



Turkey Hatchery

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Eggs in Incubators on October Down 5 Percent

Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 26.7 million, 5 percent below October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 5 percent below the September 2004 total of 28.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central down 6 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, South Central down 11 percent, and West up 5 percent.

Poults Placed During September Down 4 Percent From Last Year

The 21.3 million poults placed during September 2004 in the United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 10 percent from the August 2004 total of 23.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 12 percent, West North Central down 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 1 percent, South Central up 5 percent, and West down 1 percent.

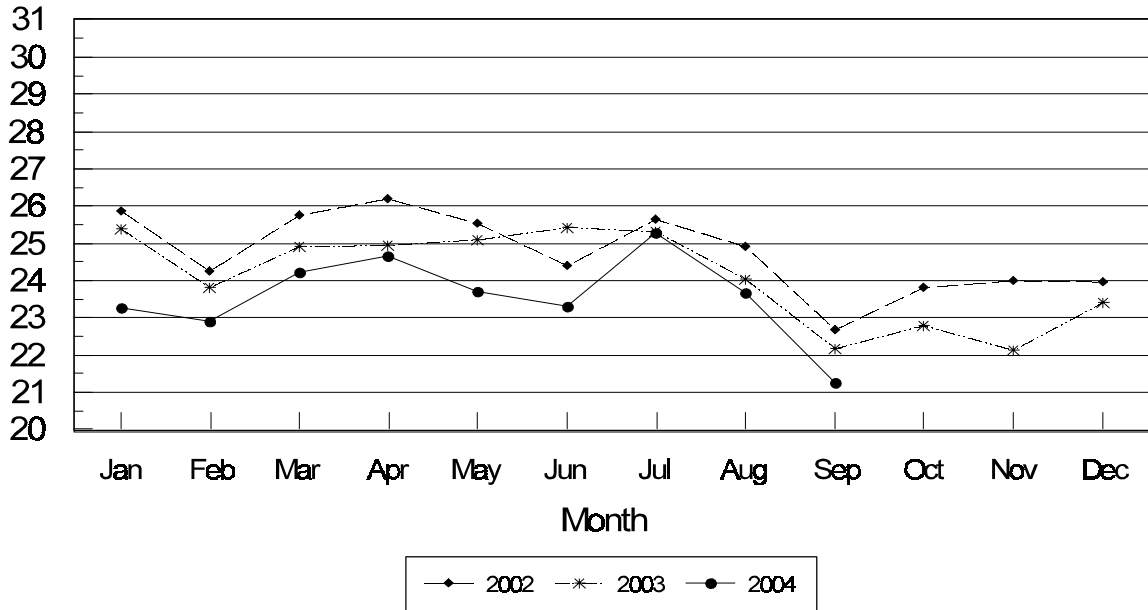
**Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,
United States, 2003-05 ¹**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2003-04	2004-05		2003-04	2004-05	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96
Oct	22,805			44,976		
Nov	22,155			67,131		
Dec	23,424			90,555		
Jan	23,273			113,828		
Feb	22,905			136,733		
Mar	24,215			160,948		
Apr	24,664			185,612		
May	23,692			209,304		
Jun	23,291			232,595		
Jul	25,275			257,870		
Aug	23,674			281,544		

¹ Excludes exported poult.

Turkey Poults Placed United States 2002-2004

Million Poults



**Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region
and United States, October 2004 with Comparisons**

Geographic Division	Oct 1 2003	Sep 1 2004	Oct 1 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	4,374	4,478	4,345	99	97
W N Central	11,247	*11,127	10,533	94	95
N & S Atlantic	8,506	8,539	8,092	95	95
S Central	2,342	2,301	2,079	89	90
West	1,612	1,843	1,695	105	92
US	28,081	*28,288	26,744	95	95

* Revised.

**Poult Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States,
September 2004 with Comparisons ¹**

Geographic Division	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	3,559	3,577	3,125	88	87
W N Central	8,796	*9,282	8,200	93	88
N & S Atlantic	6,608	6,622	6,668	101	101
S Central	1,758	1,873	1,839	105	98
West	1,450	2,320	1,436	99	62
US	22,171	*23,674	21,268	96	90

* Revised.

¹ Regional placements refer to poult placements from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Turkey Hatchery Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the "**Turkey Hatchery**" report are collected from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to turkey hatcheries in 18 States. An attempt is made to collect hatchery information from all known hatcheries in these 18 monthly States. Approximately 40 hatcheries are contacted each month.

Revisions: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data and are usually less than 1 percent at the U.S. level. Revisions to the previous month are published in the monthly "**Turkey Hatchery**" report, while annual revisions are published in the "**Hatchery Production - Annual Summary**" report at the end of the marketing year.

Procedures and Reliability: Hatcheries are mailed a questionnaire and given adequate time to respond by mail. Those that do not respond by mail are called by phone. Diligent effort is made to ensure that all hatcheries are accounted for in the estimate. An allowance is made for all non-reporting hatcheries.

Accumulated poult placements beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31 are shown in the monthly "**Turkey Hatchery**" report. This time period corresponds with the placements of poults which will reach maturity and be available for slaughter during the calendar year. Only regional and U.S. level estimates are published due to the limited number of hatcheries involved. Regional placement data in the report refer to placement of poults from hatcheries located in that region, not the actual location of the birds after placement. Poults exported out of the U.S. and poults imported from outside of the U.S. are not included in the report.

Turkey hatchery estimates are based on a census of operating hatcheries and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

States in the monthly estimating program are Arkansas, California, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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