Here is a summary of the past year’s Broiler Performance and Condemnation Data by Region and Company.
Broiler Performance Data (Company)

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<th>Live Production Cost</th>
<th>Average Co.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Feed cost/ton w/o color ($)</td>
<td>124.94</td>
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<td>Feed cost/lb meat (¢)</td>
<td>12.10</td>
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<td>Days to 4.6 lbs</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Chick cost/lb (¢)</td>
<td>3.97</td>
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<td>Vac-Med cost/lb (¢)</td>
<td>0.06</td>
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<td>WB &amp; 1/2 parts condemn. cost/lb</td>
<td>0.18</td>
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<td>% mortality</td>
<td>4.11</td>
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<td>Sq. Ft. @ placement</td>
<td>0.78</td>
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<td>Lbs./Sq. Ft.</td>
<td>6.68</td>
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<td>Down time (days)</td>
<td>17</td>
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Data for week ending 12/22/01

Broiler Whole Bird Condemnation (Region)

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<th>Region</th>
<th>SW</th>
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<th>S. East</th>
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<tr>
<td>% Septox</td>
<td>0.187</td>
<td>0.235</td>
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<td>% Airsac</td>
<td>0.127</td>
<td>0.091</td>
<td>0.085</td>
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<td>% I.P.</td>
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<td>0.023</td>
<td>0.126</td>
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<td>% Leukosis</td>
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<td>% Bruise</td>
<td>0.012</td>
<td>0.004</td>
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<td>% Other</td>
<td>0.012</td>
<td>0.005</td>
<td>0.012</td>
<td>0.009</td>
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<td>% Total</td>
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<td>0.361</td>
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<td>% 1/2 parts condemnations</td>
<td>0.331</td>
<td>0.657</td>
<td>0.419</td>
<td>0.438</td>
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Data for week ending 12/22/01
Scott A. Callison Receives Hicks ARCS Scholarship

Scott A. Callison was recently awarded the Hicks Family ARCS scholarship at the ARCS Foundation, Inc., Atlanta Chapter, Scholars Award Luncheon for the 2001 - 2002 academic year, at the Atlanta Ritz Carlton.

Scott, a first year ARCS scholar, is a doctoral student in the College of Veterinary Medicine currently working in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology under the direction of Dr. Mark Jackwood.

His main research interest is studying viruses at the molecular level. He is focused on the molecular aspects of Infectious Bronchitis Virus, a Coronavirus. The hope is to create molecular tools to study, diagnose and control this virus infection in poultry. Ultimately, this work will be extended to Coronaviruses that affect other species, including humans.

The ARCS Foundation was established in Los Angeles in 1958 and is dedicated to helping meet America’s needs for scientists and engineers by providing scholarships to academically outstanding university students.

The Atlanta Chapter of ARCS was chartered in 1992 and has more than 100 members.

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Data for week ending 12/22/01
Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent
According to the most recent National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) report, Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent
Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 152 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 22, 2001 were 7.45 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program
Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2001.

November Egg Production Up 2 Percent
U.S. egg production totaled 7.17 billion during November 2001, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.14 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 977 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2001 averaged 337 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during November 2000. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,128 eggs, slightly above the 2,125 eggs in November 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2001, totaled 338 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2001, averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 71.0 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.73 billion eggs during November 2001, up 2 percent from November 2000. The average number of layers during November, at 316 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 2 Percent
Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 31.6 million, down 2 percent from November 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.0 million on December 1, 2001, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 261 during November 2001, down 15 percent from November 2000.

Broiler Hatch Up 3 Percent
The November 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 696 million, was up 3 percent from November of the previous year. There were 634 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 2001, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.26 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2001, up 2 percent from November 2000.

