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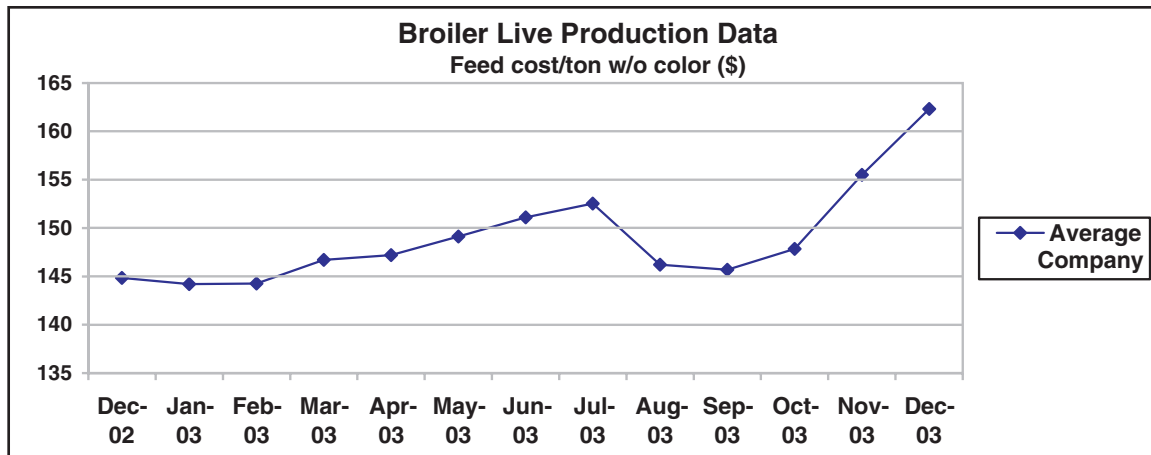
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YEAR IN REVIEW December 2002 — December 2003

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



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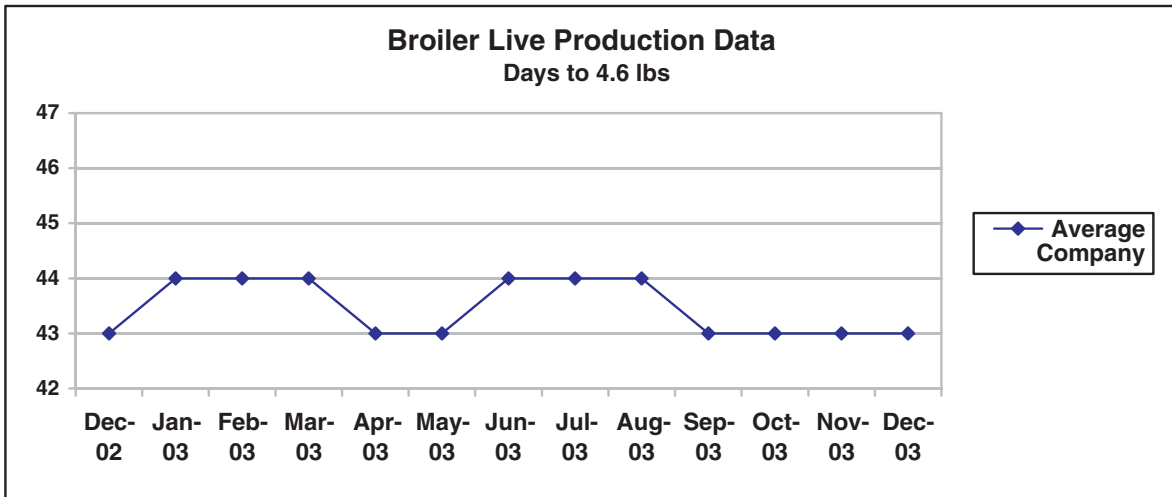
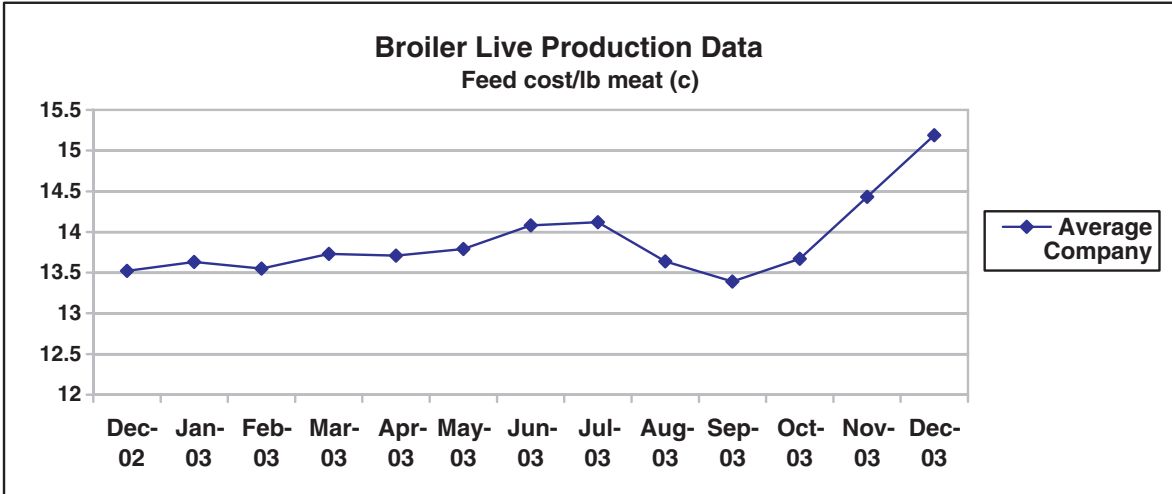
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Broiler Performance Data (Region) Live Production Cost					
	SW	Midwest	Southeast	Mid-Atlantic	S-Central
Feed cost/ton w/o color (\$)	167.42	151.65	170.47	168.98	168.14
Feed cost/lb meat (¢)	15.72	13.91	15.59	16.63	15.61
Days to 4.6 lbs	43	42	43	43	42
Chick cost/lb (¢)	3.85	3.83	4.15	3.56	4.12
Vac-Med cost/lb (¢)	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.06
WB & 1/2 parts condemn. cost/lb	0.20	0.19	0.24	0.24	0.15
% mortality	4.10	4.32	5.15	5.27	4.10
Sq. Ft. @ placement	0.81	0.75	0.75	0.79	0.79
Lbs./Sq. Ft.	6.92	7.25	7.11	7.58	6.84
Down time (days)	15	14	15	14	15

Data for week ending January 24, 2004



Broiler Whole Bird Condemnation (Region)

