

EGG INDUSRY STATISTICAL REPORT

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For: December 2003

- * The December 2003 hatch was up 0.94 million pullets compared to 2002. This projects forwards to a 15.3 million pullet placement for May of 2004, or 0.8 million more than this year's (2003) May placement. Eggs in incubators on January 1, 2004 were 5.0% more than in 2003.
- * Current (January 1) US table egg layer numbers (279.5 millions) are down 2.2 million compared to last year's numbers at this time. California's December layer count is currently estimated to be 20.7 million - 1.9 million fewer than the same month in 2002.
- * In December, Iowa leads the nation with 40.3 million laying hens compared to 27.8 million in Ohio, 21.7 million in Pennsylvania and 22.1 million in Indiana. California is now in 5th position. The US layer monthly average population increased by 2.0 million in December - a rather large increase for this time of the year.
- * The December U.S. rate of lay was estimated to be 74.4% compared to 72.9% in 2002 - a remarkably high rate considering the advanced age of the flock.
- * Southern California producer large egg prices for the entire year (2003) were estimated to average 64.8 cents per dozen compared to only 43.5 cents in 2002 - a 21.3 cents/dozen improvement.
- * Eggs imported into California were down 2.2% during December and up 36% for the entire year compared to 2002.
- * Shell eggs broken for products in November totaled 4.2 million cases - down 15% compared to 2002. Monthly egg breaking for the first 11 months of 2003 averaged 5.0 million cases or 29.5% of total egg production. This was down about 4% from 2002 levels. Data for December of 2003 was unavailable.

Monthly Hi-lites (Compared to November a year ago) (% change)

	U.S.		California
Hatch	-3.3		n/a
Layers (table eggs)	-1.1		-11.9
Rate of lay	+1.2		n/a
Molting (December 1, 2003) (in + out of a molt)	-1.3		+0.5
Imports into California (December, 2003)	n/a		-2.2
2003 year-end projected layers - millions (proj. 1/16/04)	280.5		n/a
2002 year-end layers - millions	279.2		n/a
2001 year-end layers - millions	279.9		n/a
2000 year-end layers - millions	273.6		n/a
1999 year-end layers - millions	269.6		n/a

YEAR: 2002/03 HATCH - EGG TYPE STRAIGHT RUN (THOUSANDS)

TABLE 1

U.S. MONTH	Egg-type 2002	2003	Monthly Change %	Accumulated 2002	2003	Change %
JAN	35,647	33,499	-6.0	35,647	33,499	-6.0
FEB	34,465	29,988	-13.0	70,112	63,487	-9.4
MAR	36,977	36,726	-0.7	107,089	100,213	-6.4
APR	38,088	37,531	-1.5	145,177	137,744	-5.1
MAY	38,751	38,206	-1.4	183,928	175,950	-4.3
JUNE	35,136	36,344	3.4	219,064	212,294	-3.1
JULY	35,573	35,593	0.1	254,637	247,887	-2.7
AUG	35,681	33,179	-7.0	290,318	281,066	-3.2
SEPT	35,734	35,777	0.1	326,052	316,843	-2.8
OCT	32,149	34,999	8.9	358,201	351,842	-1.8
NOV	31,146	30,129	-3.3	389,347	381,971	-1.9
DEC	31,973	33,856	5.9	421,320	415,827	-1.3
12 mo. avg.	35,110	34,652	-1.2			
12 MO. TOTAL	421,320					
12 MO.AVG	35,110					

* ALL STATES

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

Egg-type
EGGS IN INCUBATORS U.S. 2002 & 2003

(MILLIONS)

TABLE 2

MONTH	2002	2003	MONTHLY CHG (%)
JAN 1	31.499	30.117	-4.4
FEB 1	32.025	27.540	-14.0
MAR 1	32.833	30.547	-7.0
APR 1	33.221	34.344	3.4
MAY 1	35.987	34.810	-3.3
JUNE 1	32.442	33.705	3.9
JULY 1	32.043	32.295	0.8
AUG 1	32.832	30.710	-6.5
SEPT 1	33.179	31.791	-4.2
OCT 1	29.881	30.105	0.7
NOV 1	29.935	29.466	-1.6
DEC 1	29.123	33.321	14.4
12 mo. av.	32.083	31.563	-1.5
Yr Avg.	32.083		

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

**PROJECTED EGG TYPE HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCK(millions)
seven months to 18 months prior hatch minus 9% mortality**

TABLE 3

MONTH	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
JAN	2.690	2.717	2.850	2.680	3.060	2.809	2.681
FEB	2.515	2.710	2.828	2.673	3.196	2.774	2.664
MAR	2.605	2.693	2.807	2.715	3.296	2.766	2.636
APR	2.761	2.708	2.823	2.700	3.342	2.796	2.613
MAY	2.791	2.723	2.852	2.726	2.922	2.754	2.684
JUNE	2.717	2.743	2.810	2.746	2.924	2.739	2.666
JULY	2.710	2.669	2.893	2.801	2.898	2.743	2.630
AUG	2.693	2.765	2.741	2.834	2.922	2.706	
SEPT	2.708	2.820	2.680	2.944	2.965	2.654	
OCT	2.723	2.748	2.801	2.907	2.947	2.626	
NOV	2.743	2.677	2.713	2.953	2.935	2.679	
DEC	2.669	2.770	2.639	2.956	2.852	2.712	
7 month avg.	2.684	2.709	2.838	2.720	3.091	2.769	2.653
12 month avg	2.694	2.729	2.786	2.803	3.022	2.730	

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

AVERAGE U.S.LAYERS 2002/2003 (MILLIONS)

TABLE 4

MONTH	ALL LAYERS			TABLE EGG LAYERS			
	2002	2003	% CHANGE	2001	2002	2003	% CHANGE
JAN	340.0	340.3	0.1	275.3	279.4	279.3	0.0
FEB	340.8	340.9	0.0	276.5	278.3	278.7	0.1
MAR	339.9	340.6	0.2	277.4	277.3	277.7	0.1
APR	339.3	339.9	0.2	277.5	275.9	275.6	-0.1
MAY	338.6	338.2	-0.1	275.2	274.8	273.4	-0.5
JUNE	337.4	336.2	-0.4	273.2	275.0	272.8	-0.8
JULY	337.1	334.8	-0.7	273.1	276.1	273.1	-1.1
AUG	337.6	334.2	-1.0	274.4	277.4	274.2	-1.2
SEPT	338.1	334.3	-1.1	276.8	279.4	274.4	-1.8
OCT	339.2	334.2	-1.5	278.6	280.8	276.1	-1.7
NOV	340.1	335.3	-1.4	279.4	280.8	278.7	-0.7
DEC	340.1	338.3	-0.5	280.2	282.7	281.0	-0.6
12 Month Avg	339.0	337.3	-0.5	276.5	278.2	276.3	-0.7
Annual Avg	339.0			276.5	278.2		

Previous year's counts are preliminary until current month's data is available.

