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

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2014, in the United States totaled 26.0 million, down 1 percent from March 1, 2013. Eggs in incubators were down 3 percent from the February 1, 2014 total of 26.9 million eggs.

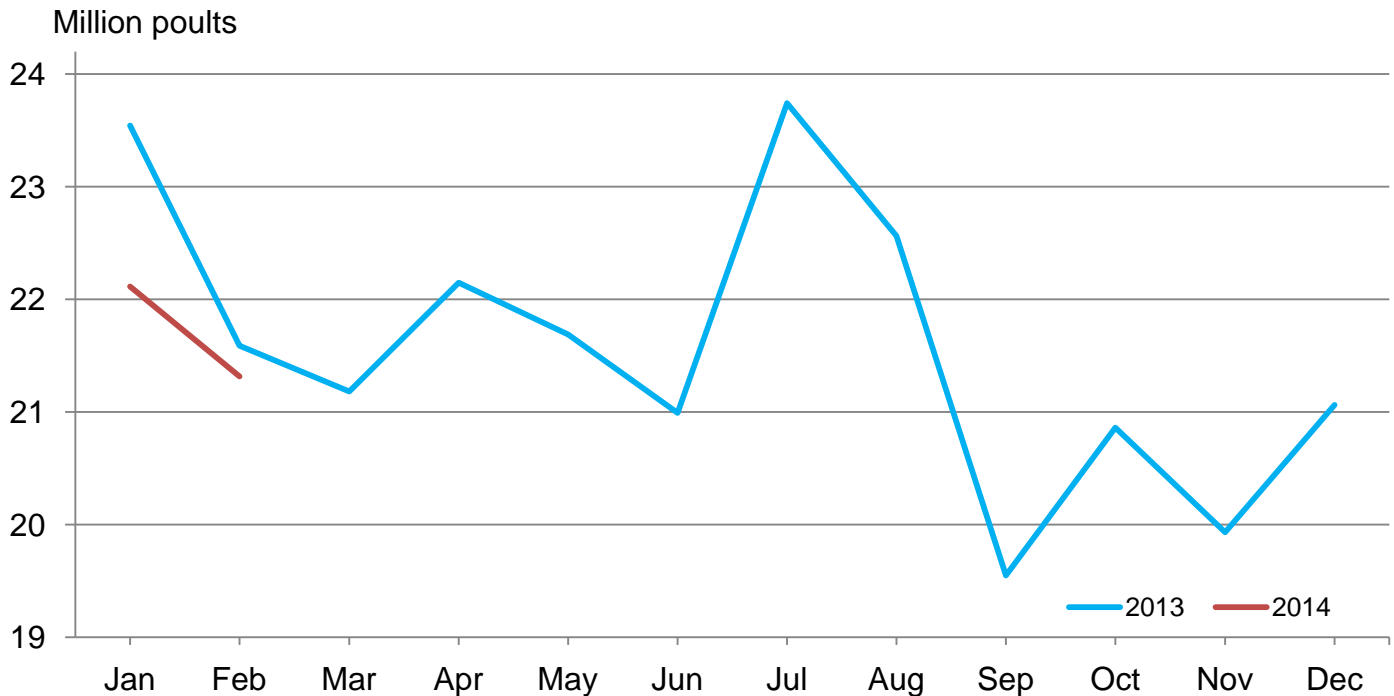
Poults Hatched During February Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Turkey poults hatched during February 2014, in the United States totaled 21.7 million, down 2 percent from February 2013. Poults hatched were down 7 percent from the January 2014 total of 23.4 million poults.

Net Poults Placed During February Down 1 Percent from Last Year

The 21.3 million net poults placed during February 2014 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 4 percent from the January 2014 total of 22.1 million.

Net Poult Placements – United States



Eggs in Incubators and Poults Hatched by Month – United States: 2012-2014

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Month | Eggs in incubators first of month | | Percent of previous year | Poults hatched entire month | | Percent of previous year |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (percent) | (1,000 poults) | (1,000 poults) | (percent) |
| September | 26,366 | 25,459 | 97 | 21,429 | 20,897 | 98 |
| October | 27,015 | 26,376 | 98 | 23,292 | 22,882 | 98 |
| November | 27,622 | 25,945 | 94 | 23,677 | 21,197 | 90 |
| December | 26,700 | 26,383 | 99 | 22,020 | 21,999 | 100 |
| January | 27,887 | 27,299 | 98 | 24,106 | 23,447 | 97 |
| February | 27,923 | 26,934 | 96 | 22,212 | 21,697 | 98 |
| March | 26,318 | 26,020 | 99 | 21,698 | | |
| April | 27,501 | | | 23,000 | | |
| May | 26,346 | | | 22,098 | | |
| June | 26,482 | | | 21,168 | | |
| July | 27,461 | | | 23,629 | | |
| August | 27,640 | | | 22,829 | | |

Net Poultry Placements by Month – United States: 2012-2014

[Includes imports and excludes exports. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Month | Total all breeds | | Percent of previous year | Cumulative total | | Percent of previous year |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | |
| | (1,000 poults) | (1,000 poults) | (percent) | (1,000 poults) | (1,000 poults) | (percent) |
| September | 20,848 | 19,548 | 94 | 20,848 | 19,548 | 94 |
| October | 23,067 | 20,861 | 90 | 43,915 | 40,409 | 92 |
| November | 23,159 | 19,932 | 86 | 67,074 | 60,341 | 90 |
| December | 21,417 | 21,063 | 98 | 88,491 | 81,404 | 92 |
| January | 23,542 | 22,113 | 94 | 112,033 | 103,517 | 92 |
| February | 21,589 | 21,316 | 99 | 133,622 | 124,833 | 93 |
| March | 21,182 | | | 154,804 | | |
| April | 22,147 | | | 176,951 | | |
| May | 21,688 | | | 198,639 | | |
| June | 20,992 | | | 219,631 | | |
| July | 23,741 | | | 243,372 | | |
| August | 22,562 | | | 265,934 | | |

Statistical Methodology

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 hatching 15,000 or more poults annually are mailed a questionnaire as close to the first of the month as possible. Adequate time is given 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 United States totals. Only United States level estimates are published due to the limited number of hatcheries involved. The Net Poult Placement data include imported poults and exclude exported poults.

Cumulative 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.

States reporting turkey hatcheries are: Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, 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 1.8 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 26.0 million eggs by more than 1.8 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.1 percent.

Reliability of March Turkey Hatchery Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

| Item | Root mean square error | 90 percent confidence level | Difference between first and latest estimate | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | Average | Smallest | Largest | Months | |
| | | | | | | Below latest | Above latest |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (number) | (number) |
| Eggs in incubators | 1.8 | 3.1 | 340 | 0 | 1,861 | 13 | 9 |
| Poults hatched | 0.7 | 1.3 | 93 | 0 | 649 | 12 | 7 |
| Net poult placements | 1.7 | 2.9 | 304 | 14 | 1,195 | 16 | 8 |

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