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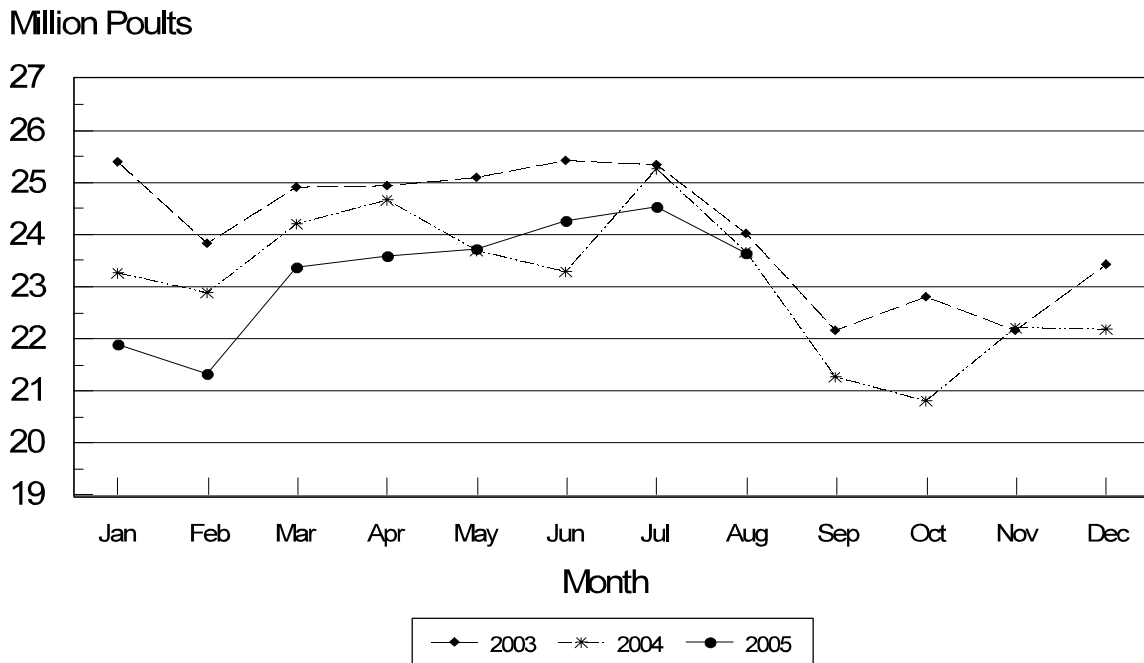
Eggs in Incubators on September 1 Down 1 Percent From Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 28.0 million, 1 percent below September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were also 8 percent below the August 1, 2005 total of 30.4 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 3 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic up 1 percent, South Central down 24 percent, and West up 12 percent.

Poults Placed During August Down Slightly From Last Year

The 23.6 million poults placed during August 2005 in the United States were down slightly from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 4 percent from July 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 7 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic up 3 percent, South Central down 11 percent, and West down 17 percent.

Turkey Poults Placed United States 2003-2005



**Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry 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	*24,533	98	257,608	249,182	97
Aug	23,674	23,637	100	281,282	272,819	97

* Revised.

¹ Excludes exported poult.

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

Geographic Division	Sep 1 2004	Aug 1 2005	Sep 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	4,478	4,864	4,333	97	89
W N Central	11,127	*11,617	11,228	101	97
N & S Atlantic	8,539	9,198	8,640	101	94
S Central	2,301	2,113	1,748	76	83
West	1,843	2,607	2,059	112	79
US	28,288	*30,399	28,008	99	92

* Revised.

**Poult Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States,
August 2005 with Comparisons ¹**

Geographic Division	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 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	3,577	3,625	3,843	107	106
W N Central	9,282	9,151	9,394	101	103
N & S Atlantic	6,622	*7,614	6,816	103	90
S Central	1,873	1,549	1,665	89	107
West	2,320	2,594	1,919	83	74
US	23,674	*24,533	23,637	100	96

* Revised.

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

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 poult 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 poult 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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