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Eggs in Incubators on October 1 Up Slightly

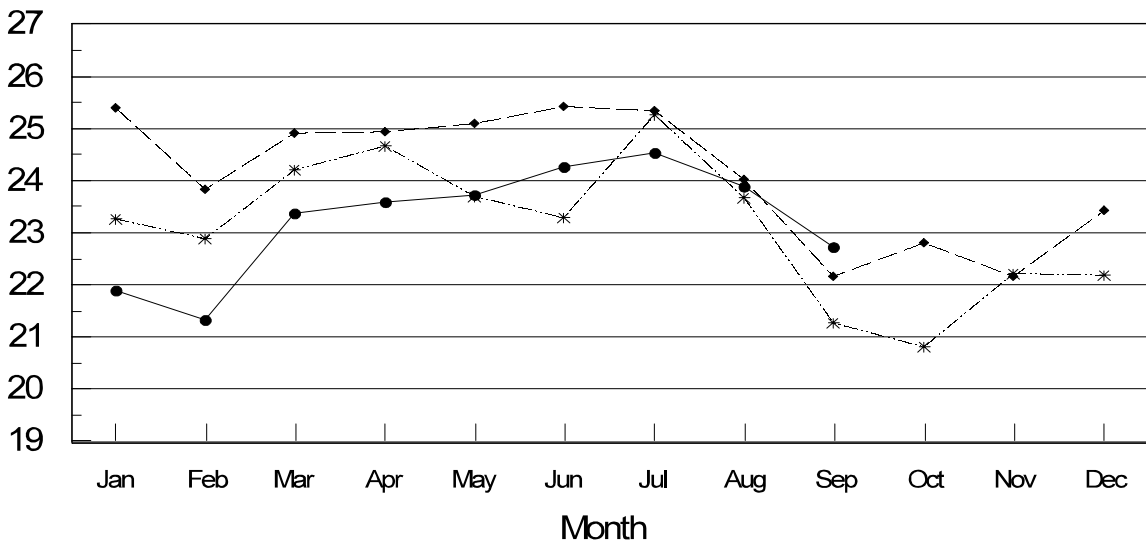
Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 26.7 million, up slightly from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 5 percent below the September 1, 2005 total of 28.2 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 3 percent, South Central down 24 percent, and West down 1 percent.

Poults Placed During September Up 7 Percent From Last Year

The 22.7 million poults placed during September 2005 in the United States were up 7 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 5 percent from August 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 10 percent, West North Central up 13 percent, North and South Atlantic up 5 percent, South Central down 15 percent, and West up 8 percent.

Turkey Poults Placed United States 2003-2005

Million Poults



◆ 2003 * 2004 ● 2005

**Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,
United States, 2004-06 ¹**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2004-05	2005-06		2004-05	2005-06	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	21,268	22,735	107	21,268	22,735	107
Oct	20,806			42,074		
Nov	22,232			64,306		
Dec	22,205			86,511		
Jan	21,887			108,398		
Feb	21,321			129,719		
Mar	23,376			153,095		
Apr	23,587			176,682		
May	23,714			200,396		
Jun	24,253			224,649		
Jul	24,533			249,182		
Aug	23,899			273,081		

¹ Excludes exported poult.

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

Geographic Division	Oct 1 2004	Sep 1 2005	Oct 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	4,345	*4,601	4,408	101	96
W N Central	10,533	*11,046	10,753	102	97
N & S Atlantic	8,092	*8,585	8,341	103	97
S Central	2,079	*1,895	1,574	76	83
West	1,695	2,059	1,671	99	81
US	26,744	*28,186	26,747	100	95

* Revised.

**Poultry Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States,
September 2005 with Comparisons ¹**

Geographic Division	Sep 2004	Aug 2005	Sep 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	3,125	3,843	3,424	110	89
W N Central	8,200	9,394	9,230	113	98
N & S Atlantic	6,668	*7,078	6,979	105	99
S Central	1,839	1,665	1,557	85	94
West	1,436	1,919	1,545	108	81
US	21,268	*23,899	22,735	107	95

* 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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