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

Table egg layers as a % of all layers:

81.9

LAYERS 2002/03 - CALIFORNIA (thousands) **TABLE 5**

MONTH	All layers		Change %	Table egg layers *		Change %
	2002	2003		2002	2003	
JAN	23,914	21,831	-8.7	23,436	21,613	-7.8
FEB	24,037	21,104	-12.2	23,556	20,893	-11.3
MAR	24,068	20,179	-16.2	23,491	19,605	-16.5
APR	23,047	19,043	-17.4	22,586	18,853	-16.5
MAY	23,479	19,718	-16.0	23,009	19,521	-15.2
JUNE	23,593	19,561	-17.1	23,121	19,365	-16.2
JULY	23,425	19,272	-17.7	22,957	19,079	-16.9
AUG	23,269	19,509	-16.2	22,804	19,314	-15.3
SEPT	23,649	19,524	-17.4	23,176	19,329	-16.6
OCT	23,664	19,622	-17.1	23,191	19,426	-16.2
NOV	23,059	20,119	-12.7	22,598	19,918	-11.9
DEC	23,016	20,899	-9.2	22,556	20,690	-8.3
12 mo. Avg.	23,518	20,032	-14.8	23,040	19,800	-14.1
12 MO. AV.	23,518			23,040		

*Note: Table eggs estimated at 99% of total. (2003), previous years at 98%
 (Previous year's counts are preliminary until current month's data is available).

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

TABLE EGG LAYERS IN LEADING STATES - (LAYERS IN 30,000+ HEN FLOCKS) **TABLE 6**
 2003

MONTH	CA	IN	PA	OH	IA	TX	US
(Millions)							
JAN	21.194	22.323	23.479	30.058	37.127	14.322	273.537
FEB	20.485	22.229	23.020	29.632	36.954	14.257	272.921
MAR	19.605	22.361	22.890	29.152	37.298	14.333	271.912
APR	19.043	22.269	22.984	29.183	37.424	14.328	269.918
MAY	19.146	22.051	22.976	28.878	36.811	14.066	267.708
JUNE	19.033	21.970	22.729	28.478	37.131	14.017	267.052
JULY	18.826	21.686	22.457	28.347	37.843	14.010	267.356
AUG	19.022	21.709	22.219	28.376	38.129	13.960	268.511
SEPT	19.039	21.938	22.313	28.205	38.162	14.044	268.670
OCT	19.088	21.702	22.709	28.479	38.572	14.196	270.346
NOV	20.119	22.162	22.361	28.749	39.352	14.175	273.007
DEC	20.370	22.686	21.743	27.837	40.250	14.185	275.032
12 month av.	19.581	22.091	22.657	28.781	37.921	14.158	270.498

ALL 2003 ENTRIES ARE PRELIMINARY

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

In flocks of 30,000 and above,
 % of all U.S. table egg layers
97.9

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PROJECTED TABLE EGG FLOCK (millions) LESS THAN 72 WKS OF AGE

TABLE 7

Hatch five months to 72 weeks age minus 9% mortality

MONTH	Number			% of National Flock over 72 wks			
	2002	2003	2004	2001	2002	2003	
JAN	206.6	193.3	187.3	24.8	25.9	30.8	
FEB	204.2	193.4	187.5	24.5	26.3	30.6	
MAR	206.7	191.7	188.9	24.3	25.5	31.0	
APR	206.2	191.2	188.4	23.2	25.0	30.6	
MAY	207.7	191.5	189.2	23.0	24.0	30.0	
JUNE	206.6	190.5		23.1	24.8	30.2	
JULY	204.1	188.6		23.1	26.0	30.9	
AUG	202.2	188.6		23.2	27.1	31.2	
SEPT	200.1	188.3		23.6	28.4	31.4	
OCT	197.8	187.9		24.2	29.5	31.9	
NOV	194.2	188.4		24.8	31.1	32.4	
DEC	193.0	188.6		25.3	31.1	32.9	
5 Mo. Av.	206.3	192.2	188.3	12 Mo. Av.	23.9	27.1	31.2
12 Mo. AVG	202.5			12 Mo. AVG	23.9	27.1	

Source: UC

**MOLT - U.S. ALL STATE TOTALS
(1ST OF MONTH)**

TABLE 8

YEAR:2002/03 MONTH	FORCE MOLT (%) (1ST OF MONTH)				Total 2002	2003	US/Calif (%)
	In a Molt 2002	2003	Completed a Molt 2002	2003			
JAN	4.1	4.4	22.7	23.7	26.8	28.1	70.3
FEB	4.6	4.5	22.0	24.0	26.6	28.5	62.0
MAR	3.7	3.3	22.2	23.6	25.9	26.9	59.8
APR	3.6	2.2	22.2	24.4	25.8	26.6	61.1
MAY	5.7	4.3	21.5	23.5	27.2	27.8	63.2
JUNE	4.2	4.2	22.2	23.4	26.4	27.6	65.7
JULY	3.7	4.3	22.8	23.8	26.5	28.1	65.3
AUG	4.6	4.3	21.9	23.5	26.5	27.8	71.3
SEPT	4.2	3.8	23.4	22.8	27.6	26.6	62.6
OCT	4.6	5.1	23.7	23.1	28.3	28.2	68.0
NOV	3.8	3.4	23.5	24.1	27.3	27.5	70.5
DEC	2.7	2.5	23.7	22.6	26.4	25.1	66.9
12 Mo. Avg.	4.1	3.9	22.7	23.5	26.8	27.4	65.6
12 MO. AVG	4.1		22.7		26.8		