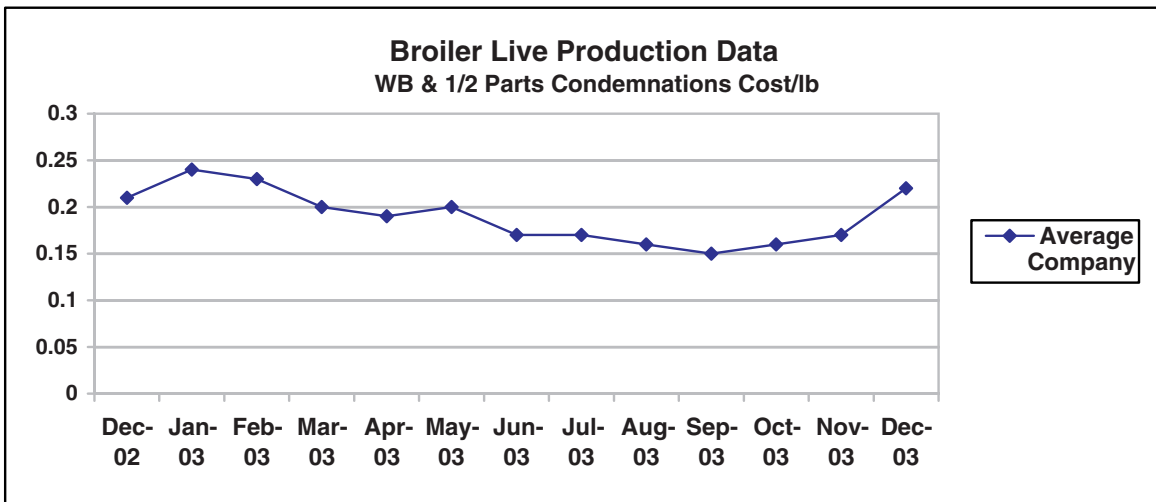
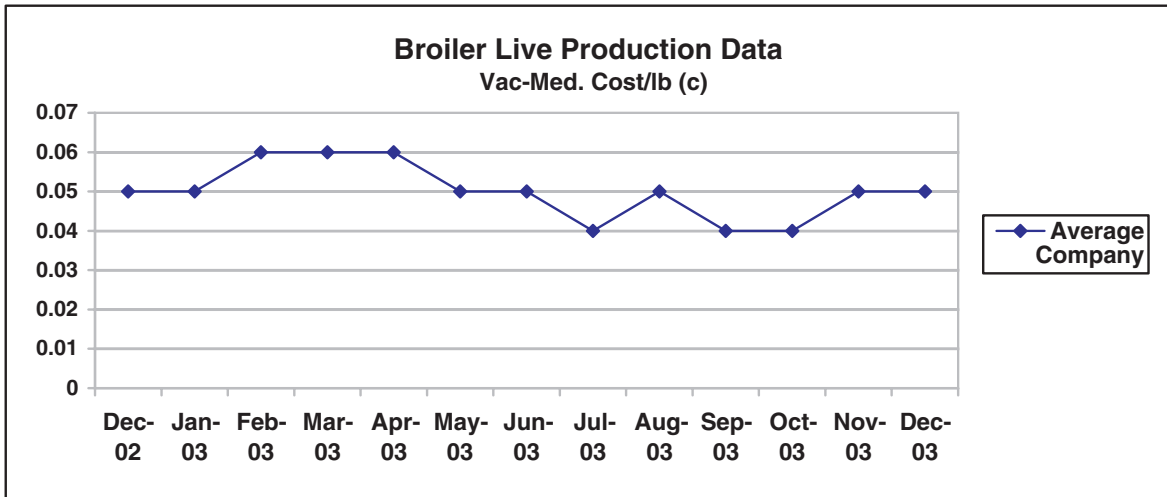
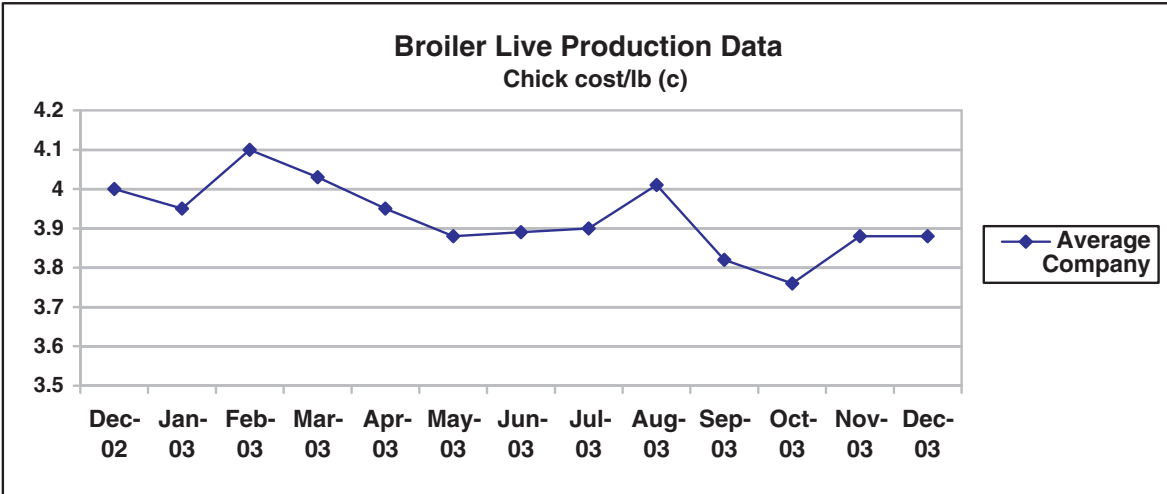
	SW	Mid-West	S. East	Mid-Atlantic	S. Central
% Septox	0.188	0.324	0.319	0.330	0.151
% Airsac	0.046	0.063	0.096	0.136	0.055
% I.P.	0.071	0.029	0.038	0.084	0.057
% Leukosis	0.002	0.004	0.002	0.004	0.001
% Bruise	0.007	0.003	0.009	0.008	0.005
% Other	0.009	0.004	0.018	0.015	0.021
% Total	0.323	0.426	0.481	0.578	0.291
% 1/2 parts condemnations	0.498	0.400	0.428	0.324	0.278

