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## Eggs in Incubators on December 1 Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2025 in the United States totaled 24.9 million, up 2 percent from December 1, 2024. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the November 1, 2025 total of 24.0 million eggs.

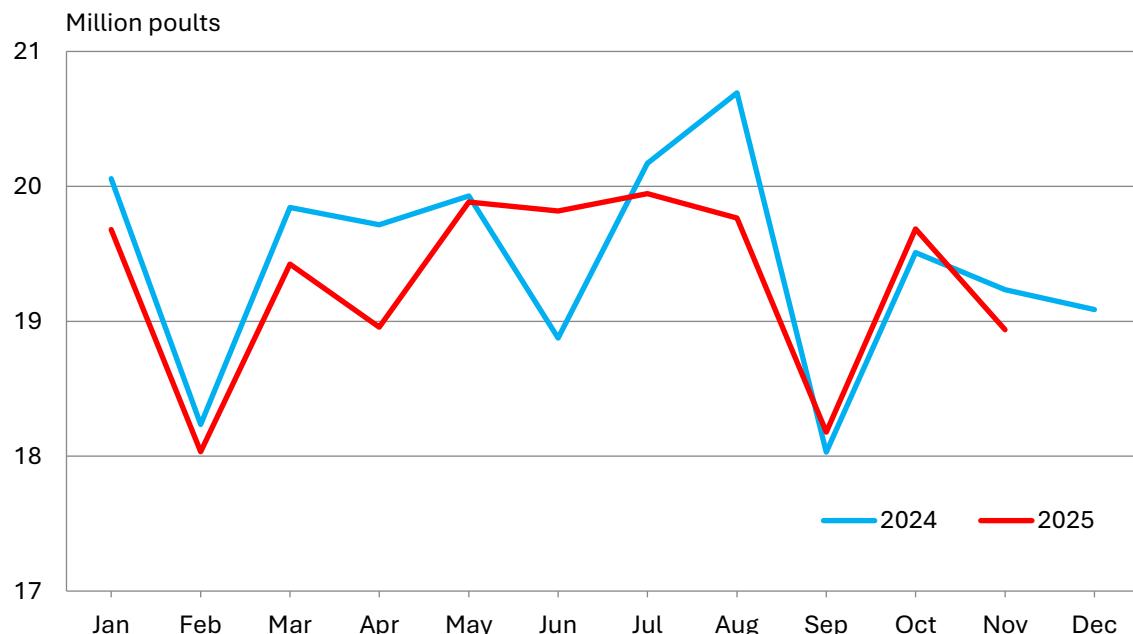
## Poults Hatched During November Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Turkey poult hatched during November 2025 in the United States totaled 20.3 million, down 3 percent from November 2024. Poult hatched were down 5 percent from the October 2025 total of 21.4 million poult.

## Net Poult Placements During November Down 2 Percent from Last Year

The 18.9 million net poult placed during November 2025 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net poult placements were down 4 percent from the October 2025 total of 19.7 million.

## Net Poult Placements – United States



## Eggs in Incubators and Poulets Hatched by Month – United States: 2024-2026

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

Month	Eggs in incubators first of month		Percent of previous year	Poulets hatched entire month		Percent of previous year
	2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 poulets)	(1,000 poulets)	(percent)
September .....	24,729	24,658	100	20,276	20,522	101
October .....	25,083	25,461	102	21,059	21,410	102
November .....	24,822	23,985	97	20,899	20,344	97
December .....	24,518	24,941	102	20,400		
January .....	24,676			21,315		
February .....	25,058			19,826		
March .....	24,256			21,060		
April .....	24,947			20,087		
May .....	24,718			21,260		
June .....	24,230			20,637		
July .....	23,865			20,119		
August .....	24,891			20,521		

## Net Poult Placements by Month – United States: 2024-2026

[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
	2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026	
	(1,000 poulets)	(1,000 poulets)	(percent)	(1,000 poulets)	(1,000 poulets)	(percent)
September .....	18,030	18,179	101	18,030	18,179	101
October .....	19,510	19,684	101	37,540	37,863	101
November .....	19,235	18,938	98	56,775	56,801	100
December .....	19,086			75,861		
January .....	19,680			95,541		
February .....	18,033			113,574		
March .....	19,424			132,998		
April .....	18,956			151,954		
May .....	19,884			171,838		
June .....	19,818			191,656		
July .....	19,946			211,602		
August .....	19,766			231,368		

## 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 pouls 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 pouls and exclude exported pouls.

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 pouls 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 2.4 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 24.9 million eggs by more than 2.4 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 4.1 percent.

### Reliability of December 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
Eggs in incubators .....	(percent) 2.4	(percent) 4.1	(1,000) 429	(1,000) 12	(1,000) 2,081	(number) 11	(number) 11
Pouls hatched .....	1.4	2.4	226	1	722	7	15
Net poult placements .....	1.7	2.8	227	10	774	11	12

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