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Eggs in Incubators on April 1 Down 5 Percent from Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2010, in the United States totaled 28.3 million, down 5 percent from April 1, 2009. Eggs in incubators were up 6 percent from the March 1, 2010 total of 26.8 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central unchanged, West North Central up slightly, North and South Atlantic down 8 percent, and South Central and West down 15 percent.

Poults Hatched During March Down 5 Percent from Last Year

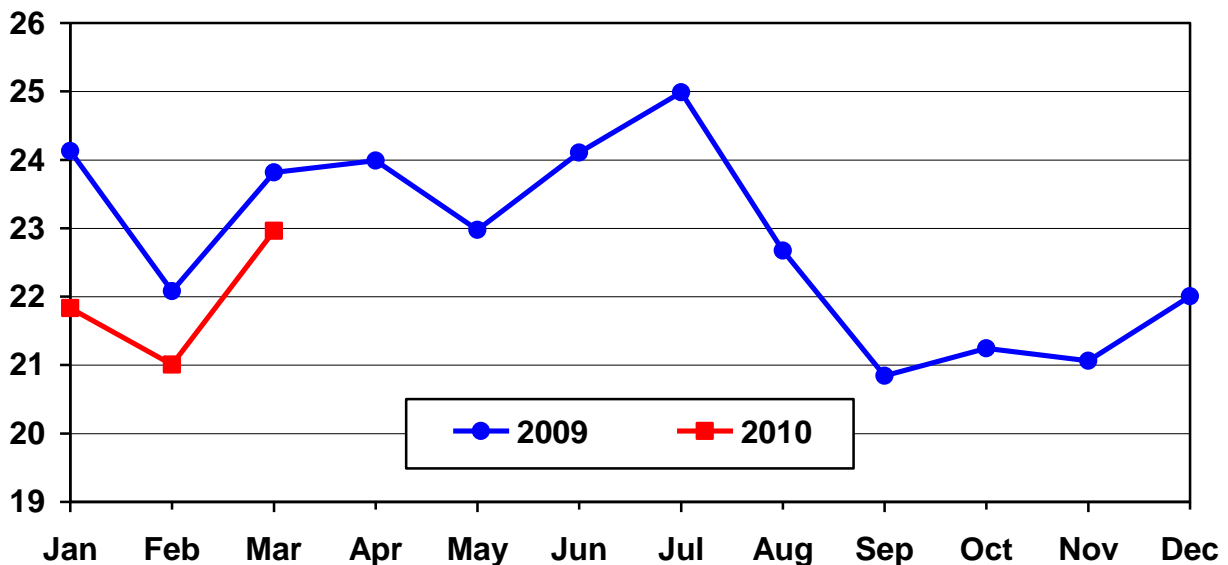
Turkey poults hatched during March 2010, in the United States totaled 23.4 million, down 5 percent from March 2009. Poults hatched were up 9 percent from the February 2010 total of 21.4 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 6 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 7 percent, and South Central and West down 22 percent.

Net Poults Placed During March Down 4 Percent from Last Year

The 23.0 million net poults placed during March 2010 in the United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 9 percent from the February 2010 total of 21.0 million.

U.S. Turkey Net Poult Placements

Million Poults



Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, April 2010

Region	Apr 1 2009	Mar 1 2010 ¹	Apr 1 2010	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	4,527	4,231	4,527	100	107
W N Central	11,257	11,781	11,290	100	96
N & S Atlantic ²	10,346	8,574	9,491	92	111
S Central & West ²	3,529	2,237	2,997	85	134
US	29,659	26,823	28,305	95	106

¹ Revised.

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Poults Hatched: Entire Month by Region and United States, March 2010

Region	Mar 2009	Feb 2010 ¹	Mar 2010	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	3,872	3,118	3,648	94	117
W N Central	9,800	9,418	9,927	101	105
N & S Atlantic ²	8,539	7,055	7,975	93	113
S Central & West ²	2,300	1,800	1,801	78	100
US	24,511	21,391	23,351	95	109

¹ Revised.

² Regions combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Net Poultry Placements: By Month, United States, 2008-2010 ¹

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2008-2009	2009-2010		2008-2009	2009-2010	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	22,515	20,843	93	22,515	20,843	93
Oct	22,165	21,245	96	44,680	42,088	94
Nov	20,702	21,061	102	65,382	63,149	97
Dec	23,179	22,004	95	88,561	85,153	96
Jan	24,131	21,833	90	112,692	106,986	95
Feb ²	22,079	21,005	95	134,771	127,991	95
Mar	23,817	22,961	96	158,588	150,952	95
Apr	23,988			182,576		
May	22,975			205,551		
Jun	24,107			229,658		
Jul	24,989			254,647		
Aug	22,674			277,321		

¹ Includes imports and excludes exports.

² Revised 2010 data only.

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: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

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 electronic data reporting (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 poult and excludes exported poult.

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 poult which will reach maturity and be available for slaughter during the calendar year.

States reporting turkey hatcheries are: Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for turkey eggs in incubators on the first day of the month over the past 24 months is 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 28.3 million eggs by more than 1.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.9 percent.

Reliability of U.S. April Turkey Hatchery Estimates ¹

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90 Percent Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Latest Estimates			Number of Months	
				Average	Smallest	Largest	First Above Latest	First Below Latest
Eggs In Incubators	1.1	1.9	546	185	0	877	8	13
Poult Hatched	0.4	0.8	213	62	0	289	9	9
Net Poultry Placements	1.0	1.8	412	190	57	570	13	11

¹ Based on data for the past 24 months.

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