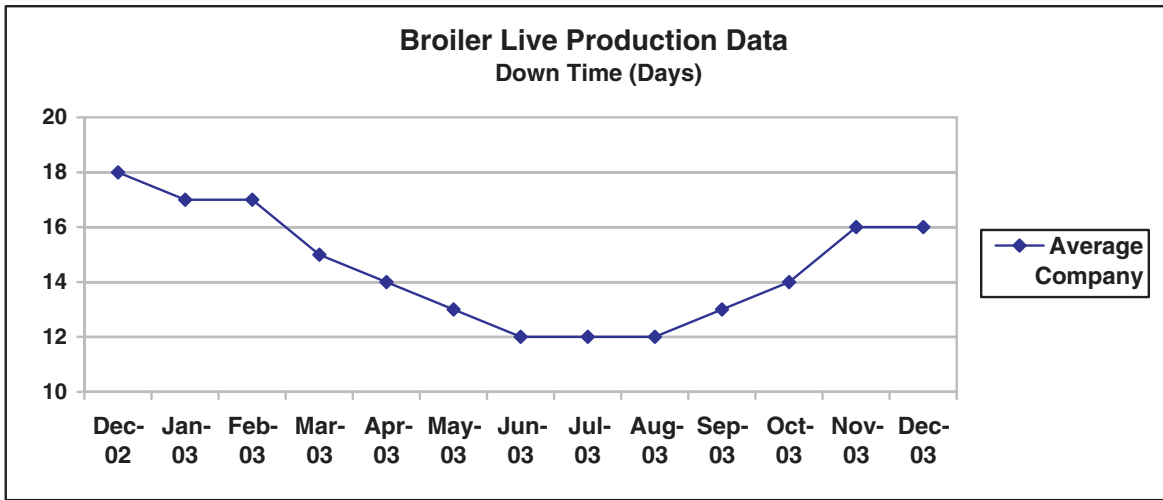
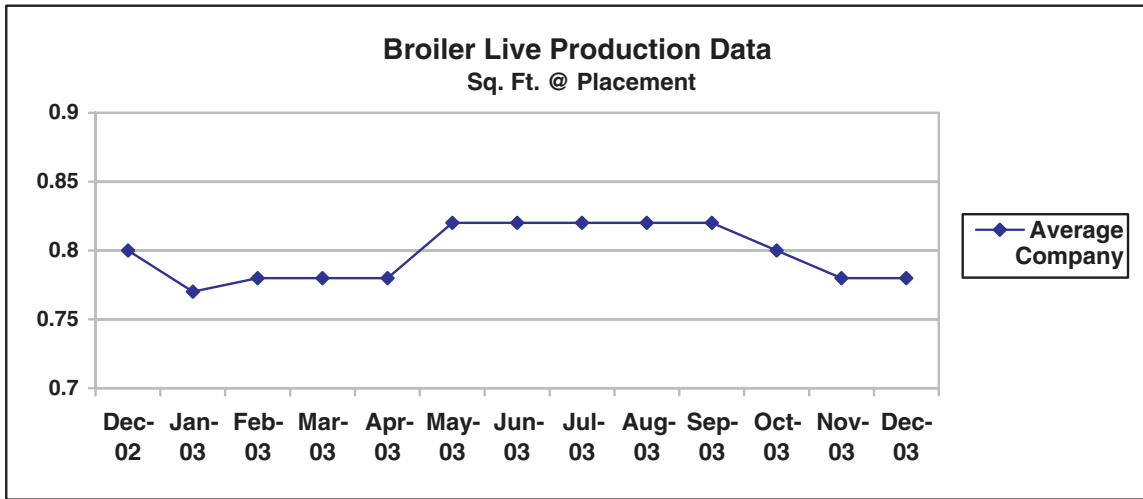
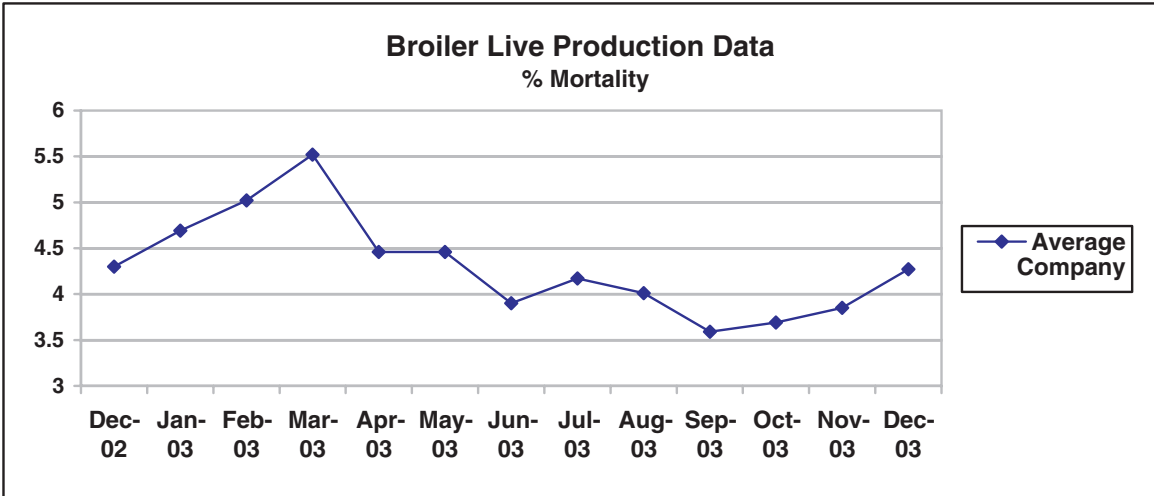
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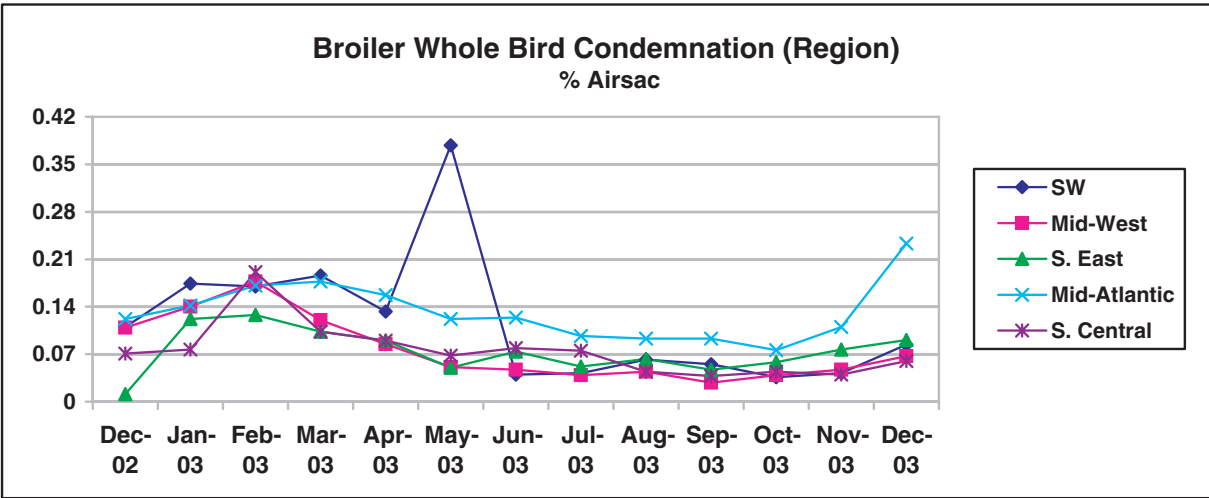
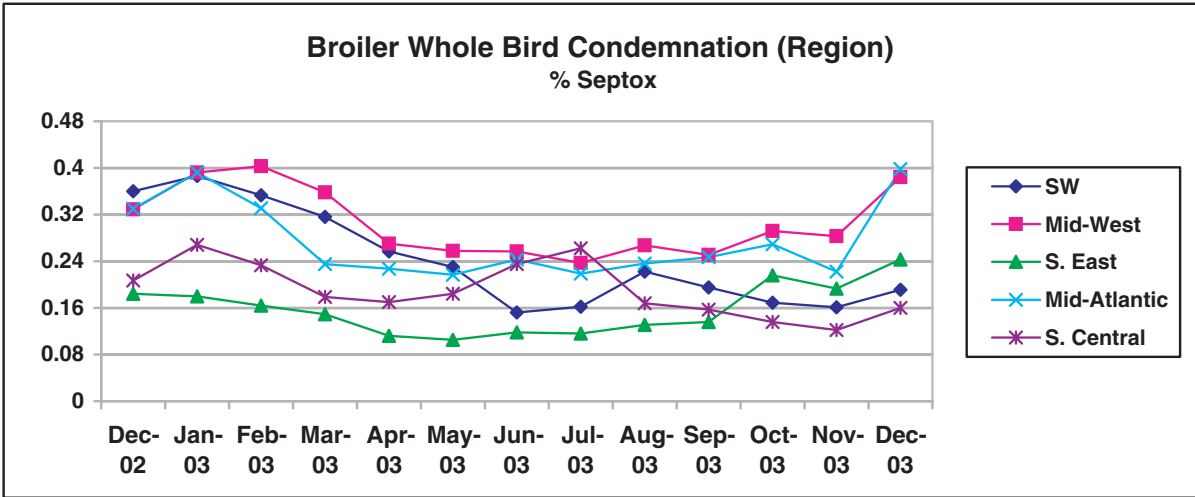
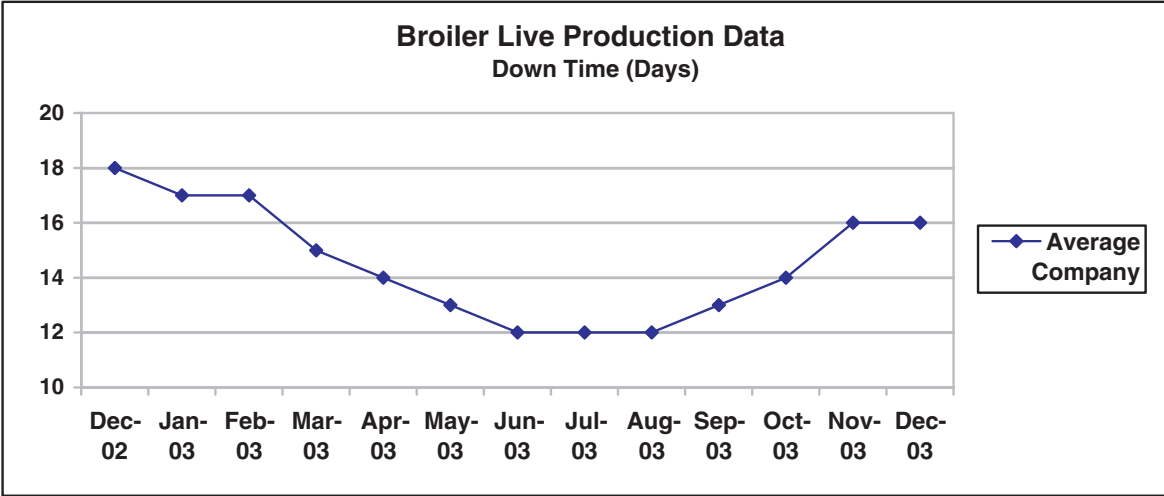
Broiler Performance Data (Company) Live Production Cost