Turkey Eggs in Incubators on December 1 Down 1 Percent From Last Year
Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2001, in the United States totaled 30.2 million, down 1 percent from December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the November 1 total of 30.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 2 percent; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 2 percent; South Central, down 2 percent; and West, down 12 percent.
Poults Placed During November Up 4 Percent From Last Year
The 24.3 million poults placed during November 2001 in the United States were up 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1 percent from the October 2001 total of 24.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up 18 percent; West North Central, up 5 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, down 1 percent; and West, down 16 percent.

Higher Broiler Production Pushes Prices Down
According to the most recent Economic Research Service (ERS) report, broiler production in fourth quarter 2001 is forecast at 7.825 billion pounds, 3.7 percent higher than in the same period in 2000. After falling in the first quarter, broiler production in 2001 has grown in the remaining three quarters when compared to a year earlier. While broiler production is expected to increase, export shipments in the fourth quarter are expected to be slower than previously expected.

Prices for most broiler parts have weakened over the last several months. In August, the average price for boneless/skinless chicken breasts was $1.55 per pound in the Northeast market. By November, prices had fallen to $1.20 a pound a decrease of 23 percent. Over this same period of time prices for other broiler parts also declined considerably, leg quarter prices fell by 10 percent and prices for wings declined 8 percent.

Broiler production is expected to continue to expand through the first quarter of 2002. Over the last five weeks (through December 15), broiler chick placements averaged 142 million birds a week. This is an increase of 2.8 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Chicks placed by the middle of December would be expected to reach slaughter size by the end of January. With this level of chick placements, broiler production in the first quarter of 2002 is forecast at 7.775 billion pounds, 3 percent above a year earlier.

Broiler meat production in October was 2.9 billion pounds, up 9.9 percent from the previous year. This increase in production came almost entirely from a greater number of birds slaughtered as the average live weight of birds slaughtered was up less than 1 percent. Even with this large increase in production in October, broiler cold storage stocks at the end of October were down 16 percent from the previous year.

Broiler exports for October totaled 507 million pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year but still a relatively strong monthly export total. As has been the case for most of the year, the largest portion of the exports were to Russia. Over the first 10 months of 2001, shipments to Russia have totaled 1.87 billion pounds, 72 percent higher than in the same period in 2000 and accounted for 36 percent of all U.S. broiler exports. Shipments have also increased in markets closer to the United States. Exports to Mexico and Guatemala have risen and shipments to these 2 countries in 2001 are expected to be well above 2000 levels. This places them behind only Russia and Hong Kong/China in importance.

October Turkey Slaughter Up, Whole Bird Prices Down in November
Turkey slaughter in October totaled 541 million pounds, up 8.4 percent from the previous year. The increase in production in October was due to a combination of a greater number of turkeys slaughtered and heavier overall weights. Production in November and the first half of December is expected to be lower than a year earlier as the number of birds reported slaughtered in the Agricultural Marketing Service weekly reports has consistently been below the same weeks of the previous year. Over the first 10 months of 2001, turkey production was 4.64 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from a year earlier.

The increase in production in October had only a small impact on turkey stocks in cold storage. Overall, turkey stocks were 4 percent higher than the previous year, but stocks of whole turkeys at the end of October were less than one percent higher. Even with beginning stocks for November about even with the previous year, wholesale whole bird prices (8-16 lb. hens in the Eastern region) continued to be well below those for November 2000. In November 2001, prices for whole hens in the Eastern market were 73.5 cents a pound, down 6 cents from the previous year.

Poults in November were 24.3 million birds, up 3.9 percent from a year earlier. However, over the first 11 months of 2001, poult placements have totaled 277 million birds, up only slightly over 1 percent from the same period in 2000. The number of poult placements in December is expected to be lower as the number of eggs in incubators at the beginning of December was down 1.5 percent from the previous year.