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

MOLT CALIF 2002/03

TABLE 9

MONTH	In molt		Completed molt		Total %	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
JAN	2.0	3.0	32.0	37.0	34.0	40.0
FEB	5.5	6.0	31.5	40.0	37.0	46.0
MAR	4.0	5.5	31.5	39.5	35.5	45.0
APR	2.0	2.5	33.5	41.0	35.5	43.5
MAY	7.0	7.5	28.0	36.5	35.0	44.0
JUNE	4.5	6.5	27.5	35.5	32.0	42.0
JULY	4.5	4.0	29.0	39.0	33.5	43.0
AUG	6.0	2.0	27.0	37.0	33.0	39.0
SEPT	5.5	7.5	28.5	35.0	34.0	42.5
OCT	5.0	7.5	27.0	34.0	32.0	41.5
NOV	5.0	1.5	28.5	37.5	33.5	39.0
DEC	4.0	2.0	33.0	35.5	37.0	37.5
12 Mo. Avg	4.6	4.6	29.8	37.3	34.3	41.9
Annual Avg	4.6		29.8		34.3	

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

**U.S. EGGS (ALL STATES)
2002/03**

TABLE 10

MONTH	ALL EGGS (millions)			TABLE EGGS (millions)		
	2002	2003	%CHG	2002	2003	%CHG
JAN	7,264	7,390	1.7	6,170	6,301	2.1
FEB	6,581	6,665	1.3	5,592	5,673	1.4
MAR	7,417	7,424	0.1	6,312	6,316	0.1
APR	7,105	7,187	1.2	6,016	6,103	1.4
MAY	7,297	7,327	0.4	6,161	6,200	0.6
JUNE	7,126	7,105	-0.3	6,037	6,028	-0.1
JULY	7,347	7,403	0.8	6,243	6,316	1.2
AUG	7,356	7,367	0.1	6,263	6,296	0.5
SEPT	7,147	7,112	-0.5	6,100	6,095	-0.1
OCT	7,412	7,439	0.4	6,345	6,381	0.6
NOV	7,226	7,326	1.4	6,204	6,301	1.6
DEC	7,381	7,531	2.0	6,325	6,476	2.4
12 Mo. Avg.	7,222	7,273	0.7	6,147	6,207	1.0
Annual Avg.	7,222			6,147		
Total	86,659	87,276		73,768	74,486	

Total shell eggs through:

	December		% Change
Year 2003 - Table Eggs	73,768	74,486	+.0096
Annual Av. (eggs)	73.8	billion	
(doz)	6.1	billion	
(cases)	204.9	million	

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

* monthly av. x 12

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YEAR:2002/03

ALL EGGS (millions)

TABLE 11

CALIF MONTH	Total		Change %	Accumulated		Change %	2003
	2002	2003		2002	2003		Est. table eggs *
JAN	517	479	-7.4	517	479	-7.4	474.2
FEB	470	418	-11.1	987	897	-9.1	413.8
MAR	530	448	-15.5	1,517	1,345	-11.3	443.5
APR	499	413	-17.2	2,016	1,758	-12.8	408.9
MAY	510	419	-17.8	2,526	2,177	-13.8	414.8
JUNE	504	413	-18.1	3,030	2,590	-14.5	408.9
JULY	517	436	-15.7	3,547	3,026	-14.7	431.6
AUG	513	433	-15.6	4,060	3,459	-14.8	428.7
SEPT	505	419	-17.0	4,565	3,878	-15.0	414.8
OCT	524	444	-15.3	5,089	4,322	-15.1	439.6
NOV	505	446	-11.7	5,594	4,768	-14.8	441.5
DEC	520	469	-9.8	6,114	5,237	-14.3	464.3
12 Mo. Avg.	509.5	436.4	-14.3				
Ann Avg/mo	509.5					Average	432.1
Total	6,114	5,237				Total	5,185

*TABLE EGGS ARE APPROXIMATELY 99% OF THE "ALL EGG" FIGURE.

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

U.S. RATE OF LAY
TABLE EGG LAYERS

TABLE 12

MONTH	2002	2003
JAN	71.3	72.2
FEB	71.8	72.2
MAR	73.4	72.7
APR	72.7	73.1
MAY	72.3	72.5
JUNE	73.2	73.1
JULY	72.9	73.9
AUG	72.8	73.4
SEPT	72.8	73.4
OCT	72.9	74.0
NOV	73.5	74.7
DEC	72.9	74.4
12 Mo. Avg.	72.7	73.3
Annual avg	72.7	

TABLE EGGS (thousand cases/week) TABLE 13

U.S.	U.S.	Ca	Ca
2002	2003	2002	2003
3,869	3,951	334	297
3,752	3,940	340	287
3,958	3,960	336	278
3,895	3,952	327	265
3,863	3,888	316	260
3,909	3,903	318	265
3,915	3,960	321	271
3,927	3,948	326	269
3,950	3,947	325	269
3,979	4,001	324	276
4,017	4,080	329	286
3,966	4,061	320	291
3,917	3,966	326	276
3,917		326	

Source: USDA Chickens and Eggs

TABLE 14
YEAR:01/02/03
U.S.

EST. COST OF PRODUCTION USDA BY QUARTER			
QUARTER	2001	2002	2003
1	43.5	42.6	45.4
2	42.7	42.9	46.4
3	43.7	45.6	45.8
4	43.0	46.6	47.4
AVG.	43.2	44.4	46.3
Feed cost/doz			
1	25.3	24.4	27.2
2	24.5	24.7	28.2
3	25.5	27.4	27.6
4	24.8	28.4	29.2
Av	25.0	26.2	28.1

TABLE 15
U.S. Market Eggs
MID-MONTH
EGG PRICE (CENTS/DOZ)USDA

	2002	2003	Change
JAN	45.0	52.9	7.9
FEB	36.6	46.6	10.0
MAR	51.5	51.8	0.3
APR	32.1	52.0	19.9
MAY	29.7	39.7	10.0
JUNE	44.5	49.9	5.4
JULY	39.0	52.4	13.4
AUG	43.9	66.9	23.0
SEPT	39.0	63.4	24.4
OCT	34.8	70.3	35.5
NOV	56.3	92.6	36.3
DEC	51.9	73.9	22.0
12 MO. AV.	42.0	59.4	17.3
12 MO. AV.			