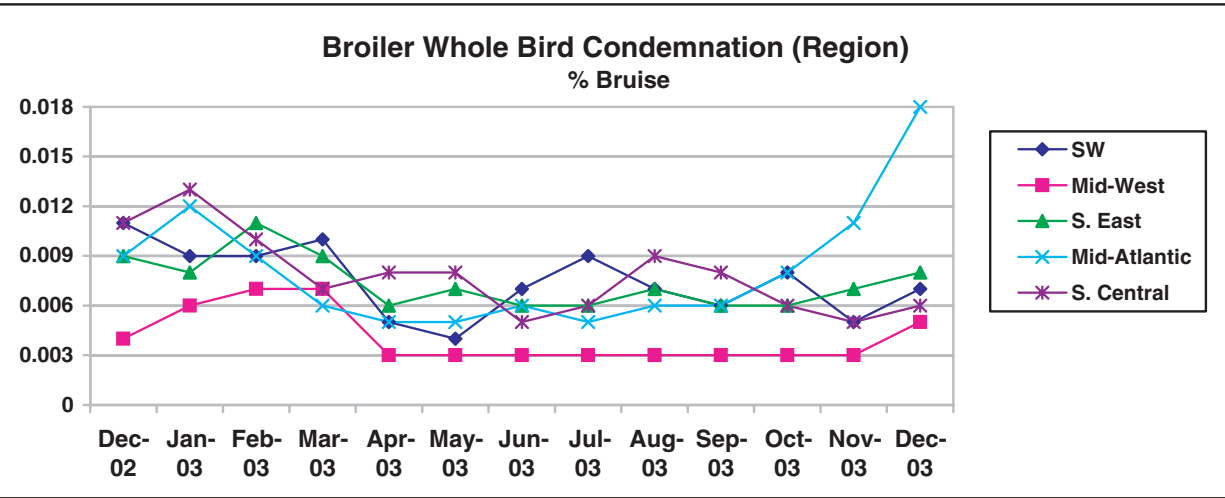
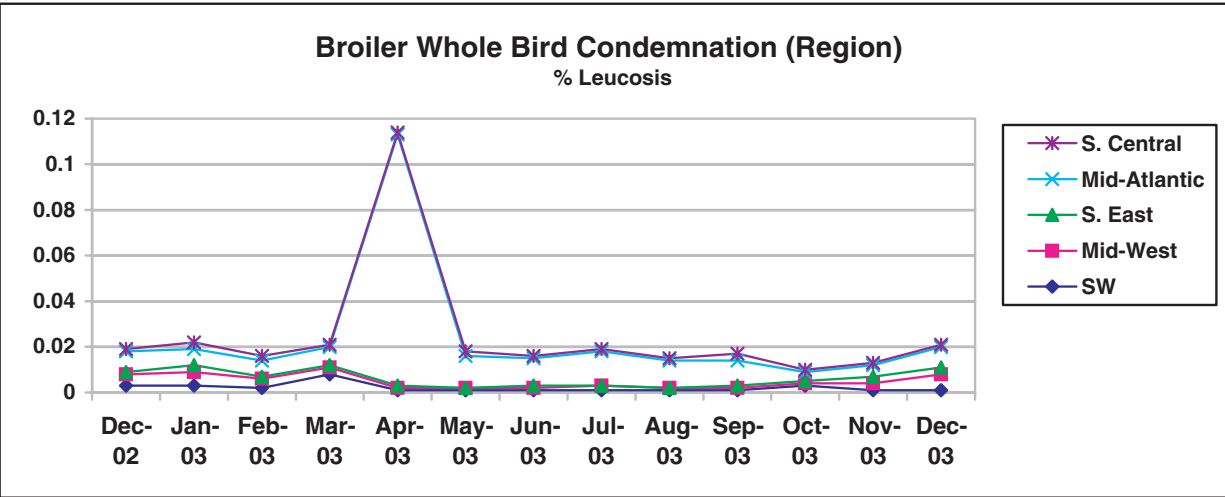
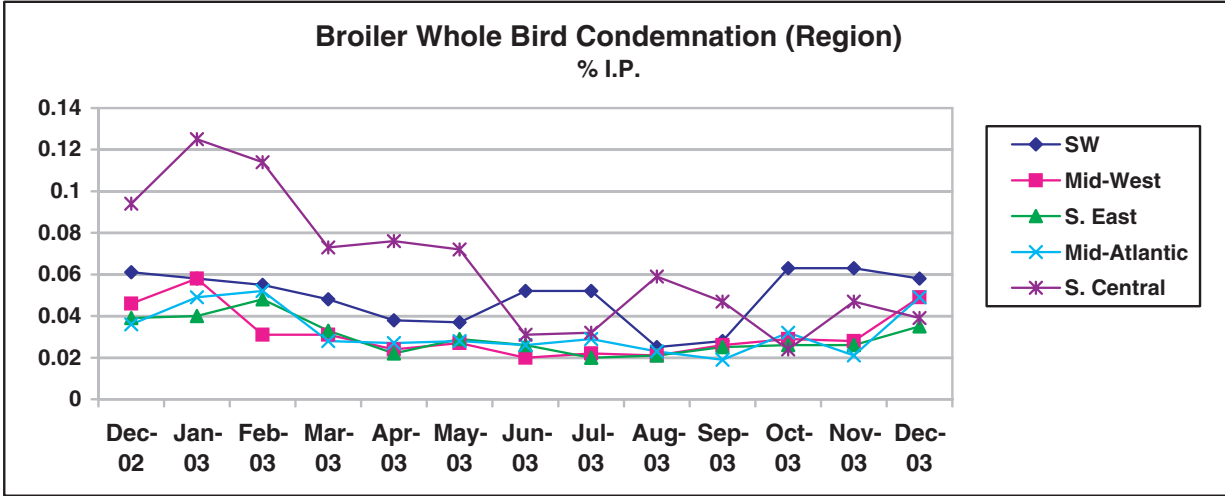
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