Even with smaller shipments in October, turkey exports continue to run considerably higher than the previous year. In October, turkey exports were 37.2 million pounds, down 15 percent from October 2000. However, year-to-date shipments are 402 million pounds, which is up 12.5 percent from the same period in 2000. The bulk of the increase has come from higher shipments to Russia, Poland and other NIS countries. They have more than made up for a 4-percent drop in exports to Mexico, our largest market, so far in 2001.
Meetings, Seminars and Conventions

2002

January


Jan. 14-15: International Poultry Scientific Forum, Georgia World Congress Centre, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Contact: Yvonne Vizzier Thaxton, Executive Secretary, SPSS, Mississippi State University, Dept. of Poultry Science, Box 9665, Mississippi State, MS 39762. E-mail: spss@technologist.com

Jan. 16-18: International Poultry Exposition Atlanta 2002, Georgia World Congress Centre, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Contact: US Poultry & Egg Association, 1530 Cooledge Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084-7804, USA. Phone: +1 770-829-7879.

February

Feb. 4-8: Industrial Refrigeration WSHP, Holiday Inn-Woodlawn, Charlotte, N.C. Contact: Donald L. Fenton, 313 Rathbone Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. 66506. Phone 785-532-2322; or Wilbert F. Stoecker, University of Illinois, 1500 S. Maple St. Urbana, Ill. 61801, 217-384-6002.

Feb. 7: Salmonella Short Course, Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: Silliker Laboratories, 900 Maple Road, Homewood, Ill. 60430. Phone 800-829-7879.

March

March 5-6: Louisiana Poultry Seminar, Shreveport, L.A. Contact: Dr. Theressa Lavergne, Louisiana Poultry Federation, P.O. Box 25100, Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5100. Phone 225-578-2219

March 7: Listeria Short Course, Nashville, Tenn. Contact: Silliker Laboratories, 900 Maple Road, Homewood, Ill. 60430. Phone 800-829-7879.

March 19-21: MPP Conv., Touchstone Energy Place, RiverCentre, St. Paul, Minn. Contact: Lara Durban, Midwest Poultry Federation, 2380 Wycliff St., St. Paul, Minn. 55114-1257. Phone: 651-646-4553.


March 21-23: VIV Canada 2002, Toronto, Canada. Contact: Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs, P.O. Box 8500, 3503 RM Utrecht, the Netherlands. Phone: +31 30 295 5662; Fax: +31 30 295 5709; E-mail: viv.china@jaarbeursutrecht.nl

April


April 14-17: 5th International Symposium on Avian Influenza, Georgia, USA. Contact: David E. Swayne, 934 College Station Road, Athens, Georgia 30605 USA. FAX: +1-706-546-3161. E-mail: AI.Symposium@seprl.usda.gov Website: http://seprl.ars.usda.gov/avian.influenza.symposium.htm

April 23: Delmarva Poultry Booster Banquet, Salisbury, Maryland. Contact: Karen Adams. Phone 302-856-9037

April 24-26: VIV China 2002, China International Exhibition Centre, Beijing, P.R. China. Contact: Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs, P.O. Box 8500, 3503 RM Utrecht, the Netherlands. Phone: +31 30 295 5662; Fax: +31 30 295 5709; E-mail: viv.china@jaarbeursutrecht.nl

May

May 1-4: Western Poultry Disease Conference and Asociacion Nacional de Especialistas en Ciencias Avicolas, Marriott Casamagna Resort, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Contact: Dr. R.P. Chin, 279S S. Orange Ave., Fresco, CA 93725, USA. E-mail: rpchin@ucdavis.edu

May 2-3: National Breeders Roundtable, Airport Marriott Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Contact: US Poultry & Egg Association, 1530 Cooledge Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084-7303. Phone 770-493-9401.

May 6-8: VIV Africa 2002, Ceasars, Johannesburg, South Africa. Contact: AviAfrica. P.O. box 1202, Honeydew 2040, South Africa. Phone: +27 11 794 5453; Fax: +27 11 794 3367; E-mail: aviafrica@mweb.co.za


May 18: GPF Night of Knights, Cobb Galleria, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Georgia Poultry Federation, P.O. Box 763, Gainsville, Ga. 30503. Phone 770-532-0473.