(ALL EGGS INCLUDING RETAIL)
 Source: USDA Agricultural Prices

TABLE 16
YR:01/02/03
EST. COST OF PRODUCTION

CALIF	CA		US
	2002	2003	2003
JAN	44.0	46.8	45.1
FEB	44.4	47.5	45.3
MAR	43.9	47.7	45.8
APR	43.5	47.3	45.7
MAY	43.3	47.3	46.3
JUNE	43.3	47.1	47.2
JULY	44.1	46.2	46.8
AUG	44.9	44.8	45.2
SEPT	47.2	46.8	45.6
OCT	47.3	47.5	47.6
NOV	47.0	49.8	46.8
DEC	47.3	50.2	47.9
12 Mo. av.	45.0	47.4	46.3

SOURCE: U.OF CALIF. & USDA (US costs)
 CA 2003 is preliminary

TABLE 17
CALIFORNIA Market Eggs
EGG PRICE CENTS/DOZ. USDA

	2002	2003	Change
	40.0	53.0	13.0
	30.0	43.0	13.0
	42.0	50.0	8.0
	27.0	53.0	26.0
	25.0	46.0	21.0
	41.0	58.0	17.0
	38.1	59.0	20.9
	45.0	74.0	29.0
	38.0	71.0	33.0
	30.0	75.0	45.0
	55.0	97.0	42.0
	52.0	81.0	29.0
12 month av.	38.6	63.3	24.7
12 mo. av			

(15th of the month)
 (First sale, all eggs including retail)
 Source: USDA Agricultural Prices

TABLE 18

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FARM EGG PRICES (CENTS/DOZEN-LARGE EGGS)

MONTH	YEAR						
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
JAN	70.1	66.0	62.4	43.8	56.6	47.0	53.4
FEB	70.2	53.7	50.3	44.3	49.3	39.0	52.4
MAR	66.5	62.5	56.5	36.2	50.4	52.7	56.3
APR	56.8	55.6	43.4	48.4	54.4	35.0	57.0
MAY	48.5	38.6	37.1	27.4	34.3	30.9	45.6
JUNE	45.6	50.8	36.9	40.2	34.6	44.4	54.7
JULY	62.9	44.5	40.4	33.3	34.3	38.0	56.6
AUG	59.2	56.8	50.7	48.0	40.0	44.1	69.8
SEPT	63.2	56.2	40.1	41.0	34.2	38.8	70.3
OCT	58.8	58.5	27.8	49.6	38.8	38.4	76.6
NOV	77.4	63.6	44.2	58.0	46.6	59.2	95.5
DEC	76.2	67.5	39.3	68.0	42.8	54.1	89.6
12 Mo. Avg.	63.0	56.2	44.1	44.9	43.0	43.5	64.8
YR AVG	63.0	56.2	44.1	44.9	43.0	43.5	64.8

Source: University of California

Note: 2002 prices were adjusted 1/03

TABLE 19

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ESTIMATED BLEND FARM EGG PRICES

MONTH	YEAR						
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
JAN	64.0	59.8	56.3	39.9	53.0	43.7	49.4
FEB	64.6	48.3	45.9	40.4	46.0	36.0	48.7
MAR	61.2	56.3	51.1	32.0	46.8	47.5	51.6
APR	52.1	49.1	38.7	42.8	50.4	32.1	52.3
MAY	43.6	33.9	33.1	24.7	31.5	28.2	42.3
JUNE	39.8	42.8	31.7	34.7	30.8	39.5	49.7
JULY	53.2	37.4	33.6	27.8	29.7	33.1	51.0
AUG	49.7	47.3	42.0	40.8	34.4	37.0	62.0
SEPT	54.5	47.5	34.5	36.2	29.4	34.0	62.7
OCT	51.2	51.2	23.9	44.1	34.5	34.8	71.0
NOV	70.0	58.2	38.9	52.8	42.0	55.0	88.7
DEC	68.2	61.2	35.3	61.8	38.8	49.5	83.1
12 Mo. Avg.	56.0	49.4	38.8	39.8	38.9	39.2	59.4
YR AVG	56.0	49.4	38.8	39.8	38.9	39.2	59.4

Note: 2002 prices were adjusted 1/03

Source: University of California

(Note: Undergrade prices were estimated at 35% of the large price.)

TABLE 20

SHELL EGGS IMPORTED INTO CALIFORNIA 2002/03

MONTH	(NON-MILITARY)		% CHANGE	% OF CA. TABLE EGGS	TO DATE		% CHANGE
	2002	2003			2002	2003	
(thousand cases)							
JAN	340.6	492.7	44.7	37.4	340.6	492.7	44.7
FEB	422.3	502.9	19.1	43.7	762.9	995.6	30.5
MAR	413.5	687.0	66.1	55.8	1,176.4	1,682.6	43.0
APR	354.1	531.2	50.0	46.8	1,530.5	2,213.8	44.6
MAY	444.2	718.5	61.8	62.4	1,974.7	2,932.3	48.5
JUNE	337.8	516.4	52.9	45.5	2,312.5	3,448.7	49.1
JULY	294.2	409.8	39.3	34.2	2,606.7	3,858.5	48.0
AUG	445.0	524.0	17.8	44.9	3,051.7	4,382.5	43.6
SEPT	352.3	494.5	40.4	43.8	3,404.0	4,877.0	43.3
OCT	424.5	528.5	24.5	44.2	3,828.5	5,405.5	41.2
NOV	366.7	458.0	24.9	38.1	4,195.2	5,863.5	39.8
DEC	376.3	367.9	-2.2		4,571.5	6,231.4	36.3
12 mo. avg.	381.0	519.3	36.6	45.2	Note: This does not include eggs imported in liquid or product forms.		
	TO DATE	6,231.4					