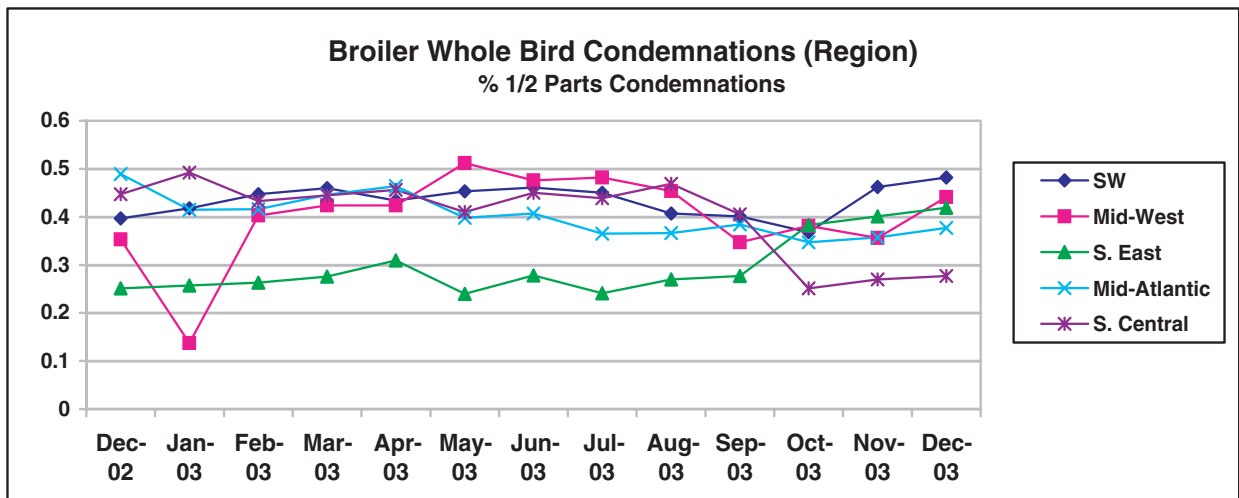
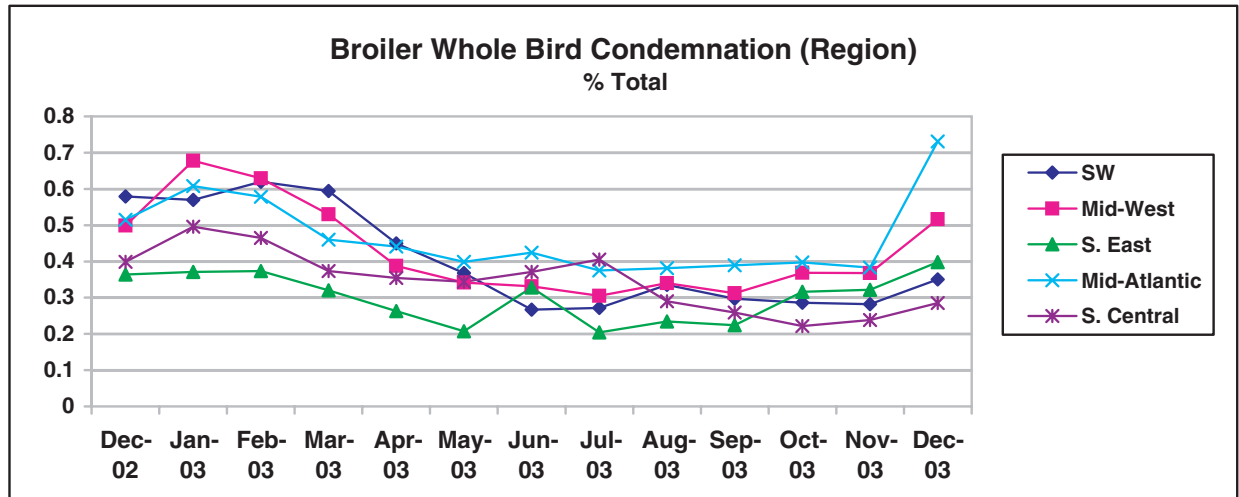
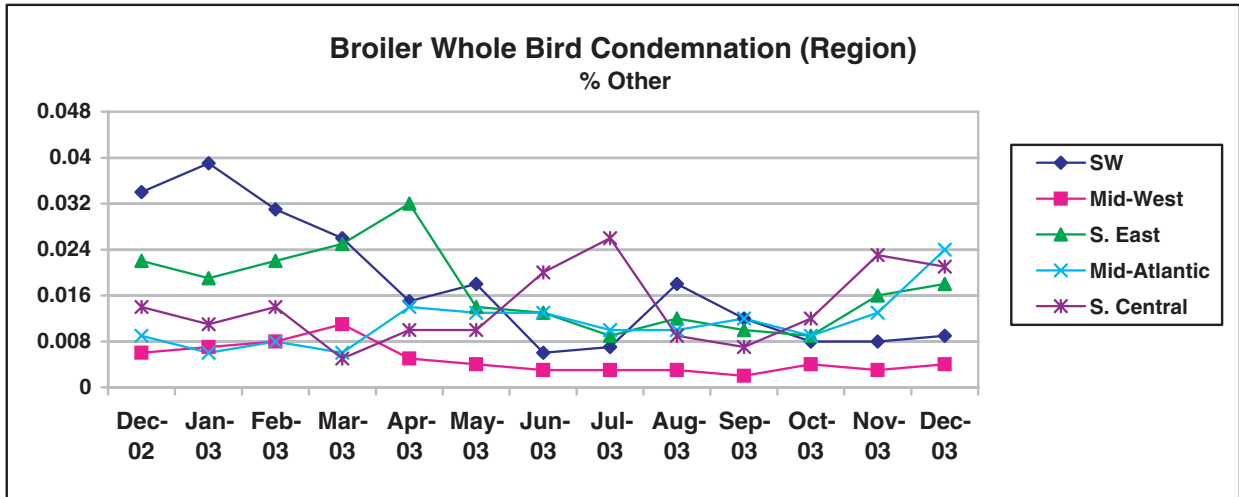
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REMINDER

