### Year In Review: December 2001 — December 2002

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

#### Broiler Live Production Data

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<th>Feed cost/ton w/o color ($)</th>
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<td>Feeder cost/lb meat (¢)</td>
<td>13.17</td>
<td>12.13</td>
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<td>Days to 4.6 lbs</td>
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<td>Chick cost/lb (¢)</td>
<td>4.13</td>
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<td>4.04</td>
<td>3.69</td>
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<td>Vac-Med cost/lb (¢)</td>
<td>0.05</td>
<td>0.02</td>
<td>0.07</td>
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<td>WB &amp; 1/2 parts condemn. cost/lb</td>
<td>0.23</td>
<td>0.19</td>
<td>0.15</td>
<td>0.24</td>
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<tr>
<td>% mortality</td>
<td>4.85</td>
<td>3.47</td>
<td>4.26</td>
<td>4.77</td>
<td>4.11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sq. Ft. @ placement</td>
<td>0.74</td>
<td>0.75</td>
<td>0.78</td>
<td>0.75</td>
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<td>Lbs./Sq. Ft.</td>
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Data for week ending 12/21/02
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<td>% Septox</td>
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<td>0.329</td>
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<td>% Airsac</td>
<td>0.110</td>
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<td>0.122</td>
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<td>% I.P.</td>
<td>0.061</td>
<td>0.046</td>
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<td>% Leukosis</td>
<td>0.003</td>
<td>0.005</td>
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<td>% Bruise</td>
<td>0.011</td>
<td>0.004</td>
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<td>% Other</td>
<td>0.034</td>
<td>0.006</td>
<td>0.022</td>
<td>0.009</td>
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<td>% Total</td>
<td>0.579</td>
<td>0.499</td>
<td>0.364</td>
<td>0.515</td>
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<td>% 1/2 parts condemnations</td>
<td>0.397</td>
<td>0.333</td>
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**Top 25%**

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### Broiler Live Production Data

#### Chick cost/lb (¢)

[Graph showing chick cost/lb from December 2001 to December 2002, with a general trend of increase over time.]

#### Vac-Med. Cost/lb (¢)

[Graph showing vac-med. cost/lb from December 2001 to December 2002, with a general trend of stability over time.]

#### WB & 1/2 parts condemnations cost/lb

[Graph showing WB & 1/2 parts condemnation costs from December 2001 to December 2002, with a general trend of stability over time.]

#### % Mortality

[Graph showing % mortality from December 2001 to December 2002, with a general trend of decrease over time.]
Dr. Glisson Receives Hill Award

Dr. John Glisson, Associate Dean for Public Service and Outreach, College of Veterinary Medicine at The University of Georgia is the recipient of the Walter Bernard Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach.

The award recognizes contributions made to the improvement of the quality of life in Georgia and beyond in a way that greatly exceeds the normal accomplishments of a productive faculty member.

The award was named for Chancellor Walter Barnard Hill, who led the University of Georgia from 1899 until his death in 1905.

The Hill Awards, inaugurated in 1992, recognizes distinguished achievement in public service and outreach by faculty members and service professionals.

INTERNATIONAL POULTRY SCIENTIFIC FORUM JANUARY 20 - 21
Concurrent Meetings of Southern Poultry Science Society and Southern Conference on Avian Diseases

The concurrent meetings of SPSS and SCAD will be held in Atlanta, GA, Georgia World Congress Center on January 20 and 21. The forum is sponsored by the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association and presents information on environmental management, nutrition, physiology, pathology, processing and products, and avian diseases. The meetings consist of a combination of oral presentations and poster session, and go from 8:00am to 5:00pm on Monday and 8:00am to Noon Tuesday followed by the Keynote Address at 1:30pm.

This year, the Keynote Address will be presented by Dr. Kenneth W. Bafundo (Phibro Animal Health, Fairfield, New Jersey) and is entitled Human Health Risks from Use of Virginiamycin in Chickens.

Preregistration is $25 USD and the deadline is December 20, 2002. You can register or obtain registration forms on-line. On-site registration is $40 USD. On-line registration, forms, and more information are available at WWW.POULTRYEGG.ORG (follow the links to the Scientific Forum).
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Excerpts from the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) “Broiler Hatchery,” “Chicken and Eggs” and “Turkey Hatchery” Reports

Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States Down 4 Percent
According to the latest National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reports, commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 21, 2002. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent
Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 2002. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 21, 2002 were 8.49 billion.