NOTE: 5 WK MONTHS

2002: March, May, July

2003: March, May, August, Oct

Source: CDFA

TABLE 21

LEADING STATES EXPORTING EGGS TO CALIFORNIA - 2003

(cases)

MONTH	IN	IOWA	TEXAS	UTAH	MINN.	OHIO	COLO.
JAN 2003	1,690	272,328	810	39,428	69,118	32,187	20,227
FEB	2,455	258,549	3,264	44,835	82,429	30,685	17,261
MAR	1,335	366,093	3,360	66,283	90,240	36,740	25,031
APR	0	257,976	4,940	42,125	84,852	31,128	22,144
MAY	6,040	277,628	25,325	46,251	85,077	28,301	38,850
JUNE	3,300	283,785	19,906	33,139	65,316	18,058	16,469
JULY	5,490	226,536	16,840	40,853	49,088	4,060	16,283
AUG	0	248,302	18,462	54,687	64,838	16,341	32,784
SEPT	0	254,516	15,039	52,823	63,603	6,682	26,017
OCT	0	292,324	5,661	61,390	70,014	8,259	21,977
NOV	2,500	245,374	10,000	48,486	56,376	6,847	13,180
DEC	0	178,842	4,603	59,332	58,138	7,671	13,736
TOTAL	22,810	3,162,253	128,210	589,632	839,089	226,959	263,959
%of total	0.4	50.7	2.1	9.5	13.5	3.6	4.2

total to date

6,231.4 THOUSANDS

SEVEN STATE TOTAL

5,232.9

84.0

PERCENT OF TOTAL

Source: CDFA

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SLAUGHTER OF LIGHT FOWL (MILLIONS)

TABLE 22

MONTH	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	6 YR MO. AV.
JAN	9.20	10.10	8.47	8.34	9.81	8.22	9.02
FEB	7.70	8.39	8.24	7.44	8.19	6.82	7.80
MAR	7.94	10.12	9.37	7.96	8.38	6.96	8.46
APR	10.89	9.96	8.05	7.43	9.63	8.33	9.05
MAY	8.74	9.57	8.94	7.45	8.34	7.17	8.37
JUNE	8.64	8.99	8.19	7.68	7.27	6.44	7.87
JULY	9.29	8.86	6.98	6.52	8.03	5.61	7.55
AUG	8.86	7.83	8.09	7.68	7.77	5.52	7.63
SEPT	8.14	7.45	6.90	6.73	7.51	5.04	6.96
OCT	7.51	7.62	6.90	8.29	8.39	5.98	7.45
NOV	6.49	7.56	7.00	6.97	6.01	4.36	6.40
DEC	9.81	8.71	6.73	7.77	7.15	5.93	7.68
12 Mo. Average	8.60	8.76	7.82	7.52	8.04	6.36	7.85
12 Mo. average	8.60	8.76	7.82	7.52	8.04	6.36	7.85
12 MO. TOTAL	103.21	105.16	93.86	90.25	96.48	76.38	94.22

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**PULLETS TO BE HOUSED BASED UPON 5 MONTH AGO HATCH *
(47.5% CHICKS PLACED TIMES A 95% LIVABILITY FACTOR)**

TABLE 23

MONTH	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	6 year mo. av.
JAN	15.12	16.00	15.49	15.87	16.19	14.97	15.73
FEB	17.42	17.53	16.38	16.51	15.97	16.14	16.76
MAR	15.81	17.40	15.90	16.47	14.46	15.79	16.01
APR	13.90	14.93	14.73	14.28	14.02	13.60	14.37
MAY	15.99	14.77	15.80	14.22	14.51	15.28	15.06
JUNE	16.09	15.40	17.14	16.03	15.12		15.96
JULY	16.09	16.02	17.24	14.82	13.53		15.54
AUG	18.65	17.85	18.10	16.57	16.57		17.55
SEPT	18.97	16.53	18.81	17.24	16.94		17.70
OCT	18.32	18.45	19.21	17.57	17.24		18.16
NOV	18.31	16.50	18.32	15.93	16.40		17.09
DEC	15.46	14.93	17.10	15.89	16.06		15.89
5 month Av.	15.65	16.13	15.66	15.47	15.03	15.16	15.59
Annual Av.	16.68	16.36	17.02	15.95			
TOTAL	200.13	196.31	204.22	191.40			195.81

%Change: +0.14

to date

USDA Chickens and Eggs

SHELL EGGS BROKEN UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
(MILLION CASES)

TABLE 24

MONTH	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	03/02 (%)
JAN	4.367	4.232	4.799	4.820	5.101	5.123	0.43
FEB	4.045	4.191	4.601	4.407	4.616	4.417	-4.31
MAR	4.275	4.480	5.354	4.971	4.692	4.749	1.21
APR	4.572	4.704	4.681	4.824	5.256	4.816	-8.37
MAY	4.562	4.732	5.430	5.295	5.606	5.259	-6.19
JUNE	4.833	5.223	5.402	5.167	5.341	5.043	-5.58
JULY	4.879	4.963	5.037	5.109	5.608	5.450	-2.82
AUG	4.617	5.039	5.421	5.566	5.540	5.191	-6.30
SEPT	4.817	5.524	5.167	5.470	5.284	5.347	1.19
OCT	4.708	5.137	5.167	5.387	5.663	5.557	-1.87
NOV	4.426	4.958	4.992	5.056	4.997	4.238	-15.2
DEC	4.739	5.306	4.431	5.097	5.071	5.273	4.0
12 Month Avg.	4.570	4.874	5.040	5.097	5.231	5.039	-3.65
YEAR TOTAL	54.840	58.489	60.482	61.169	62.775	60.463	
12 month avg	4.570	4.874	5.040	5.097	5.231	5.039	

Month Average:

Million cases

TOTAL TABLE
EGGS PROD.