All previous issues of the Poultry Informed Professional are archived on our website www.avian.uga.edu under the Online Documents and The Poultry Informed Professional links.

Broiler Whole Bird Condemnation (Company)

	Average Co.	Top 25%
% Septox	0.295	0.278
% Airsac	0.106	0.056
% I.P.	0.068	0.027
% Leukosis	0.002	0.004
% Bruise	0.009	0.008
% Other	0.019	0.005
% Total	0.498	0.378
% 1/2 parts condemnations	0.367	0.405

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The Ontario Association of Poultry Practitioners is hosting a technical symposium for poultry veterinarians on May 13th - 15th, 2004 to be held at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. Previous OAPP technical meetings have been very successful and afforded attendees excellent opportunities for learning more about important disease and industry issues. The symposium will feature several internationally recognized speakers. The first day and a half of this workshop will offer an excellent opportunity for general pathology review for poultry veterinarians as well as for candidates preparing for the American College of Poultry Veterinarians board exam. The last day will focus on major causes of immunosuppression and respiratory disease encountered in the field using a case study approach.

This meeting qualifies for a maximum of 6 Continuing Education credits by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

Please contact Hill Taglietti, Elanco Animal Health at 800-265-5475 or 519-821-0277 or by email at jill_taglietti@elanco.com for registration information.



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Excerpts from the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) "Broiler Hatchery," "Chicken and Eggs" and "Turkey Hatchery" Reports and Economic Research Service (ERS) "Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Situation Outlook"

Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

According to the latest National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reports, commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 14, 2004. This was up 3 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 14, 2004. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through February 14, 2004 were 1.17 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

December Egg Production up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.53 billion during December 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 995 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2003 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,225 eggs, up 2 percent from December 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2004, totaled 337 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 337 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.44 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2004, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.02 billion eggs during December 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during December, at 316 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

Individual State estimates are available for the 30 major egg producing States. These States are listed on page 8 of this release and account for approximately 94 percent of the total U.S. egg production. Production for the other States are grouped into an "Other States" category and combined with the 30 States published individually to obtain a U.S. estimate.

Special Note

Preliminary 2002 Census data were used in the review process for the revised 2002 and 2003 layer and egg estimates in this publication. The revised estimates may appear disjointed from

historical data until the release of the 5 - year Final Estimates publications which are scheduled for April 29, 2004.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 6 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 33.9 million, up 6 percent from December 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.7 million on January 1, 2004, up 5 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 242,000 during December 2003, up 29 percent from December 2002.

Broiler Hatch Up 3 Percent

The December 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 778 million, was up 3 percent from December of the previous year. There were 637 million eggs in incubators on January 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.0 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2003, up 8 percent from December 2002.

Turkey Eggs in Incubators on February 1 Down 8 Percent

Turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 28.1 million, down 8 percent from February 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the January 2004 total of 28.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 11 percent; West North Central, down 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 17 percent; South Central, down 9 percent; and West, up 3 percent.

Poults Placed During January Down 8 Percent From Last Year

The 23.3 million poults placed during January 2004 in the United States were down 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1 percent from the December 2003 total of 23.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 12 percent; West North Central, down 6 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 9 percent; South Central, down 5 percent; and West, down 9 percent.

World and Domestic Poultry Markets Roiled By Disease Outbreaks

According to the latest Economic Research Service (ERS) reports, the outlook for world and domestic poultry markets continues to be in a state of upheaval due to outbreaks of Avian Influenza in Asia and the United States. High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been reported in a number of Asian countries, including China and Thailand, two of the world's top poultry producers and exporters. Making the outbreak even more serious is that the strain of HPAI reported in a number of the Asian countries is one that can be transmitted from chickens to people through close contact.

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After the outbreaks were confirmed, many nations placed bans on the importation of all poultry and poultry products from the infected countries. The United States and Brazil are expected to benefit from increased access to these markets. However, U.S. gains may be limited by price competition for certain products in these markets.

However, in the near term U.S. broiler exports have been disrupted by import bans announced by several countries following the announcement that two broiler flocks in Delaware have tested positive for Avian Influenza (AI). Officials in New Jersey have also indicated that AI is present in their State. In tests at live markets in New Jersey, four markets have tested positive for AI. However, officials noted that positive tests at live markets are not unusual. Officials in Pennsylvania have stated that samples from an egg laying flock have been sent to the National Veterinary Services Lab in Iowa for analysis. In the first flock found to be infected in Delaware, tests have confirmed that the AI was a low pathogenic type, one that is not transmittable to humans.

The findings of AI in New Jersey and the possibility of AI in Pennsylvania could greatly expand the time and resources needed for testing and surveillance. Based on 2002 production data, Pennsylvania is not a major poultry producer, accounting for only 2 percent of national broiler production. The picture is basically the same for turkey production, with Pennsylvania accounting for 4 percent of total U.S. production. In both cases New Jersey's production is very small. The possible impact on the egg side is stronger with New Jersey accounting for 1 percent of national production and Pennsylvania accounting for 8 percent.

The HPAI outbreaks in Asia coming on the heels of the discovery of BSE in one cow in Washington State had placed considerable upward pressure on broiler product prices for domestic consumption and export. Some domestic consumers reacted to the finding of BSE by substituting broiler products for beef, and countries like Japan had begun increasing imports of U.S. broiler products after banning imports from Thailand and China. Prices for leg quarters in the Southern market averaged 28.3 cents a pound in January 2004, the highest monthly average since October 2001. The 12-city price for whole broilers averaged 68.7 cents a pound in January, up 3 cents from the previous month and the highest price since September 1998.

This forecast of tight supplies in the U.S. broiler market changed tremendously with the announcement that two broiler flocks in Delaware have tested positive for Avian Influenza (AI). The infected flocks have been destroyed and nearby flocks have been quarantined pending testing.

The full repercussions of the discovery of AI in the Delaware flock are uncertain at this time and will depend on the answers to a number of questions. First, what is the exact strain of AI responsible for the infections? The reaction of importing countries and domestic consumers will certainly be different if both

infected flocks are proven to have low pathogenic AI rather than the HPAI strains impacting much of Asia. Second, will any other flocks test positive for the disease? If the infection is confined to these two flocks the reaction of domestic consumers is expected to be muted. Also if the infection is confined to these two flocks importing nations may be willing to limit their bans strictly to poultry products from Delaware. This has been the case with other disease outbreaks in the United States, but only when other nations have been assured that the outbreak has been confined.

