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Turkey Hatchery

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Eggs in Incubators on May 1 Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2007, in the United States totaled 32.5 million, up 3 percent from May 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were up 3 percent from the April 1, 2007 total of 31.7 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 8 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 5 percent, and South Central and West down 3 percent.

Poults Hatched During April Up 7 Percent from Last Year

Turkey poults hatched during April 2007, in the United States totaled 26.4 million, up 7 percent from April 2006. Poults hatched were down 2 percent from March 2007 total of 26.8 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 5 percent, West North Central up 13 percent, North and South Atlantic up 5 percent, and South Central and West up slightly.

Net Poults Placed During April Up 8 Percent from Last Year

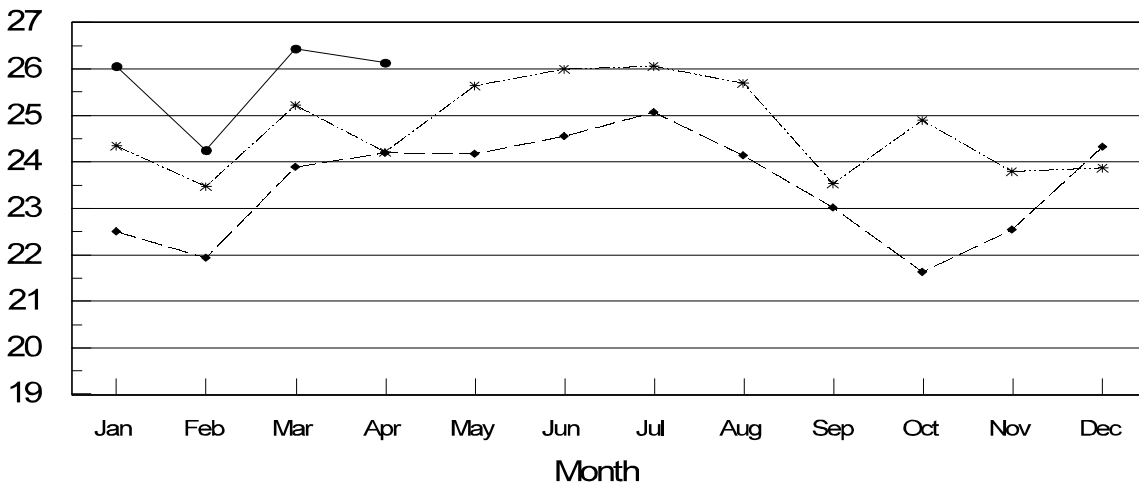
The 26.1 million net poults placed during April 2007 in the United States were up 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 1 percent from the March 2007 total of 26.4 million.

Special Note

Eggs hatched data for January through April 2007 is in this release to provide data users a complete data series. The eggs hatched table on page two is expanded this month only to provide this information.

Turkey Net Poult Placements United States 2005-2007

Million Poults



—◆— 2005 -*- 2006 —●— 2007

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

| Region | May 1 2006 | Apr 1 2007 ¹ | May 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 | 5,030 | 4,924 | 4,634 | 92 | 94 |
| W N Central | 11,922 | 11,862 | 12,752 | 107 | 108 |
| N & S Atlantic ² | 10,386 | 10,203 | 10,935 | 105 | 107 |
| S Central & West ² | 4,329 | 4,681 | 4,208 | 97 | 90 |
| US | 31,667 | 31,670 | 32,529 | 103 | 103 |

¹ Revised.

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Eggs Hatched: Entire Month by Region
and United States, April 2007 ¹**

| Region | Apr 2006 | Jan 2007 | Feb 2007 | Mar 2007 | Apr 2007 | Pct of Previous Year | Pct of Previous Month |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| E N Central | 3,897 | 4,147 | 3,943 | 4,325 | 4,108 | 105 | 95 |
| W N Central | 8,704 | 10,097 | 9,613 | 10,192 | 9,853 | 113 | 97 |
| N & S Atlantic ² | 8,230 | 8,628 | 7,702 | 8,576 | 8,672 | 105 | 101 |
| S Central & West ² | 3,747 | 3,429 | 3,491 | 3,696 | 3,754 | 100 | 102 |
| US | 24,578 | 26,301 | 24,749 | 26,789 | 26,387 | 107 | 98 |

¹ Complete data series published this month only.

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Net Poultry 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 ² | 25,230 | 26,433 | 105 | 164,564 | 172,846 | 105 |
| Apr | 24,212 | 26,140 | 108 | 188,776 | 198,986 | 105 |
| 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.

² Revised 2007 data only.

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 Poult Placement data includes imported poults from outside the U.S. and excludes poults exported outside the U.S..

Cummulative net 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.

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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