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Eggs in Incubators on December 1 Down 1 Percent from Last Year

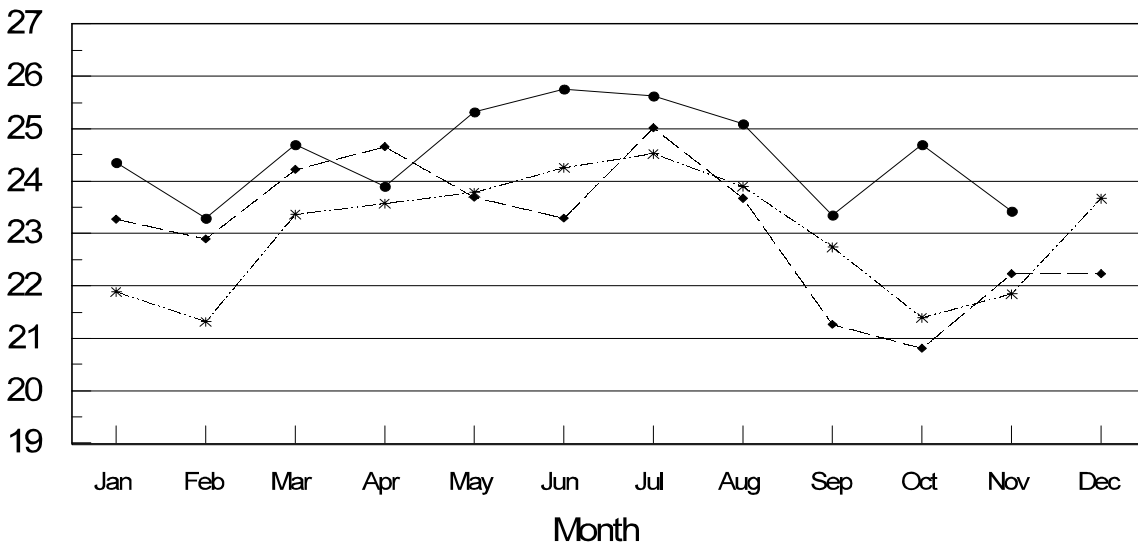
Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 28.3 million, down 1 percent from December 1, 2005. Eggs in incubators were down 5 percent from the November 1, 2006 total of 29.9 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 8 percent, West North Central down 11 percent, North and South Atlantic up 6 percent, and South Central and West up 3 percent.

Poults Placed During November Up 7 Percent from Last Year

The 23.4 million poults placed during November 2006 in the United States were up 7 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Placements were down 5 percent from the October 2006 total of 24.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 11 percent, West North Central up 9 percent, North and South Atlantic up 9 percent, and South Central and West down 7 percent.

Turkey Poults Placed United States 2004-2006

Million Poults



—◆— 2004 -*- 2005 —●— 2006

**Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements,
United States, 2005-07 ¹**

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2005-06	2006-07		2005-06	2006-07	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	22,747	23,355	103	22,747	23,355	103
Oct	21,400	24,706	115	44,147	48,061	109
Nov	21,850	23,432	107	65,997	71,493	108
Dec	23,673			89,670		
Jan	24,364			114,034		
Feb	23,296			137,330		
Mar	24,692			162,022		
Apr	23,902			185,924		
May	25,313			211,237		
Jun	25,764			237,001		
Jul	25,631			262,632		
Aug	25,089			287,721		

¹ Excludes exported poult.

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

Geographic Division	Dec 1 2005	Nov 1 2006	Dec 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	4,694	4,907	5,075	108	103
W N Central	11,140	11,439	9,926	89	87
N & S Atlantic ¹	8,845	9,813	9,379	106	96
S Central & West ¹	3,798	3,736	3,920	103	105
US	28,477	29,895	28,300	99	95

¹ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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

Geographic Division	Nov 2005	Oct 2006	Nov 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	3,475	4,130	3,857	111	93
W N Central	8,656	9,653	9,464	109	98
N & S Atlantic ²	6,770	7,815	7,374	109	94
S Central & West ²	2,949	3,108	2,737	93	88
US	21,850	24,706	23,432	107	95

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

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Turkey Hatchery Production
2005 and Revised 2006**

Month	United States			East North Central	West North Central	North & South Atlantic ¹	South Central &West ¹
	2005	2006	Percent of Previous Year				
	2006						
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>
All Breeds							
Jan	27,994	29,773	106	4,616	11,360	9,407	4,390
Feb	27,015	30,077	111	4,819	11,226	9,971	4,061
Mar	28,051	29,914	107	4,663	11,443	9,535	4,273
Apr	29,105	30,104	103	4,880	10,885	9,727	4,612
May	29,340	31,582	108	5,030	11,922	10,321	4,309
Jun	30,365	31,639	104	4,990	11,928	10,193	4,528
Jul	30,554	32,183	105	5,017	11,452	10,118	5,596
Aug	30,399	30,778	101	4,976	11,919	9,362	4,521
Sep	28,186	29,547	105	4,830	11,367	9,144	4,206
Oct	26,538	30,252	114	5,062	11,501	9,666	4,023
Nov	27,446	29,895	109	4,907	11,439	9,813	3,736
Dec	28,477	28,300	99	5,075	9,926	9,379	3,920
Poults Placed ²							
	<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>
All Breeds							
Jan	21,887	24,364	111	3,510	9,352	7,945	3,557
Feb	21,321	23,296	109	3,501	9,050	7,693	3,052
Mar	23,376	24,692	106	3,743	9,471	8,180	3,298
Apr	23,587	23,902	101	3,630	8,670	7,978	3,624
May	23,781	25,313	106	3,943	9,798	8,200	3,372
Jun	24,253	25,764	106	3,923	9,709	8,578	3,554
Jul	24,533	25,631	104	3,712	9,352	8,311	4,256
Aug	23,899	25,089	105	3,928	9,848	7,861	3,452
Sep	22,747	23,355	103	3,722	9,073	7,307	3,253
Oct	21,400	24,706	115	4,130	9,653	7,815	3,108
Nov	21,850	23,432	107	3,857	9,464	7,374	2,737
Dec	23,673						
Total	276,307						

¹ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² 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.

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.

Reliability of Turkey Hatchery Estimates

Survey Procedures: Primary data for the "Turkey Hatchery" report are collected from 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. 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.

Estimating Procedures: Individual hatchery data are summed to State, regional, and U.S. totals. All hatchery data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each hatchery are compared to their past operating profile. Data for missing hatcheries are estimated based on historical data by State offices. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. 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.

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.

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Reliability: 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.

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