181.933	186.522	194.428	202.467	204.911	206.906
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% BROKEN

30.1	31.4	31.1	30.2	30.6	29.2
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JSDA Egg products - monthly

PER CAPITA EGG CONSUMPTION BY QUARTER

TABLE 25

QUARTER	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
1	58.9	60.5	62.7	not available	62.8	62.4	61.9
2	59.1	60.4	62.8		62.4	62.6	62.3
3	59.7	61.1	63.8		62.9	64.0	63.1
4	62.1	63.2	66.2		64.5	64.6	64.9
TOTAL	239.8	245.2	255.5	251.8	252.6	253.6	252.2

* totals are estimated to be 3-5 eggs too high for 1997 to 1999. Consumption for 2000 and later were adjusted down.

Change from previous year	0	5.4	10.3	-3.7	0.8	1.0	-1.4
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* estimated

Source: Economic Research Service USDA

Estimate for 2004: 250.0 (Jan 16, 2004)

PROJECTION OF THE NATIONAL TABLE EGG FLOCK
February 10, 2004

TABLE 26

2004		(MILLIONS)			ENDING
MONTH	BEGINNING	ADDED	SLAUGHTER	MISSING	COUNT
	COUNT				
JAN	279.5*	15.0*	8.9	8.6	277.1
FEB	277.1	16.1*	7.5	8.5	277.2
MAR	277.2	15.8*	7.8	8.5	276.7
APR	276.7	13.6*	8.4	8.5	273.4
MAY	273.4	15.3*	7.6	8.4	272.8
JUNE	272.6	16.1	7.1	8.4	273.2
JULY	273.2	15.2	6.7	8.4	273.3
AUG	273.3	17.0	6.9	8.4	274.9
SEPT	274.9	17.6	6.4	8.5	277.7
OCT	277.7	18.0	7.6	8.5	279.6
NOV	279.6	17.0	6.5	8.6	281.5
DEC	281.5	16.4	7.0	8.7	282.3

Source: University of California

Note: Pullets added and hens missing (died and misc) are estimates. Beginning and ending counts asterisked are actual counts. Additions and subtractions across actual count rows may not agree.

PROJECTED VS ACTUAL FIRST OF THE MONTH (U.S. FLOCK SIZE) - 2003

TABLE 27

(Projected on Feb. 3 & 7, 2003)

Month	Begin count		Actual Replacements		Actual Slaughter		Actual		
	UEP	UC	USDA	UEP	UC	UEP	UC	USDA	
JAN	279.2	279.2	279.2	16.6	16.2	16.2	7.6	9.0	8.2
FEB	278.8	277.8	279.3	16.5	16.0	16.0	8.0	8.1	6.8
MAR	278.8	277.2	278.3	14.9	14.5	14.5	8.2	8.7	7.0
APR	277.1	274.5	277.6	14.5	14.0	14.0	8.5	8.3	8.3
MAY	274.7	271.7	273.9	15.0	14.5	14.5	8.5	8.2	7.2
JUNE	272.8	269.6	272.9	15.9	16.1	15.1	8.0	7.7	6.4
JULY	272.3	269.8	272.5	15.7	16.0	13.5	8.2	7.1	5.6
AUG	271.4	270.3	273.6	16.7	17.4	16.6	8.0	7.8	5.5
SEPT	271.7	271.6	274.6	17.4	17.4	16.9	8.0	7.0	5.0
OCT	272.7	273.7	273.9	17.7	18.3	17.2	7.5	7.8	6.0
NOV	274.5	275.8	277.4	16.1	16.9	16.4	7.5	7.3	4.4
DEC	274.7	276.9	280.3	16.1	15.9	16.1	7.5	7.2	5.9
Av.	274.9	274.0	276.1	16.1	16.1	15.6	8.0	7.9	6.4

1. Note: Both reports are based upon USDA data and are updated monthly

2 Please note: The above projections are updated monthly. The UC projections are shown in table #26. Contact United Egg Producers (UEP) for copies of their monthly update.

3 UEP = United Egg Producers

4 UC = Don Bell, Poultry Specialist, University of California

5 USDA = Egg, Chickens and Turkeys and Slaughter Report - NASS

6 USDA replacements are projected ahead from hatch statistics with mortality and placement adjustments. UEP and UC deplete the hatch differently.

7 Mortality and missing birds are not shown in the above table.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRODUCER EGG PRICES 2002-03
(LARGE, UNPROCESSED EGGS - ¢/DOZEN)**

TABLE 28 *

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
2002	47.0	39.0	52.7	35.0	30.9	44.4	38.0	44.1	38.8	38.4	59.2	54.1	
2003	53.4	52.4	56.3	57.0	45.6	54.7	56.6	69.8	70.3	76.6	95.5	89.6	
Difference	6.4	13.4	3.6	22.0	14.7	10.3	18.6	25.7	31.5	38.2	36.3	35.5	
Projected for 2003 *	56.4	48.4	53.1	48.4	34.6	42.2	38.9	48.9	43.2	43.6	55.5	55.5	
Difference	-3.0	4.0	3.2	8.6	11.0	12.5	17.7	20.9	27.1	33.0	40.0	34.1	
ACCUMULATED AVERAGES		ERROR TO DATE					2003	(LG EGGS)					
		ACTUAL vs PROJECTED											
Actual	53.4	52.9	54.0	54.8	52.9	53.2	53.7	55.7	57.3	59.3	62.6	64.8	
Projected *	56.4	52.4	52.6	51.6	48.2	47.2	46.0	46.4	46.0	45.8	46.7	47.4	
Difference	-3.0	0.5	1.4	3.2	4.8	6.0	7.7	9.4	11.3	13.5	15.9	17.4	
ACTUAL CHANGES TO DATE 2002 vs 2003													
2002	47.0	43.0	46.2	43.4	40.9	41.5	41.0	41.4	41.1	40.8	42.5	43.5	
2003	53.4	52.9	54.0	54.8	52.9	53.2	53.7	55.7	57.3	59.3	62.6	64.8	
Difference	6.4	9.9	7.8	11.4	12.0	11.7	12.7	14.3	16.2	18.4	20.1	21.4	

(positive errors indicate higher prices than projected)

