



Turkey Hatchery

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Eggs in Incubators on August 1 Down 1 Percent From Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 30.2 million, 1 percent below August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were also 1 percent below the July 1, 2005 total of 30.6 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 3 percent, West North Central down slightly, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, South Central down 8 percent, and West down 14 percent.

Poults Placed During July Down 2 Percent From Last Year

The 24.5 million poults placed during July 2005 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1 percent from June 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up slightly, West North Central down 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, South Central down 17 percent, and West down 7 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	*23,587	96	185,612	176,682	95
May	23,692	23,714	100	209,304	200,396	96
Jun	23,291	*24,253	104	232,595	224,649	97
Jul	25,013	24,504	98	257,608	249,153	97
Aug	23,674			281,282		

* Revised.

¹ Excludes exported poults.

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

Geographic Division	Aug 1 2004	Jul 1 2005	Aug 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	4,738	5,013	4,864	103	97
W N Central	11,497	*11,278	11,463	100	102
N & S Atlantic	9,046	*8,745	9,198	102	105
S Central	2,287	*2,086	2,113	92	101
West	3,035	*3,432	2,607	86	76
US	30,603	*30,554	30,245	99	99

* Revised.

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

Geographic Division	Jul 2004	Jun 2005	Jul 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	3,612	3,872	3,625	100	94
W N Central	9,295	*9,232	9,151	98	99
N & S Atlantic	7,443	7,261	7,585	102	104
S Central	1,863	*1,850	1,549	83	84
West	2,800	*2,038	2,594	93	127
US	25,013	*24,253	24,504	98	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
2004 and Revised 2005**

Month	United States			East North Central	West North Central	North & South Atlantic	South Central	West
	2004	2005	2005 As Percent Of 2004	2005				
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	28,394	27,994	99	4,469	10,620	8,448	2,077	2,380
Feb	28,774	27,015	94	4,604	10,337	7,836	2,025	2,213
Mar	29,613	28,051	95	4,517	10,938	7,879	2,282	2,435
Apr	30,363	29,105	96	4,763	10,893	8,543	2,152	2,754
May	29,871	29,340	98	4,506	11,435	8,851	2,035	2,513
Jun	29,910	30,365	102	4,841	11,405	9,056	2,355	2,708
Jul	30,979	30,554	99	5,013	11,278	8,745	2,086	3,432
Aug	30,603	30,245	99	4,864	11,463	9,198	2,113	2,607
Sep	28,288							
Oct	26,744							
Nov	28,275							
Dec	27,708							
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	23,273	21,887	94	3,353	8,298	6,667	1,653	1,916
Feb	22,905	21,321	93	3,339	8,316	6,275	1,599	1,792
Mar	24,215	23,376	97	3,420	9,257	6,989	1,758	1,952
Apr	24,664	23,587	96	3,404	9,224	7,172	1,693	2,094
May	23,692	23,714	100	3,398	9,474	7,211	1,606	2,025
Jun	23,291	24,253	104	3,872	9,232	7,261	1,850	2,038
Jul	25,013	24,504	98	3,625	9,151	7,585	1,549	2,594
Aug	23,674							
Sep	21,268							
Oct	20,806							
Nov	22,232							
Dec	22,205							
Total	277,238							

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.

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.

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.

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