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Eggs in Incubators on June 1 Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 2026 in the United States totaled 24.5 million, up 1 percent from June 1, 2025. Eggs in incubators were up 3 percent from the May 1, 2026 total of 23.8 million eggs.

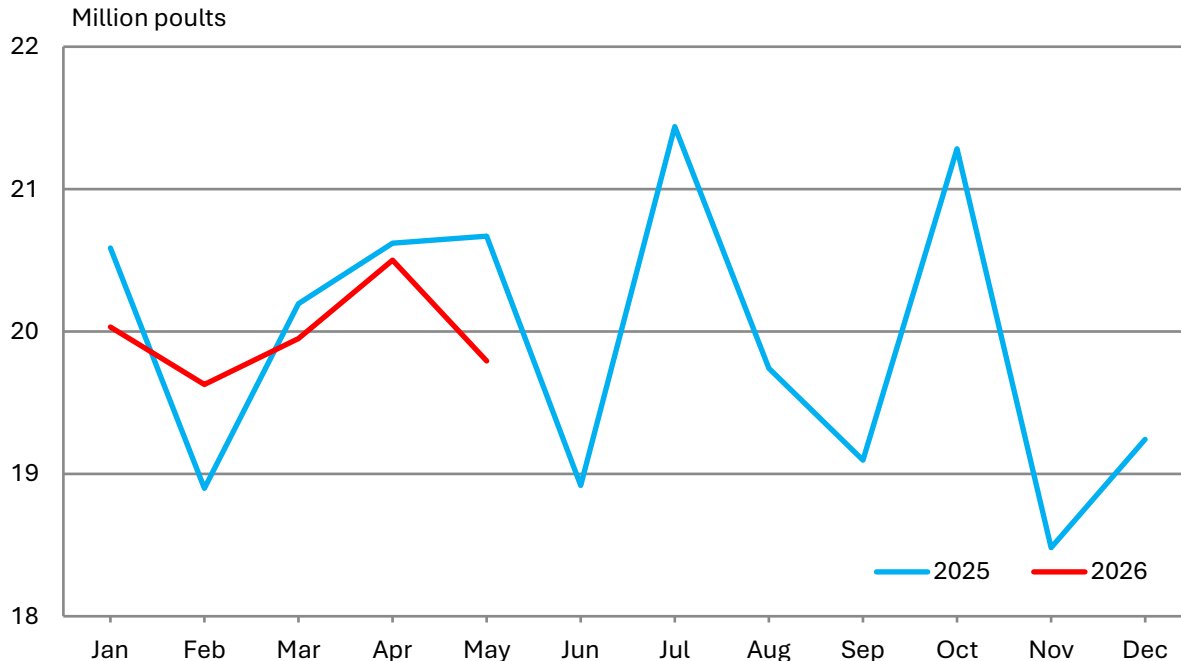
Poults Hatched During May Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Turkey poults hatched during May 2026 in the United States totaled 20.7 million, down 4 percent from May 2025. Poults hatched were down 3 percent from the April 2026 total of 21.2 million poults.

Net Poults Placed During May Down 4 Percent from Last Year

The 19.8 million net poults placed during May 2026 in the United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net poult placements were down 3 percent from the April 2026 total of 20.5 million.

Net Poult Placements – United States



Eggs in Incubators and Poults 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	Poults hatched entire month		Percent of previous year
	2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)
September	24,069	24,681	103	20,076	20,738	103
October	24,533	26,122	106	21,381	22,981	107
November	24,822	24,205	98	20,330	19,900	98
December	24,249	23,766	98	21,202	20,600	97
January	25,199	25,523	101	22,525	21,749	97
February	24,558	25,830	105	19,963	20,670	104
March	24,607	24,374	99	21,271	21,050	99
April	25,104	25,056	100	21,474	21,242	99
May	24,790	23,844	96	21,615	20,702	96
June	24,324	24,503	101	19,443		
July	24,562			21,754		
August	24,568			20,245		

Net Poults 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 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)	(1,000 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)
September	18,601	19,096	103	18,601	19,096	103
October	20,165	21,284	106	38,766	40,380	104
November	18,770	18,482	98	57,536	58,862	102
December	19,740	19,243	97	77,276	78,105	101
January	20,586	20,031	97	97,862	98,136	100
February	18,899	19,628	104	116,761	117,764	101
March	20,196	19,950	99	136,957	137,714	101
April	20,621	20,501	99	157,578	158,215	100
May	20,669	19,792	96	178,247	178,007	100
June	18,918			197,165		
July	21,439			218,604		
August	19,742			238,346		

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 2.4 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 24.5 million eggs by more than 2.4 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 4.2 percent.

Reliability of June 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	2.4	4.2	442	5	1,508	12	10
Poults hatched	3.7	6.3	610	1	1,648	9	13
Net poult placements	4.2	7.1	720	0	1,775	12	9

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