* (24 months previous hatch total system - projected 1/7/03)

State Average Market (Table) Egg Prices (Farm - ungraded) by Month - all sizes

Table 29

Mid-month, 2003											Retail Price: U.S.	
Month	CA	Ohio	Iowa	Penn.	Minn.	Texas	GA	Ind	US02	US03	2002	2003
J	53.0	54.6	46.0	50.0	49.0	56.0	51.0	60.0	45.0	52.9	97.3	117.5
F	43.0	51.0	36.4	52.0	42.0	53.0	45.3	50.0	36.6	46.6	99.6	118.9
M	50.0	53.4	44.0	59.0	51.0	53.0	48.4	55.0	51.5	51.8	100.3	120.9
A	53.0	55.2	44.6	61.0	46.0	47.0	51.1	53.0	32.1	52.0	104.7	113.1
M	46.0	39.0	31.6	46.0	40.0	35.0	38.9	31.6	29.7	39.7	99.7	100.9
J	58.0	46.2	44.6	60.0	55.0	44.0	47.7	45.0	44.5	49.9	97.5	119.9
J	59.0	50.3	48.0	60.0	54.5	46.0	50.2	50.0	38.1	52.4	99.0	115.0
A	74.0	68.8	61.9	69.0	67.0	60.0	62.7	70.0	43.9	66.9	105.3	127.7
S	71.0	62.2	54.9	70.0	61.0	59.0	61.6	54.9	39.0	63.4	105.5	125.7
O	75.0	70.3	62.3	74.0	70.0	69.0	70.6	75.0	34.8	70.3	103.9	133.0
N	97.0	91.8	87.3	95.0	89.0	93.0	91.2	95.0	56.3	92.6	108.0	144.8
D	81.0	73.2	65.9	75.0	70.0	72.0	73.9	75.0	51.9	73.9	117.6	155.9
12 mo av.	63.3	59.7	52.3	64.3	57.9	57.3	57.7	59.5	42.0	59.4	103.7	125.1

Source: USDA NASS, Agricultural Prices - 2003

Table 30

Estimated monthly egg income, feed price, cost of production and profits * - Calif.								2003		
Month	Blend egg Price	Feed \$/100 lb	Feed lbs/doz.	Feed ct/doz	Other ct/doz	Total Costs	Profit (ct/doz)	** doz.	Profit/hen	
J	49.4	7.40	3.55	26.3	20.5	46.8	2.6	1.84	4.8	
F	48.7	7.45	3.62	27.0	20.5	47.5	1.2	1.66	2.0	
M	51.6	7.52	3.55	26.7	21.0	47.7	3.9	1.84	7.2	
A	52.3	7.55	3.48	26.3	21.0	47.3	5.0	1.78	8.9	
M	42.3	7.63	3.45	26.3	21.0	47.3	-5.0	1.84	-9.2	
J	49.7	7.63	3.42	26.1	21.0	47.1	2.6	1.78	4.6	
J	51.0	7.53	3.35	25.2	21.0	46.2	4.8	1.84	8.8	
A	62.0	7.42	3.28	24.3	21.0	45.3	16.7	1.84	30.7	
S	62.7	7.69	3.35	25.8	21.0	46.8	15.9	1.78	28.4	
O	71.0	7.75	3.42	26.5	21.0	47.5	23.5	1.84	43.2	
N	88.7	8.19	3.45	28.3	21.5	49.8	38.9	1.78	69.3	
D	83.1	8.26	3.48	28.7	21.5	50.2	32.9	1.84	60.5	
		Annual Avg.								Total
Average	59.4	7.67	3.45	26.5	21.0	47.5	11.9		259.1	

* See Egg Economics No. 224 (February, 2000)

** assumes 260 eggs/hen

Source: University of California

Table 31

Export of Table eggs in the shell (2003) (Thousand cases- 30 doz)

Month	Export of Table eggs in the shell (2003)					Total	U.S. Prod.	Export Total		% of U.S.
	Canada	Mexico	Japan	Hong Kong	Other			2002	2003	
Jan	2.2	0.1	1.2	79.2	23.5	106.2	17,502.8	84.5	106.2	0.61
Feb	10.5	0.2	0.0	52.6	43.5	106.8	15,758.3	105.5	106.8	0.68
Mar	13.3	2.1	0.0	34.4	203.4	253.2	17,544.4	96.2	253.2	1.44
Apr	30.0	0.3	0.0	31.4	12.5	74.2	16,952.8	140.5	74.2	0.44
May	34.0	2.0	0.0	55.7	20.1	111.8	17,222.2	146.7	111.8	0.65
June	44.0	0.0	0.0	58.2	10.4	112.6	16,744.4	103.9	112.6	0.67
July	44.0	0.4	0.0	54.3	13.0	111.8	17,544.4	144.4	111.8	0.64
Aug	63.3	4.7	0.0	42.2	14.5	124.7	17,488.9	163.6	124.7	0.71
Sept	65.3	2.2	0.0	38.8	9.8	116.1	16,930.6	143.5	116.1	0.69
Oct	75.3	0.2	0.0	19.5	4.0	99.0	17,725.0	139.3	99.0	0.56
Nov	52.1	0.1	0.0	12.0	3.9	68.1	17,502.8	165.0	68.1	0.39
Dec	n/a									
Total	434.0	12.4	1.2	478.3	358.5	1284.4	188,917	1433.1	1284.4	0.68
%	33.8	1.0	0.1	37.2	27.9					

Table 32

Export of Egg Products (2003)		(Metric Tonnes)								
Month	Canada	Mexico	Japan	Belgium Luxem.	UK	Singap.	Korea	Hong Kong	Other	Total
Jan	733	41	912	318	0	75	106	73	336	2,594
Feb	561	19	844	449	10	61	226	44	389	2,603
Mar	773	91	1391	487	4	61	88	30	299	3,224
Apr	968	62	637	178	33	40	144	28	341	2,431
May	1333	79	507	48	35	1	36	6	1564	3,609
June	1264	156	317	27	23	7	42	25	397	2,258
July	1183	79	682	9	1	65	163	42	457	2,681
Aug	1295	133	696	30	12	80	103	75	202	2,626
Sept	1632	81	614	16	0	126	68	72	355	2,964
Oct	1879	82	461	16	13	40	102	64	262	2,919
Nov	1717	449	177	30	0	17	144	52	313	2,899
Dec	n/a									
Total	13338	1272	7238	1608	131	573	1222	511	4915	30,808
%	43.3	4.1	23.5	5.2	0.4	1.9	4.0	1.7	16.0	

Note: One metric tonne equals approximately 50 thirty dozen cases.

