



Chickens and Eggs

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December Egg Production Down 8 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.05 billion during December 2015, down 8 percent from last year. Production included 6.91 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 91 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2015 averaged 345 million, down 6 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,333 eggs, down 2 percent from December 2014.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2016 totaled 347 million, down 5 percent from last year. The 347 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2016, averaged 74.8 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from January 1, 2015.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 10 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2015 totaled 47.3 million, up 10 percent from December 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 48.0 million on January 1, 2016, up 14 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 215 thousand during December 2015, down 13 percent from December 2014.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up Slightly

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2015 totaled 798 million, up slightly from December 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 645 million on January 1, 2016, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.54 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2015, up 11 percent from December 2014.

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Average Number of All Layers on Hand During the Month – United States: 2015-2016

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Month | 2015 | | 2016 | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | (1,000 layers) | | (1,000 layers) | |
| December ¹ | | 365,691 | | 345,094 |
| January | | 363,732 | | |
| February | | 362,338 | | |
| March | | 362,501 | | |
| April | | 358,416 | | |
| May | | 341,647 | | |
| June | | 328,656 | | |
| July | | 328,993 | | |
| August | | 330,868 | | |
| September | | 333,554 | | |
| October | | 336,193 | | |
| November | | 340,478 | | |

¹ December preceding year.

Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2015-2016

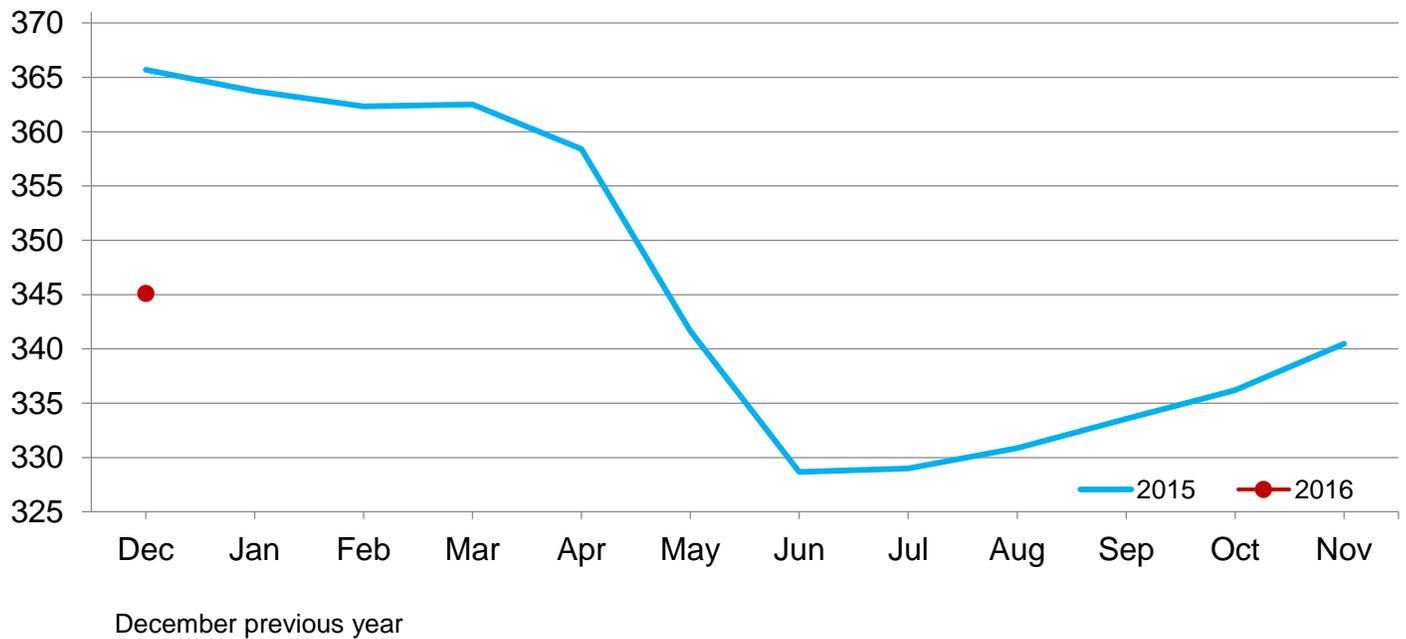
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| Month | Total eggs | | Table eggs | | Hatching eggs | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 |
| | (million eggs) |
| December ¹ | 8,731 | 8,052 | 7,633 | 6,912 | 1,098 | 1,140 |
| January | 8,540 | | 7,428 | | 1,112 | |
| February | 7,620 | | 6,615 | | 1,006 | |
| March | 8,548 | | 7,429 | | 1,119 | |
| April | 8,209 | | 7,113 | | 1,096 | |
| May | 7,993 | | 6,851 | | 1,142 | |
| June | 7,416 | | 6,307 | | 1,109 | |
| July | 7,674 | | 6,527 | | 1,147 | |
| August | 7,717 | | 6,571 | | 1,146 | |
| September | 7,496 | | 6,398 | | 1,098 | |
| October | 7,793 | | 6,663 | | 1,130 | |
| November | 7,692 | | 6,597 | | 1,095 | |
| During year | 95,429 | | 82,132 | | 13,298 | |

¹ December preceding year.

