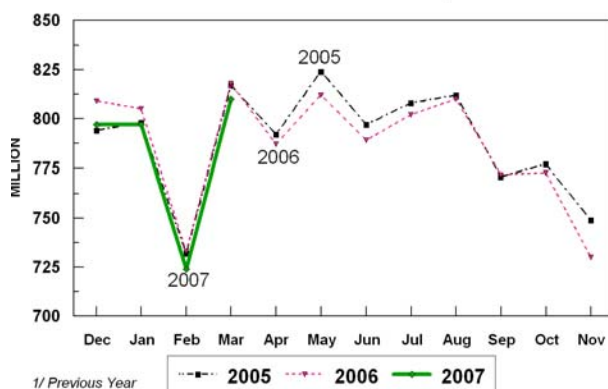
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 316 thousand during March 2007, up 21 percent from March 2006.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

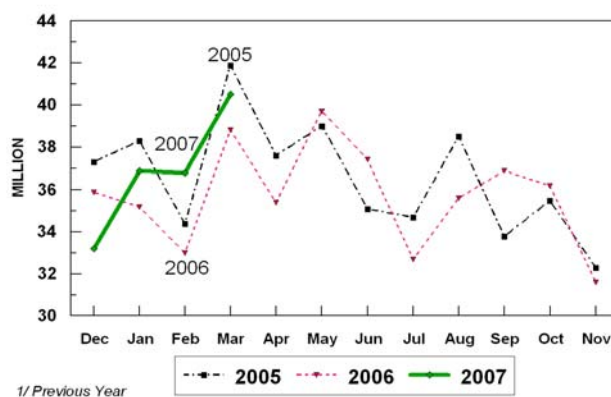
State	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,393	2,356	98
Indiana	5,465	5,408	99
Iowa	7,320	7,817	107
Minnesota	1,105	836	76
Pennsylvania	5,019	5,532	110
Other States 1/	17,503	18,588	106
UNITED STATES	38,805	40,537	104

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



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



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,224	11,647	95	5,306	6,613	125
East North Central	9,572	9,681	101	6,972	8,473	122
West North Central	30,686	29,294	95	7,880	8,312	105
South Atlantic	242,071	248,581	103	4,602	4,323	94
South Central	339,292	341,559	101	6,061	5,931	98
West	26,215	26,188	100	4,851	5,841	120
UNITED STATES	660,060	666,950	101	35,672	39,493	111

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average March price received by California producers, when compared to February average price, increased 5.00 cents per dozen for market eggs.

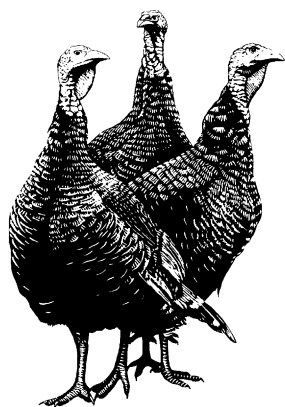
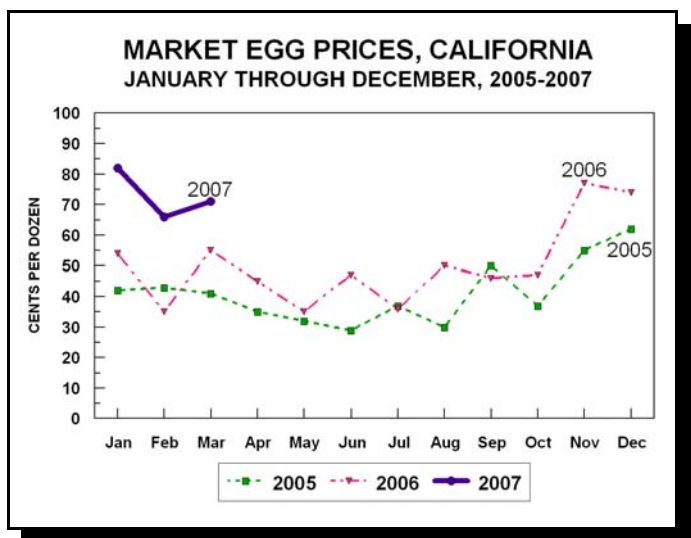
Nationally, the March market egg price, at 68.1 cents per dozen, increased 5.4 cents from February and 18.2 cents from March 2006. The March broiler price, at 50.0 cents per pound, is up 3.0 cents from February and 13.0 cents above a year ago. The March turkey price, at 44.0 cents per pound, is up 1.6 cents from the previous month and 3.7 cents above a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	55.0	66.0	71.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	37.0	47.0	50.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	49.9	62.7	68.1
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lbs.	40.3	42.4	44.0

^{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 31.5 million on April 1, 2007, up 4 percent from April 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the March 1, 2007 total of 31.2 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central up 9 percent, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, and South Central and West up 1 percent.

Turkey eggs hatched in the United States during March 2007 totaled 26.8 million, up 4 percent from March 2006. Eggs hatched were up 8 percent from the February 2007 total of 24.7 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 4 percent, West North Central up 6 percent, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, and South Central and West up 4 percent.

The 26.6 million net poults placed during March 2007 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 10 percent from the February 2007 total of 24.2 million.

Special Note: In order to better serve the turkey industry, a new data series called Eggs Hatched was added to this publication. Also, the Regional Poult Placement table was discontinued and replaced with a new table summarizing Net Poult Placements.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators April 1		2007 2006	Eggs Hatched During March		2007 2006
	2006	2007		2006	2007	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
EN Central	4,880	4,924	101	4,140	4,325	104
W N Central	10,885	11,862	109	9,649	10,192	106
N & S Atlantic ^{1/}	9,792	10,003	102	8,446	8,576	102
S Central & West ^{1/}	4,632	4,681	101	3,561	3,696	104
UNITED STATES	30,189	31,470	104	25,796	26,789	104

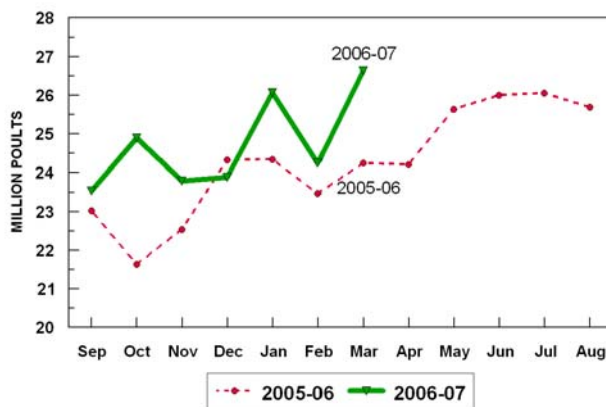
^{1/} Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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.	25,230	26,630	106	164,564	173,043	105
Apr.	24,212			188,776		
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.

NET TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2005-2007



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	<u>Mar. 2007</u> <u>Mar. 2006</u>	<u>Mar. 2007</u> <u>Feb. 2007</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	39,643	15,208	17,875	45	118
Chickens	Lbs.	45,853	26,347	23,944	52	91
Ducks	Lbs.	116	<u>a/</u>	<u>a/</u>	0	<u>a/</u>
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	85,612	41,555	41,819	49	101
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	377,747	312,737	352,054	93	113
Chickens	Lbs.	869,367	620,074	594,415	68	96
Ducks	Lbs.	7,923	4,773	5,661	71	119
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,255,037	937,584	952,130	76	102
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	20,757	15,693	14,738	71	94

a/ Regional total no longer published.

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