November Egg Production Up 1 Percent
U.S. egg production totaled 7.25 billion during November 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 962 million were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2002 averaged 339 million, up slightly from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,128 eggs in November 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2002, totaled 339 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.57 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2002, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.76 billion eggs during November 2002, up slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers during November, at 316 million, was down slightly from a year ago.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 3 Percent
Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 31.1 million, down 3 percent from November 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.4 million on December 1, 2002, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 223,000 during November 2002, down 15 percent from November 2001.

Broiler Hatch Down 2 Percent
The November 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 690 million, was down 2 percent from November of the previous year. There were 647 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 2002, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Broiler Breeder Placement Down 4 Percent

Turkey Eggs in Incubators on December 1 Up 1 Percent
Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2002, in the United States totaled 30.1 million, up 1 percent from December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the November 1 total of 30.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up slightly; West North Central, up 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 4 percent; South Central, down 20 percent; and West, down 9 percent.

Poults Placed During November Down 1 Percent From Last Year
The 24.0 million poultcs placed during November 2002 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1 percent from the October 2002 total of 23.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 3 percent; South Central, down 4 percent; and West, up 10 percent.
Meetings, Seminars and Conventions

2003

January

January 22-24: International Poultry Exposition, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. Contact: U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, 1530 Cooledge Road, Tucker, GA 30084. Phone: 770-493-9401; Fax: 770-493-9527

February

February 4-5: Louisiana Poultry Seminar, Shreveport, LA. Contact: Dr. Theresa Lavergne, 120 Ingram Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Phone: 225-578-2219

March

March 4-5: Florida Poultry Days, Orlando, FL. Contact: Florida Poultry Association, 4508 Oak Fair Blvd., No. 290, Tampa, FL 33601

2003 April

April 4-5: Florida Poultry Days, Orlando, FL. Contact: Florida Poultry Association, 4508 Oak Fair Blvd., No. 290, Tampa, FL 33601

2003 May

May 1-4: GPF Annual Meeting, Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris, GA. Contact: Georgia Poultry Federation, P.O. Box 763, Gainesville, GA 30503. Phone: 706-532-0473; claudette@gpf.org


May 17: GPF Night of Knights, Cobb Galleria Centre, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Georgia Poultry Federation, P.O. Box 763, Gainesville, GA 30503. Phone: 770-532-0473; claudette@gpf.org

2003 June

June 5-7: VIV Poultry Yutav, World Trade Center Yesurtles, Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: Jaabeurs Exhibitions and Media, P.O. Box 8800, 3503 RM Utrecht, The Netherlands. Phone: +31 30 295 1672; Fax: +31 30 295 2809

June 14-16: Agrena 2003, 5th International Exhibition of Poultry & Livestock Production, Cairo International Conference Centre, Egypt. Contact: Crose Fairs Organisers, 87 El Alameen Street, Sahfoun, Mohandseen Cairo, Egypt. Phone/Fax: +20 2 23 30 79; Email: crose@access.com.eg; Website: www.agrena.com

June 25-27: Georgia Egg Association’s 42nd Annual Meeting, King & Prince Hotel, St. Simons Island, GA. Contact: Robert Howell, Georgia Egg Commission, 16 Forest Park, GA 30297. Phone: 912-363-764; Fax: 912-363-764 or email: goodeggs@bellsouth.net

2003 July


July 19-23: XIII Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association and the American Association of Avian Pathologists, Denver, CO, USA. Contact: Details are posted on the web site of the American Association of Avian Pathologists. Website: http://www.avian.uga.edu/~wvpa/

The Department of Avian Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia is seeking a veterinarian to fill a position in clinical poultry medicine. Requirements include the DVM or equivalent and Masters or Ph.D degree or board certification (or eligibility for examination) by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians. Responsibilities include clinical services to the poultry industry, major participation in instruction in the Master of Avian Medicine degree program, and/or clinical research. Salary and rank are dependent on qualifications and training.

Interested persons should submit their curriculum vitae and names of 3 persons who may be contacted as references. Deadline for receipt of application is March 15, 2003. The search may be reopened/extended.

Direct inquiries and submit applications to: Dr. C. L. Hofacre, Department of Avian Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-4875. Phone (706) 542-1904. Fax: (706) 542-5630. Email: chofacre@uga.edu.

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