May 27-31: X International Seminar in Avian Pathology and Poultry Production (In Spanish), Georgia, USA. Contact: Dr. Pedro Villegas, Department of Avian Medicine, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-4875, USA. Fax: +1-706-542-5630; E-mail: sem2002@arches.uga.edu

May 30-June 1: VIV Poultry Yutav 2002, Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs, P.O. Box 8500, 3503 RM Utrecht, the Netherlands. Phone: +31 30 295 56 62; Fax: +31 30 295 57 09; E-mail: viv.yutav@jaarbeursutrecht.nl


August 2002


2002 September

Sept. 6-10: 11th European Poultry Conference, Bremen, Germany. Contact: 11th European Poultry Conference, 2002, Congress Partner, Birkenstr 17, D-28195 Bremen, Germany. Phone: +49 421 303130; Fax: +49 421 303133; E-mail: Bremen@cpb.de.

Sept. 11: Delmarva Breeder, Hatchery & Grow-out Conference, Delmar, Maryland. Contact: Bud Malone, University of Delaware Phone 302-856-7303.

Sept. 24-26: VIV América Lantina, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Contact: Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs, P.O. Box 8500, 3503 RM Utrecht, the Netherlands. Phone: +31 30 295 57 09; Fax: +31 30 295 57 09; Email: viv.america.latina@jaarbeursutrecht.nl

Sept. 24-26: VIV/AFIA Feed, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Contact: Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs, P.O. Box 8500, 3503 RM Utrecht, the Netherlands. Phone: +31 30 295 57 09; Fax: +31 30 295 57 09; Email: viv.feed@jaarbeursutrecht.nl

October 2002

Oct. 6-11: 3rd International Workshop on the Molecular Pathogenesis of Marek’s Disease and the Avian Immunology Research Group Meeting, Dead Sea, Israel. Contact: MAREKS-AIRG at Target Tours, P.O. Box 29041, Tel Aviv 61290, Israel. Phone: +972 3 5175150; Fax: +972 3 5175155; E-mail: mares-airg@targetconf.com


November 2002


July 2003

July 19-23: XIII Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association, Denver, CO, USA. Contact: Details are not currently available but will eventually be posted on the web site of the American Association of Avian Pathologists. Website: http://www.avian.uga.edu/~wvpa/
SPECIAL EVENTS
- WVPA/AAAP Opening Reception July 19, 2003
- AVMA Family Night Celebration July 21, 2003
- WVPA/AAAP Banquet July 22, 2003
- WVPA/AAAP Old West Theme Closing Ceremony July 23, 2003

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AREA ATTRACTIONS
- Denver Zoo
- Indian Peaks Wilderness Area
- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Pike's Peak
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- Horseback Trail Rides
- Scenic Railroad Tours
- Whitewater Rafting
- Frontier Town
- Six Flags Amusement Park
- Dinosaur Ridge (fossils)

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS AND PROPOSED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
- Houghton Lecture - To be announced
- Viral Respiratory Diseases of Poultry - Dr. David Swayne & Dr. Richard C. Jones
- Enteric Diseases of Poultry - Dr. Y. M. Saif & Dr. David Chapman
- Mycoplasmal and Bacterial Diseases of Poultry - Dr. John Glisson
- Neoplastic Diseases of Poultry - Dr. Richard Witter
- Immunity and Immunosuppressive Diseases - Dr. Jagdev Sharma
- Developmental, Nutritional, and Metabolic Diseases - Dr. Kirk C. Klausing
- Food Safety and other Contemporary Industry Concerns - Dr. John Maurer & Dr. Paul McMullen
- New Concepts of Management and Disease Control - Dr. John Smith
- Emerging and Endemic Diseases in Developing Countries - To be announced

(400 papers and posters anticipated)

GENERAL INFORMATION
Call for papers - September 1, 2002.
Deadline for receipt of proposals - December 1, 2002.
Late registration - March 15, 2003.