



Turkey Hatchery

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Eggs in Incubators on May 1 Down 2 Percent From Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 29.1 million, 2 percent below May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the April 1, 2005 total of 29.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central up 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 6 percent, South Central down 10 percent, and West down 10 percent.

Poults Placed During April Down 5 Percent From Last Year

The 23.5 million poults placed during April 2005 in the United States were down 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1 percent from March 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central down slightly, North and South Atlantic down 13 percent, South Central down 14 percent, and West up 13 percent.

**Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poults Placements,
United States, 2003-2005 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	20,806	91	44,976	42,074	94
Nov	22,155	22,232	100	67,131	64,306	96
Dec	23,424	22,205	95	90,555	86,511	96
Jan	23,273	21,887	94	113,828	108,398	95
Feb	22,905	21,321	93	136,733	129,719	95
Mar	24,215	23,376	97	160,948	153,095	95
Apr	24,664	23,540	95	185,612	176,635	95
May	23,692			209,304		
Jun	23,291			232,595		
Jul	25,013			257,608		
Aug	23,674			281,282		

* Revised.

¹ Excludes exported poults.

**Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region
and United States, May 2005 with Comparisons**

Geographic Division	May 1 2004	Apr 1 2005	May 1 2005	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	4,603	*4,763	4,506	98	95
W N Central	10,772	10,893	11,231	104	103
N & S Atlantic	9,434	*8,728	8,848	94	101
S Central	2,255	2,152	2,035	90	95
West	2,807	*2,754	2,513	90	91
US	29,871	*29,290	29,133	98	99

* Revised.

**Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States,
April 2005 with Comparisons ¹**

Geographic Division	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	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	3,444	3,420	3,404	99	100
W N Central	9,247	9,257	9,224	100	100
N & S Atlantic	8,153	6,989	7,125	87	102
S Central	1,972	1,758	1,693	86	96
West	1,848	1,952	2,094	113	107
US	24,664	23,376	23,540	95	101

* Revised.

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

**Turkey Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators and Poult Placements,
by Region and United States, Monthly, 2003-2004**

Month	United States			East North Central	West North Central	North & South Atlantic	South Central	West
	2003	2004	2004 As Percent Of 2003	2004				
	Eggs in Incubators, First of Month							
	<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	27,708	98	4,576	11,045	7,677	2,421	1,989
	Poults Placed ¹							
	<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	22,205	95	3,216	8,653	6,868	1,881	1,587
Total	289,516	277,238	96	39,981	105,622	86,192	22,609	22,834

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.

Regions:

E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

W North Central = IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

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

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

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

West = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, 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.

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