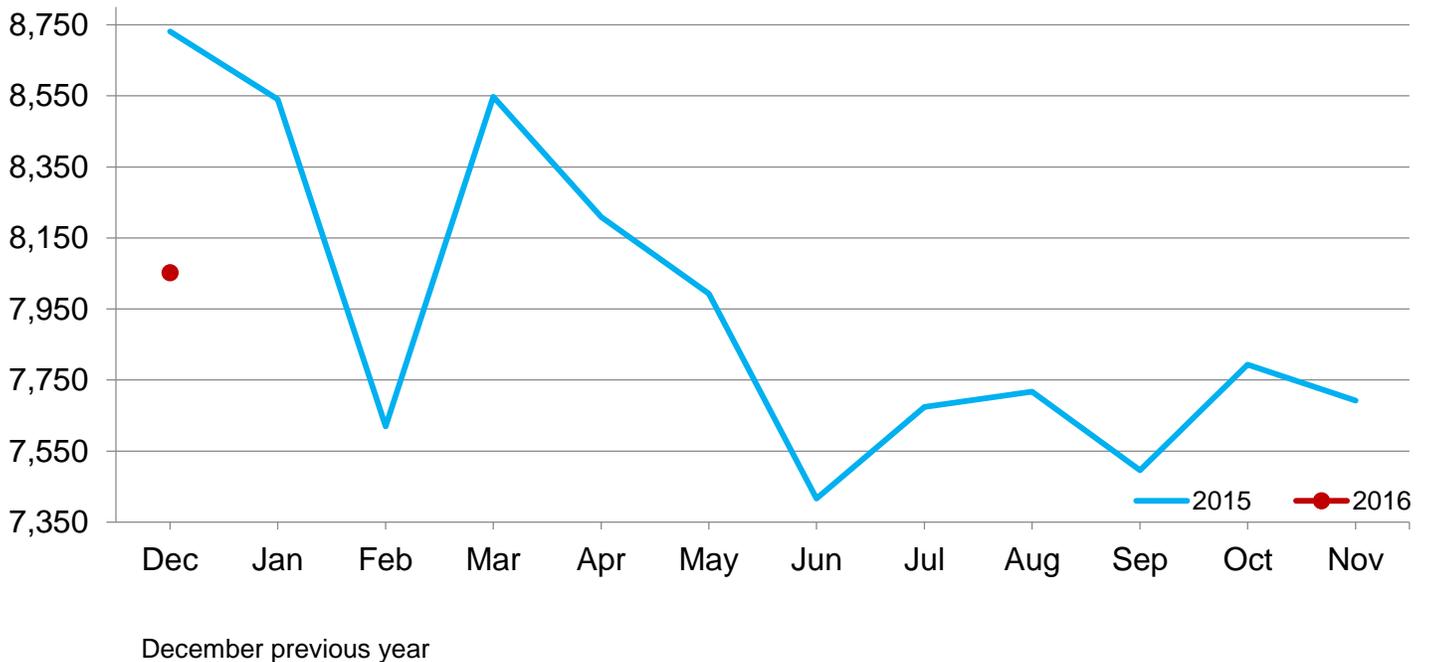
Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



All Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:
November-December 2014 and 2015**