Monthly Egg Price Adjustments Relative to Annual Prices * Table 33

Month	Midwest UB	S. Calif.	Month	Midwest UB	S. Calif.
Jan	1.03	1.10	July	0.94	0.84
Feb	0.97	0.98	Aug	1.02	1.05
Mar	1.04	1.05	Sept	0.96	0.94
Apr	0.94	0.99	Oct	1.02	0.96
May	0.83	0.73	Nov	1.19	1.26
June	0.90	0.88	Dec	1.14	1.22

* Based on Umer-Barry Large Midwest quotation (1999 to 2003) and S. Calif. Producer prices.

2003 Est. Regional Feed Prices (based on Feedstuffs corn and sbom prices) (\$/100 lbs) Table 34

Month	N. Atlan	EN Cent.	WN Cent.	S. Atlan	S. Cent.	West	All	2002
Jan	7.17	6.16	6.04	6.83	6.62	7.55	6.73	6.14
Feb	7.28	6.25	6.15	7.00	6.73	7.69	6.85	6.08
Mar	7.31	6.29	6.18	7.10	6.69	7.65	6.87	6.08
Apr	7.41	6.42	6.34	7.22	6.76	7.77	6.99	6.10
May	7.54	6.61	6.50	7.30	6.98	7.91	7.14	6.21
June	7.47	6.55	6.44	7.24	6.92	7.82	7.07	6.33
July	7.26	6.28	6.16	6.89	6.66	7.61	6.81	6.77
Aug	7.08	6.07	6.05	6.71	6.50	7.39	6.63	7.12
Sept	7.56	6.57	6.49	7.19	6.97	8.00	7.13	7.26
Oct	7.56	6.39	6.35	7.10	6.97	7.90	7.05	6.91
Nov	7.91	7.07	7.01	7.69	7.59	8.45	7.62	6.80
Dec	7.73	6.94	6.81	7.51	7.53	8.40	7.49	6.75
12 mo. Av .	7.44	6.47	6.38	7.15	6.91	7.85	7.03	6.53

(Simple av).

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Table 35

Est. Regional Cost of Production (based on Feedstuffs corn and sbom prices) (cts/doz)

Month	N. Atlan	EN Cent.	WN Cent.	S. Atlan	S. Cent.	West	All	2002
Jan	45.1	41.0	40.6	43.9	42.9	46.6	43.4	41.1
Feb	46.1	41.9	41.5	45.0	43.9	47.7	44.3	41.3
Mar	45.7	41.6	41.2	44.9	43.2	47.4	44.0	41.1
Apr	45.6	41.7	41.4	44.8	43.0	47.0	43.9	40.5
May	45.9	42.3	41.8	44.9	43.7	47.6	44.4	40.7
June	45.4	41.8	41.4	44.5	43.2	46.7	43.8	41.0
July	44.1	40.3	39.9	42.6	41.8	45.7	42.4	42.2
Aug	42.9	39.1	39.1	41.5	40.7	44.3	41.3	43.1
Sept	45.2	41.4	41.1	43.8	43.0	47.1	43.6	44.1
Oct	45.7	41.2	41.0	43.9	43.4	47.0	43.7	43.2
Nov	47.3	44.0	43.8	46.5	46.1	49.7	46.2	43.1
Dec	46.9	43.7	43.2	46.0	46.1	49.8	45.9	42.9
12 mo. Av.	45.5	41.7	41.3	44.4	43.4	47.2	43.9	42.0

Simple av.

Table 36

Summary to Date

		Through	2002	2003	% Change
HATCH - EGG TYPE STRAIGHT RUN (THOUSANDS) (US)	(total)	Dec	421,320	415,827	-1.3
TABLE EGG LAYERS (MILLIONS) (US)	(avg)	Dec	278.2	276.3	-0.6
TABLE EGG LAYERS (MILLIONS) (CALIFORNIA)	(avg)	Dec	23.0	19.8	-14.1
TABLE EGGS (MILLIONS/MONTH) (US)	(avg)	Dec	6,147	6,207	+1.0
RATE OF LAY (%)	(avg)	Dec	72.7	73.3	+0.6
AV. CASES (table eggs)/WEEK (THOUSANDS) (US)		Dec	3,917	3,966	+1.3
AV. CASES (table eggs)/WEEK (THOUSANDS) (CA)		Dec	326	276	-15.3
AV MONTHLY CASES OF EGGS BROKEN (MILLION) (US)		Dec	62.775	60.463	-3.7

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			cents/dozen		
MID-MONTH FARM EGG PRICES (ALL SIZES, US)		Dec	42.0	59.4	+17.3
MID-MONTH FARM EGG PRICES (ALL SIZES, CALIF.)		Dec	38.6	63.3	+24.7
IN OR POST MOLT (%) (US)	Average	Dec	26.8	27.4	+6
IN OR POST MOLT (%) (CALIFORNIA)	Average	Dec	34.3	41.9	+7.6
AVERAGE PULLETS ADDED/MONTH (MILLIONS) (US)		May	2003 15.03	2004 15.16	+0.86

SOURCE OF DATA:

- *CALIFORNIA POULTRY REPORT (MONTHLY)
- *USDA EGGS, CHICKENS AND TURKEYS (MONTHLY)
- *CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (WEEKLY EGG SHIPMENTS)
- *USDA AGRICULTURAL PRICES
- *UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
- *USDA EGG PRODUCTS (MONTHLY)
- *USDA POULTRY SLAUGHTER
- *UNITED EGG PRODUCERS
- *USDA FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
- *FEEDSTUFFS