



# Turkey Hatchery

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## **Eggs in Incubators on December 1 Down 2 Percent**

Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 27.7 million, 2 percent below December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent below the November 1, 2004 total of 28.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 10 percent, South Central up 5 percent, and West up 6 percent.

## **Poults Placed During November Up Slightly From Last Year**

The 22.2 million poults placed during November 2004 in the United States were up slightly from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 7 percent from the October 2004 total of 20.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 6 percent, South Central down 8 percent, and West down 2 percent.

**Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,  
United States, 2003-05 <sup>1</sup>**

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	20,806	91	44,976	42,074	94
Nov	22,155	22,232	100	67,131	64,306	96
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	25,013			257,608		
Aug	23,674			281,282		

<sup>1</sup> Excludes exported poult.

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

Geographic Division	Dec 1 2003	Nov 1 2004	Dec 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	4,674	*4,668	4,576	98	98
W N Central	10,995	*10,843	11,096	101	102
N & S Atlantic	8,556	8,541	7,677	90	90
S Central	2,315	*2,296	2,431	105	106
West	1,852	1,927	1,969	106	102
US	28,392	*28,275	27,749	98	98

\* Revised.

**Poult Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States,  
November 2004 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>**

Geographic Division	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 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	3,448	3,009	3,144	91	104
W N Central	8,238	8,074	8,382	102	104
N & S Atlantic	6,922	6,743	7,344	106	109
S Central	1,983	1,649	1,827	92	111
West	1,564	1,331	1,535	98	115
US	22,155	20,806	22,232	100	107

\* Revised.

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

**Turkey Hatchery Production  
2003 and Revised 2004**

Month	United States			East North Central	West North Central	North & South Atlantic	South Central	West
	2003	2004	2004 As Percent Of 2003					
<b>Eggs in Incubators, First of Month</b>								
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
All Breeds								
Jan	30,804	28,394	92	4,543	10,521	8,740	2,352	2,238
Feb	30,695	28,774	94	4,269	11,669	7,942	2,306	2,588
Mar	31,271	29,613	95	5,059	11,131	8,747	2,504	2,172
Apr	31,951	30,363	95	4,772	11,025	9,644	2,475	2,447
May	32,053	29,871	93	4,603	10,772	9,434	2,255	2,807
Jun	33,026	29,910	91	4,526	11,162	8,736	2,462	3,024
Jul	32,021	30,979	97	4,752	11,487	8,902	2,278	3,560
Aug	32,519	30,603	94	4,738	11,497	9,046	2,287	3,035
Sep	28,404	28,288	100	4,478	11,127	8,539	2,301	1,843
Oct	28,081	26,744	95	4,345	10,533	8,092	2,079	1,695
Nov	28,650	28,275	99	4,668	10,843	8,541	2,296	1,927
Dec	28,392	27,749	98	4,576	11,096	7,677	2,431	1,969
<b>Poults Placed <sup>1</sup></b>								
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
All Breeds								
Jan	25,389	23,273	92	3,381	8,663	7,475	1,960	1,794
Feb	23,833	22,905	96	3,118	9,119	6,826	1,836	2,006
Mar	24,902	24,215	97	3,708	9,139	7,621	2,056	1,691
Apr	24,938	24,664	99	3,444	9,247	8,153	1,972	1,848
May	25,111	23,692	94	3,343	8,754	7,592	1,860	2,143
Jun	25,422	23,291	92	3,304	8,814	6,837	1,993	2,343
Jul	25,330	25,013	99	3,612	9,295	7,443	1,863	2,800
Aug	24,036	23,674	98	3,577	9,282	6,622	1,873	2,320
Sep	22,171	21,268	96	3,125	8,200	6,668	1,839	1,436
Oct	22,805	20,806	91	3,009	8,074	6,743	1,649	1,331
Nov	22,155	22,232	100	3,144	8,382	7,344	1,827	1,535
Dec	23,424							
Total	289,516							

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**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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