In the short term, the AI outbreak is expected to reduce U.S. broiler exports. U.S. exports are expected to increase about 7 percent to nearly 5.3 billion pounds. The increase was based on the expectation that countries that had been importing poultry products from Thailand and China would turn to Brazil and the United States as alternative sources. However, increases in the first quarter will be smaller as a number of major importers have placed bans on imports from the U.S. pending testing results and containment of the outbreaks.

In 2002, Delaware produced 257 million broilers, or 3 percent of total national production. Delaware is not a major egg or turkey producer. However, the broiler production area of Delaware is close to those in Maryland which produced 292 million broilers in 2002. Maryland does also have egg and turkey production, but in both cases it too is a relatively minor producing State.

Broiler Production Up in 2003, Turkey Production Declines

With the addition of the broiler slaughter data for December 2003, the preliminary estimates of broiler slaughter in 200 are 8.5 billion birds and a production of 32.7 billion pounds of meat. The number of broilers slaughtered is down 0.4 percent from the previous year, while meat production was up 1.3 percent. So, all the increase in meat production was derived from a 1.4-percent increase in average bird weight at slaughter. In 2003, the average live weight at slaughter was 5.19 pounds, up from 5.12 pounds the previous year. Presently, 2004 domestic broiler meat production is estimated at 33.9 billion pounds, an increase of 3.8 percent.

Both the number of turkeys and production of turkey meat declined in 2003. Turkey meat production totaled 5.6 billion pounds in 2003, down 1.2 percent from 2002. The decline was the result of 1.4 percent fewer birds being slaughtered, more than offsetting a small increase in the average live weight of all turkeys at slaughter. Turkey meat production in 2004 is expected to reach 5.7 billion pounds, an increase of less than 1 percent from the previous year.

Meetings, Seminars and Conventions

2004 March

Mar. 7-9: 53rd Western Poultry Disease Conference, Sacramento, California. Contact: Dr. R.P. Chin. Email: rpchin@ucdavis.edu

Mar. 10-11: Nebraska Poultry Industries Annual Convention, New World Inn & Conference Center, Columbus, Nebraska. Contact: Nebraska Poultry Industries, Inc., University of Nebraska, A103 Animal Sciences, P.O. Box 830908, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908. Phone: 402-472-2051

Mar. 11-13: SPSA 2003 (3rd International Exhibition for Animal Health and Production), Algiers, Algeria. Contact: Expofair, CD233, Route de Bouchaoui, Ouled Fayet, Algeria. Phone: +213 21 386 231/2; Fax: +213 21 38 70 58 or email: abensemmane@yahoo.fr

Mar. 16-18: Midwest Poultry Federation Convention, St. Paul, MN. Contact: Lara Durben; Phone: 763-682-2171; Email: lara@midwestpoultry.com

2004 April

April 20: Delmarva Poultry Booster Banquet, Wicomico Youth and Divic Center, Salisbury, Maryland. Contact: Karen Adams; Phone: 302-856-9037; Email: adams@dpickchen.com

Apr. 21-22: 5th Asia Pacific Poultry Health Conference, "Harnessing Science for Poultry Production", Gold Coast, Australia. Contact: Dr. Pat Blackall, (APPHC5), Animal Research Institute, Locked Mail Bag No. 4, Moorooka, QLD 4105, Australia. Fax: + 61 7 3362 9429 or email: pat.blackall@dpi.qld.gov.au

Apr. 22-25: Georgia Poultry Federation Meeting, Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA. Contact: Georgia Poultry Federation, P.O. Box 763, Gainesville, GA 30503; Phone: 770-532-7543; Email: claudette@gapf.org

Apr. 21-23: VIV China, Beijing, China, China International Exhibition Center. Contact: CNAVS Trade Fair Office, c/o Beijing Tech convention & Exhibition Center, Rm 3011, Yuanliwuye Building, No. 23, Hui Xin East Road, Beijing 100029-P.R. China. Phone: +86 10 649 88 358; Fax: +86 10 649 50 374 or Email: fair@public.east.cn.net

Apr. 26-29: Middle East Poultry Show 2004, Dubai World Trade Centre Exhibition Complex, United Arab Emirates. Contact: Mediac Communications & Exhibitions, PO Box 5196, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Phone: +9714 269 2004; Fax: +9714 269 1296 or email: mediac@emirates.net.ae. Website: www.mediacc.com

2004 May

May 11-13: Victam Europe 2004, Jaarbeurs Trade Halls, The Netherlands. Contact: Victam International, P.O. Box 197, 3860 AD Nijkerk, The Netherlands. Phone: +31 33 246 4404; Fax: +31 33 246 4706; Email: expo@victam.com

May 12-13: British Pig and Poultry Fair, Stoneligh Park, Warwickshire, England. Contact them at: Phone: 00 (0) 2476 69 00 or email: info@rase.org.uk

May 13-15: Technical Symposium for Poultry Veterinarians, Ontario Veterinary College, Quelph, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Jill Taglietti, Elanco Animal Health, Phone: 800-265-5475 or 519-821-0277; Email: jill_taglietti@elanco.com

May 22: Georgia Poultry of Knights, Cobb Galleria Centre, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Georgia Poultry Federation, P.O. Box 763, Gainesville, GA 30503; Phone: 770-532-0473; Fax: 770-532-7543; Email: beverly@gapf.org

May 25-27: VIV Russia 2004, Moscow, Russia. Jaarbeurs Exhibitions & Media, P.O. Box 8800, NL-3503 RV Utrecht, The Netherlands. Fax: +31 (0) 30 295 28 09 or email: viv.russia@jem.nl

May 26-28: AveSui 2004, Centrosulli Convention Center, Florianopolis, SC, Brazil. Contact: Gessulli Agribusiness. Phone: +55 15 262 3133; Fax: +55 15 262 3919 or email: glaucioamaral@gessulli.com.br

2004 June

June 1-4: Poultry Industry 2004 International Forum, Crocus Expo Exhibition Center, Moscow, Russia. Contact: Karapetyan Nune, Asti Group Exhibition Company. Phone: +7 095 797 6914; Fax: +7 095 797 6915; Email: nune@meatindustry.ru; Website: www.chickenking.ru

June 8-12: XXII World's Poultry Congress, WPSA Turkish Branch, Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: congress Organiser: ITU Joint Venture, Cumhuriyet Cad. 18/5, 80230 Elmadag, Istanbul, Turkey. Phone: +90 212 231 3021; Fax: +90 212 232 1522; Email: wpsa2004@wpsa2004.org

June 9-11: 76th Annual Northeastern Conference on Avian Diseases (NECAD), Ramada Inn, State College, PA. Contact: P.A. Dunn, Penn State University, Orchard Road, University Park, PA 16802-1110. Phone: 814-863-1983; Fax: 814-865-3907.

