Turkey Hatchery

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Eggs in Incubators on November 1 Up 4 Percent from Last Year

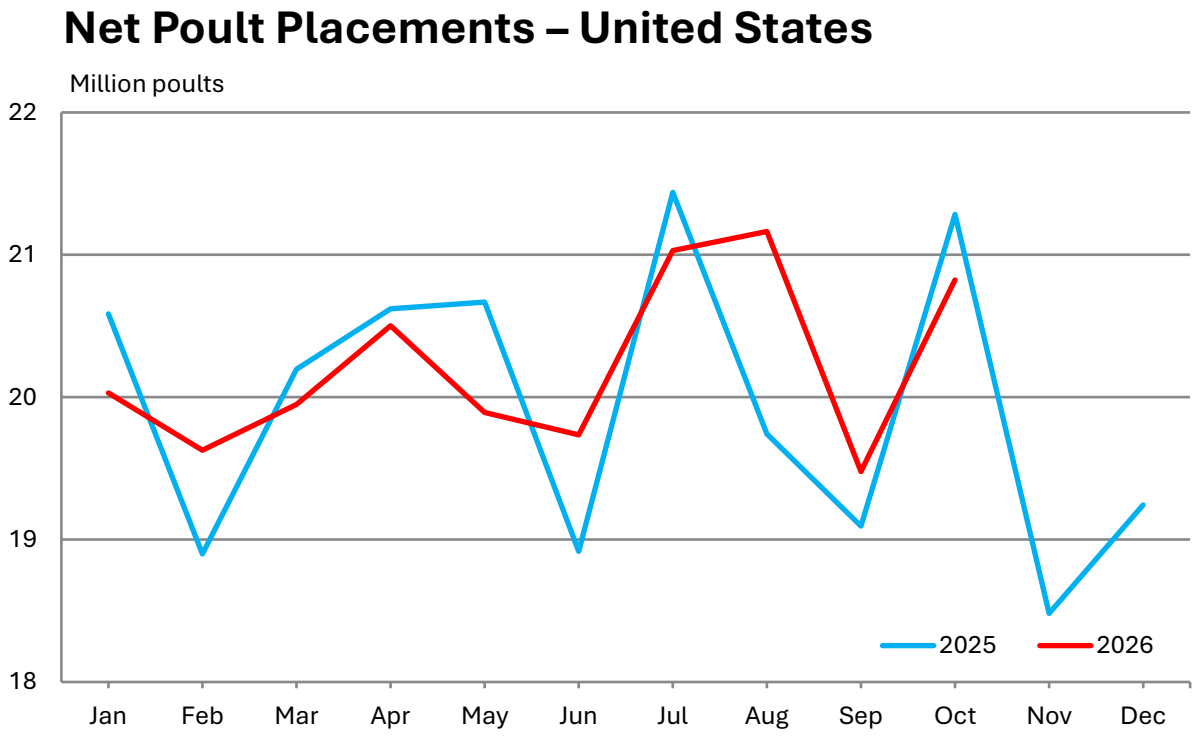
Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2026 in the United States totaled 25.2 million, up 4 percent from November 1, 2025. Eggs in incubators were down 3 percent from the October 1, 2026 total of 25.9 million eggs.

Poults Hatched During October Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Turkey poults hatched during October 2026 in the United States totaled 22.4 million, down 2 percent from October 2025. Poults hatched were up 6 percent from the September 2026 total of 21.1 million poults.

Net Poults Placed During October Down 2 Percent from Last Year

The 20.8 million net poults placed during October 2026 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net poult placements were up 7 percent from the September 2026 total of 19.5 million.



Eggs in Incubators and Poults Hatched by Month – United States: 2025-2027

[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
	2025-2026	2026-2027		2025-2026	2026-2027	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)
September	24,681	24,814	101	20,738	21,058	102
October	26,122	25,858	99	22,981	22,408	98
November	24,205	25,191	104	19,900		
December	23,766			20,600		
January	25,523			21,749		
February	25,830			20,670		
March	24,374			21,050		
April	25,056			21,242		
May	23,844			20,672		
June	25,237			20,296		
July	24,657			21,365		
August	26,773			21,873		

Net Poult Placements by Month – United States: 2025-2027

[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
	2025-2026	2026-2027		2025-2026	2026-2027	
	(1,000 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)	(1,000 poults)	(1,000 poults)	(percent)
September	19,096	19,478	102	19,096	19,478	102
October	21,284	20,823	98	40,380	40,301	100
November	18,482			58,862		
December	19,243			78,105		
January	20,031			98,136		
February	19,628			117,764		
March	19,950			137,714		
April	20,501			158,215		
May	19,893			178,108		
June	19,735			197,843		
July	21,031			218,874		
August	21,164			240,038		

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 2.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 25.2 million eggs by more than 2.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 4.2 percent.

Reliability of November 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	2.5	4.2	484	5	1,508	14	10
Poults hatched	3.4	5.8	523	1	1,648	11	13
Net poult placements	4.1	7.1	665	0	1,775	13	10

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