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

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2025 in the United States totaled 24.5 million, down 1 percent from March 1, 2024. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the February 1, 2025 total of 25.1 million eggs.

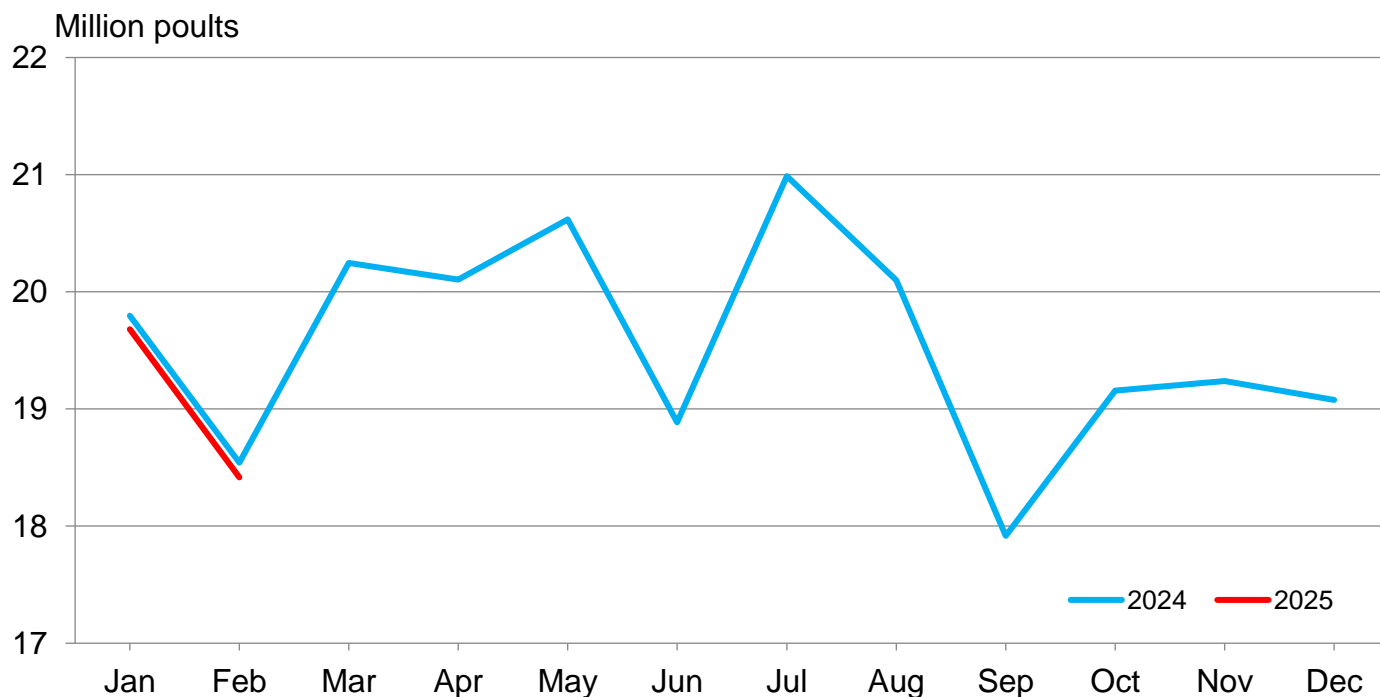
Poults Hatched During February Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Turkey poults hatched during February 2025 in the United States totaled 20.2 million, down 1 percent from February 2024. Poults hatched were down 5 percent from the January 2025 total of 21.3 million poults.

Net Poults Placed During February Down 1 Percent from Last Year

The 18.4 million net poults placed during February 2025 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net poult placements were down 6 percent from the January 2025 total of 19.7 million.

Net Poult Placements – United States



Eggs in Incubators and Poults Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2025

[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
	2023-2024	2024-2025		2023-2024	2024-2025	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)
September	26,636	24,993	94	21,571	20,230	94
October	27,010	24,947	92	22,665	21,021	93
November	25,537	24,862	97	21,668	20,962	97
December	25,346	24,501	97	21,671	20,700	96
January	24,945	24,676	99	21,527	21,315	99
February	25,422	25,058	99	20,274	20,156	99
March	24,689	24,517	99	21,676		
April	26,341			21,366		
May	25,003			21,706		
June	22,806			19,739		
July	23,906			21,115		
August	24,860			20,691		

Net Poultry Placements by Month – United States: 2023-2025

[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
	2023-2024	2024-2025		2023-2024	2024-2025	
	(1,000 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)	(1,000 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)
September	19,091	17,917	94	19,091	17,917	94
October	20,645	19,156	93	39,736	37,073	93
November	19,934	19,239	97	59,670	56,312	94
December	19,807	19,076	96	79,477	75,388	95
January	19,795	19,680	99	99,272	95,068	96
February	18,542	18,416	99	117,814	113,484	96
March	20,246			138,060		
April	20,105			158,165		
May	20,619			178,784		
June	18,886			197,670		
July	20,987			218,657		
August	20,098			238,755		

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for turkey hatchery estimates are collected from all known turkey hatcheries. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known turkey hatcheries and use known sources of hatcheries to update their lists. Approximately 30 hatcheries in 17 states 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. 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 regional 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.

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 through 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 2.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 24.5 million eggs by more than 2.3 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.9 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	2.3	3.9	375	10	2,202	11	13
Poults hatched	1.1	1.9	157	6	833	13	11
Net poult placements	1.3	2.2	181	5	826	13	11

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