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Eggs in Incubators on March 1 Up 7 Percent

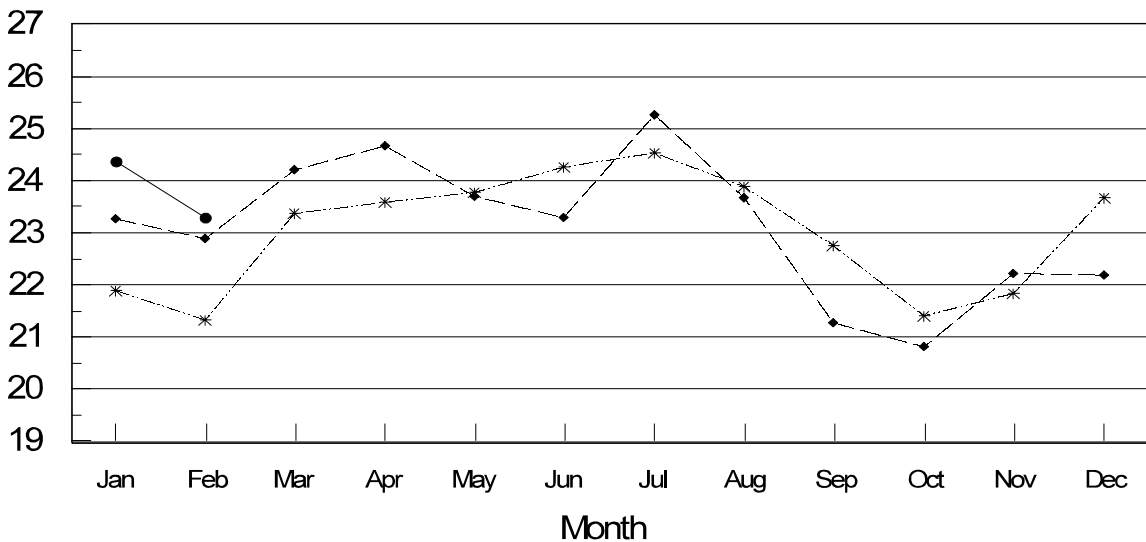
Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 29.9 million, up 7 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the February 1, 2006 total of 30.1 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 3 percent, West North Central up 5 percent, North and South Atlantic up 21 percent, and South Central and West combined, down 10 percent.

Poults Placed During February Up 9 Percent From Last Year

The 23.3 million poults placed during February 2006 in the United States were up 9 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 4 percent from January 2006. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 5 percent, West North Central up 9 percent, North and South Atlantic up 23 percent, South Central and West were down 10 percent from last year.

Turkey Poults Placed United States 2004-2006

Million Poults



—◆— 2004 -*- 2005 —●— 2006

**Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,
United States, 2004-2006 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	22,747	107	21,268	22,747	107
Oct	20,806	21,400	103	42,074	44,147	105
Nov	22,232	21,850	98	64,306	65,997	103
Dec	22,230	23,673	106	86,536	89,670	104
Jan	21,887	*24,364	111	108,423	114,034	105
Feb	21,321	23,300	109	129,744	137,334	106
Mar	23,376			153,120		
Apr	23,587			176,707		
May	23,781			200,488		
Jun	24,253			224,741		
Jul	24,533			249,274		
Aug	23,899			273,173		

* Revised.

¹ Excludes exported poult.

**Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region
and United States, March 2006 with Comparisons**

Geographic Division	Mar 1 2005	Feb 1 2006	Mar 1 2006	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	4,517	4,819	4,663	103	97
W N Central	10,938	11,226	11,443	105	102
N & S Atlantic ¹	7,879	9,971	9,535	121	96
S Central & West ¹	4,717	*4,061	4,240	90	104
US	28,051	*30,077	29,881	107	99

* Revised.

¹ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Poult Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States,
February 2006 with Comparisons ¹**

Geographic Division	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	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	3,339	3,510	3,501	105	100
W N Central	8,316	9,352	9,050	109	97
N & S Atlantic ²	6,275	7,945	7,693	123	97
S Central & West ²	3,391	*3,557	3,056	90	86
US	21,321	*24,364	23,300	109	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.

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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 16 States. An attempt is made to collect hatchery information from all known hatcheries in these 16 monthly States. Approximately 30 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, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, 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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