June 10-13: VIV Poultry Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey. World Trade Center Yesilkoy. Contact: HKF / Jaarbeurs Exhibitions & Media. Barbaros Bulvari 135/2, Dikilitas ? Besiktas 80700 Istanbul, Turkey. Phone: +90 212 216 4010; Fax: +90 212 216 3360; Email: hkf@hkf-fairs.com

June 16-18: 5th International Poultry & Pig Show (IPPS), Port Messe (Nagoya International Exhibition Hall), Nagoya, Japan. Contact: Kokusai Yokei, International Poultry/Pig Show Japan 2004, 2-6-16 Shinkawa, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0033, Japan. Phone: +81 3 3297 5515; Fax: +81 3 3297 5519

June 16-19: 5th International Symposium on Turkey Diseases, Berlin, Germany. Contact: Prof. Dr. H.M. Hafez, Institute of Poultry Diseases, Free University Berlin, Koserstrasse 21, 14195 Berlin, Germany. Phone: 49-30-8385-3862; Fax: 49-30-8385-5824; Email: hafez@zedat.fu-berlin.de

June 23-25: Georgia Egg Association's 43rd Annual Meeting, St. Simons Island, GA. Contact: Robert Howell, Executive Director, Georgia Egg Association, 16 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297. Phone: 404-363-7661; Fax: 404-363-7664; Email: goodeggs@bellsouth.net

2004 July

July 11-14: 7th International Mareks Disease Symposium, Oxford, UK. Contact: Dr. M. Carr, Institute of Animal Health, Compton Laboratory, Newbury RG20 7NN, UK. Phone: +44 1635 577227; Email: margaret.carr@bbsrc.ac.uk

July 24-28: AVMA/AAAP Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Contact: <http://www.avma.org> or <http://www.aap.info>; Email: aap@uga.edu

2004 August

August 25-27: XVII Central American Poultry Congress, San Pedro Sula, Honduras. See www.anavih.org for details. Contact: Email: anavih@honduras.quik.com

2004 September

September 28-29: Georgia Poultry Conference, Classic Center, Athens, GA. Contact: Georgia Poultry Federation, P.O. Box 763, Gainesville, GA 30503; Phone: 770-532-0473; or Extension Poultry Science, university of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602; Phone: 706-542-1325.

September 27-October 1: International Short Course in Modern Poultry Production, University of Arkansas. Contact: Frank Jones; Phone: 479-575-5443 or email: ftjones@uark.edu

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2004 November

November 9-12: EuroTier 2004, Hanover, Germany. Contact: DLG (Deutsche Landwirtschafts-Gesellschaft e.V.), Eschborner-Landstrasse 122, 60489 Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany. Phone: +49 69 24788 265; Fax: +49 69 24788 113; Email: eurotier@DLG-Frankfurt.de

2005 March

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2005 August

August 22-26: 14th World Veterinary Poultry Congress & Exhibition, Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: Congress organiser: IT Consortium, Mete Cad. 16/11, 34437 Taksim, Istanbul, Turkey. Phone: +90 212 244 71 71; Fax: +90 212 244 71 81; Email: info@wvpc2005.org. Website: www.wvpc2005.org

2005 January

January 26-28: 2005 International Poultry Exposition, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. Contact: US Poultry & Egg Assn., 1530 Cooledge Rd., Tucker, GA 30084; Phone: 770-493-9401; Fax: 770-493-9257, www.poultryegg.org

2005 June

June 22-24: Georgia Egg Association's 44th Annual Meeting, St. Simons Island, GA. Contact: Robert Howell, Executive Director, Georgia Egg Association, 16 Forrest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297. Phone: 404-363-7661; Fax: 404-363-7664; Email: goodeggs@bellsouth.net

2008 August

August 10-15: XXIII World's Poultry Congress, Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Australia.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS

General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan. The General Conference Committee is the official Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture that serves as a forum for the study of problems relating to poultry health and as the need arises, to make specific recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning ways in which the Department may assist the industry in solving these problems.

The General Conference Committee consists of one member-at-large who is a participant of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and one member elected from each of the six geographical regions outlined in 9 CFR 147.43. There must be at least two nominees for each position up for election. The regions that are up for election in 2004 are 1) South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico; 2) South Central Region: Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; 3) West North Central: Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas. Voting will be done by secret ballot, and the results must be recorded. At least one nominee from each region up for election must be from an underrepresented group (minorities, women, or persons with disabilities). The process of soliciting nominations for regional committee members will include, but not limited to: Advertisements in at least two industry journals, such as the newsletter of the American Association of Avian Pathologists, the National Chicken Council, the United Egg Producers, and the National Turkey Federation; a Federal Register Announcement; and special inquiries for nominations from universities and faculty in poultry science and veterinary science.

The three regional members shall be elected at each Plan Conference. All members shall serve for a period of 4 years, subject to continuation of the Committee by the Secretary of Agriculture, and may not succeed themselves. Nominations should be sent to the executive secretary of the General Conference Committee by no later than May 1, 2004:

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Broiler Performance Data (Region) Live Production Cost					
	SW	Midwest	Southeast	Mid-Atlantic	S-Central
Feed cost/ton w/o color (\$)	165.41	148.94	167.63	165.04	164.68
Feed cost/lb meat (¢)	15.30	13.74	15.27	16.32	15.28
Days to 4.6 lbs	42	42	43	43	42
Chick cost/lb (¢)	3.87	3.81	4.13	3.52	4.06
Vac-Med cost/lb (¢)	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.06
WB & 1/2 parts condemn. cost/lb	0.20	0.23	0.21	0.29	0.14
% mortality	3.58	3.82	4.77	5.43	3.74
Sq. Ft. @ placement	0.81	0.74	0.75	0.80	0.79
Lbs./Sq. Ft.	6.67	7.30	7.02	7.70	6.74
Down time (days)	16	14	16	14	16

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**Broiler Performance Data (Company)
Live Production Cost**

	Average Co.	Top 25%
Feed cost/ton w/o color (\$)	164.32	148.27
Feed cost/lb meat (¢)	15.20	13.90
Days to 4.6 lbs	42	41
Chick cost/lb (¢)	4.04	3.37
Vac-Med cost/lb (¢)	0.05	0.04
WB & 1/2 parts condemn. cost/lb	0.21	0.18
% mortality	4.22	3.35
Sq. Ft. @ placement	0.78	0.77
Lbs./Sq. Ft.	6.89	7.67
Down time (days)	15	17

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**Broiler Whole Bird Condemnation
(Company)**

	Average Co.	Top 25%
% Septox	0.254	0.396
% Airsac	0.103	0.103
% I.P.	0.044	0.028
% Leukosis	0.003	0.004
% Bruise	0.009	0.009
% Other	0.016	0.004
% Total	0.429	0.543
% 1/2 parts condemnations	0.386	0.238

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Broiler Whole Bird Condemnation (Region)

	SW	Mid-West	S. East	Mid-Atlantic	S. Central
% Septox	0.191	0.384	0.243	0.398	0.160
% Airsac	0.084	0.067	0.091	0.233	0.060
% I.P.	0.058	0.049	0.035	0.049	0.039
% Leukosis	0.001	0.007	0.003	0.009	0.001
% Bruise	0.007	0.005	0.008	0.018	0.006
% Other	0.009	0.004	0.018	0.024	0.021
% Total	0.350	0.516	0.398	0.731	0.285
% 1/2 parts condemnations	0.482	0.446	0.419	0.377	0.277

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