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Eggs in Incubators on April 1 Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States on April 1, 2007 totaled 31.5 million, up 4 percent from April 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the March 1, 2007 total of 31.2 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central up 9 percent, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, and South Central and West up 1 percent.

Eggs Hatched During March Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Turkey eggs hatched in the United States during March 2007 totaled 26.8 million, up 4 percent from March 2006. Eggs hatched were up 8 percent from the February 2007 total of 24.7 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 4 percent, West North Central up 6 percent, North and South Atlantic up 2 percent, and South Central and West up 4 percent.

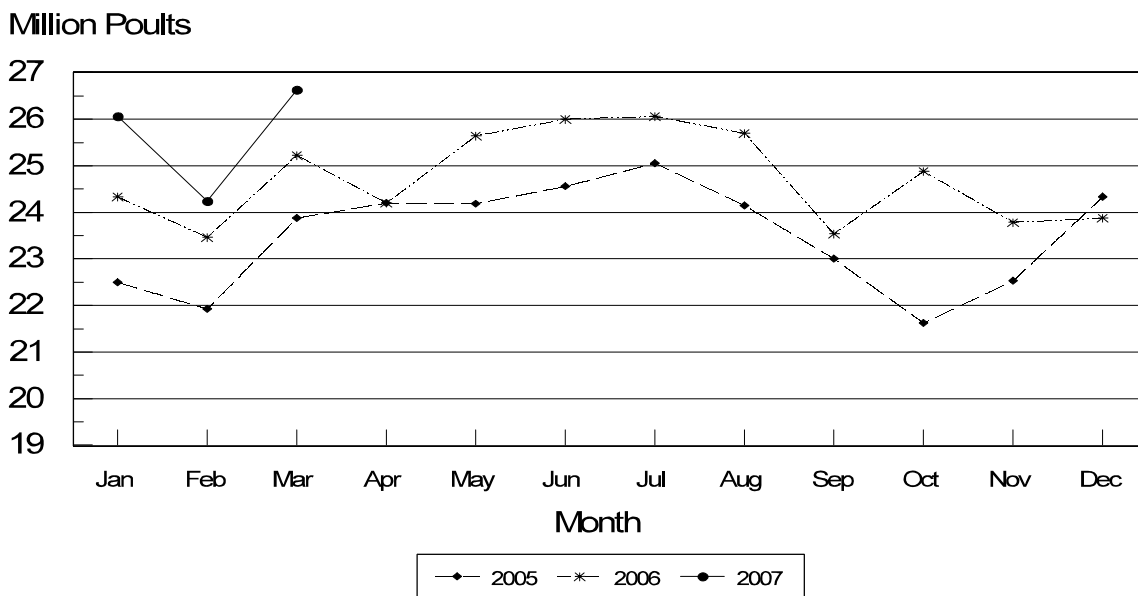
Net Poults Placed During March Up 6 Percent from Last Year

The 26.6 million net poults placed during March 2007 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 10 percent from the February 2007 total of 24.2 million.

Special Note

In order to better serve the turkey industry, a new data series called Eggs Hatched was added to this publication. Also, the Regional Poult Placement table was discontinued and replaced with a new table summarizing Net Poult Placements.

Turkey Net Poult Placements United States 2005-2007



**Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region
and United States, April 2007**

Region	Apr 1 2006	Mar 1 2007 ¹	Apr 1 2007	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	4,880	4,910	4,924	101	100
W N Central	10,885	12,098	11,862	109	98
N & S Atlantic ²	9,792	9,782	10,003	102	102
S Central & West ²	4,632	4,419	4,681	101	106
US	30,189	31,209	31,470	104	101

¹ Revised.

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Eggs Hatched: Entire Month by Region
and United States, March 2007**

Region	Mar 2006	Feb 2007	Mar 2007	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	4,140	3,943	4,325	104	110
W N Central	9,649	9,613	10,192	106	106
N & S Atlantic ¹	8,446	7,702	8,576	102	111
S Central & West ¹	3,561	3,491	3,696	104	106
US	25,796	24,749	26,789	104	108

¹ Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Net Poul Placements: By Month,
United States, 2005-2007 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	23,018	23,534	102	23,018	23,534	102
Oct	21,633	24,891	115	44,651	48,425	108
Nov	22,540	23,792	106	67,191	72,217	107
Dec	24,329	23,879	98	91,520	96,096	105
Jan	24,341	26,068	107	115,861	122,164	105
Feb	23,473	24,249	103	139,334	146,413	105
Mar	25,230	26,630	106	164,564	173,043	105
Apr	24,212			188,776		
May	25,639			214,415		
Jun	26,002			240,417		
Jul	26,058			266,475		
Aug	25,693			292,168		

¹ Includes imports and excludes exports.

Reliability of Turkey Hatchery Estimates

Survey Procedures: Data for turkey hatchery estimates are collected from all known turkey hatcheries. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known turkey hatcheries and use known sources of hatcheries to update their lists. Approximately 40 hatcheries are contacted each month. All known turkey hatcheries are mailed a questionnaire as close to the first of the month as possible and given adequate time to respond via mail, fax, or EDR. Those that do not respond are contacted by phone. Care is exercised to ensure that all hatcheries are accounted for in the estimate.

Estimating Procedures: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive the estimates from reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, regional, and U.S. totals. Only regional and U.S. level estimates are published due to the limited number of hatcheries involved. The Net Poultry Placement data includes imported poulters from outside the U.S. and excludes poulters exported outside the U.S..

Cumulative net poultry 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 poulters which will reach maturity and be available for slaughter during the calendar year.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. 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 in April.

Reliability: Turkey hatchery estimates are based on a census of all known operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

States reporting turkey hatcheries are: Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, 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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