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

| Item | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 |
|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| Layers during November | | | |
| All layers1,000 | 364,017 | 340,478 | 94 |
| Table egg type1,000 | 308,126 | 282,336 | 92 |
| Hatching egg type1,000 | 55,891 | 58,142 | 104 |
| Broiler-type hatching1,000 | 52,717 | 54,605 | 104 |
| Egg-type hatching1,000 | 3,174 | 3,537 | 111 |
| Eggs per 100 layers during November | | | |
| All layers number | 2,311 | 2,259 | 98 |
| Table egg type number | 2,386 | 2,337 | 98 |
| Hatching egg type number | 1,893 | 1,883 | 99 |
| Broiler-type hatching number | 1,861 | 1,851 | 99 |
| Egg-type hatching number | 2,426 | 2,375 | 98 |
| Eggs produced during November | | | |
| All layers million | 8,411 | 7,692 | 91 |
| Table egg type million | 7,353 | 6,597 | 90 |
| Hatching egg type million | 1,058 | 1,095 | 103 |
| Broiler-type hatching million | 981 | 1,011 | 103 |
| Egg-type hatching million | 77 | 84 | 109 |
| Layers on December 1 | | | |
| All layers1,000 | 366,045 | 343,523 | 94 |
| Table egg type1,000 | 310,052 | 285,157 | 92 |
| Hatching egg type1,000 | 55,993 | 58,366 | 104 |
| Broiler-type hatching1,000 | 52,811 | 54,757 | 104 |
| Egg-type hatching1,000 | 3,182 | 3,609 | 113 |
| Eggs per 100 layers on December 1 | | | |
| All layers number | 77.3 | 75.5 | 98 |
| Table egg type number | 80.0 | 78.1 | 98 |
| Hatching egg type number | 62.6 | 62.7 | 100 |
| Broiler-type hatching number | 61.6 | 61.6 | 100 |
| Egg-type hatching number | 79.8 | 80.7 | 101 |
| Molted layers on December 1 | | | |
| Being moltedpercent | 1.3 | 1.7 | 131 |
| Molt completedpercent | 19.3 | 21.8 | 113 |
| Layers sold for slaughter during November1,000 | 13,483 | 13,119 | 97 |
| Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during November1,000 | 7,234 | 5,980 | 83 |
| Pullets on December 11,000 | 106,602 | 116,816 | 110 |
| Pullets added during November ¹1,000 | 23,639 | 26,253 | 111 |

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: December-January 2014-2016

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

| Item | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 |
|--|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| Layers during December | | | |
| All layers1,000 | 365,691 | 345,094 | 94 |
| Table egg type1,000 | 309,117 | 286,640 | 93 |
| Hatching egg type1,000 | 56,574 | 58,454 | 103 |
| Broiler-type hatching1,000 | 53,257 | 54,832 | 103 |
| Egg-type hatching1,000 | 3,317 | 3,622 | 109 |
| Eggs per 100 layers during December | | | |
| All layersnumber | 2,388 | 2,333 | 98 |
| Table egg typenumber | 2,469 | 2,411 | 98 |
| Hatching egg typenumber | 1,941 | 1,950 | 100 |
| Broiler-type hatchingnumber | 1,908 | 1,913 | 100 |
| Egg-type hatchingnumber | 2,472 | 2,512 | 102 |
| Eggs produced during December | | | |
| All layers million | 8,731 | 8,052 | 92 |
| Table egg type million | 7,633 | 6,912 | 91 |
| Hatching egg type million | 1,098 | 1,140 | 104 |
| Broiler-type hatching million | 1,016 | 1,049 | 103 |
| Egg-type hatching million | 82 | 91 | 111 |
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2016 as percent of 2015 |
| Layers on January 1 | | | |
| All layers1,000 | 365,314 | 346,638 | 95 |
| Table egg type1,000 | 308,168 | 288,106 | 93 |
| Hatching egg type1,000 | 57,146 | 58,532 | 102 |
| Broiler-type hatching1,000 | 53,699 | 54,902 | 102 |
| Egg-type hatching1,000 | 3,447 | 3,629 | 105 |
| Eggs per 100 layers on January 1 | | | |
| All layersnumber | 76.6 | 74.8 | 98 |
| Table egg typenumber | 79.1 | 77.3 | 98 |
| Hatching egg typenumber | 62.6 | 62.8 | 100 |
| Broiler-type hatchingnumber | 61.6 | 61.6 | 100 |
| Egg-type hatchingnumber | 78.9 | 81.8 | 104 |
| Molted layers on January 1 | | | |
| Percent being moltedpercent | 2.1 | 2.5 | 119 |
| Percent with molt completedpercent | 18.1 | 21.2 | 117 |
| Layers sold for slaughter during December1,000 | 14,317 | 13,394 | 94 |
| Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during December1,000 | 8,667 | 6,580 | 76 |
| Pullets on January 11,000 | 106,793 | 117,553 | 110 |
| Pullets added during December ¹1,000 | 23,684 | 25,622 | 108 |

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During November 2014 and 2015

| State | Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above | | All layers | | Eggs per 100 for all layers | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (eggs) | (eggs) |
| Alabama | 1,500 | 1,568 | 9,138 | 9,601 | 1,937 | 1,916 |
| Arkansas | 3,866 | 3,909 | 12,462 | 13,557 | 2,022 | 1,955 |
| California | 14,653 | 11,749 | 15,110 | 12,241 | 2,369 | 2,247 |
| Colorado | 4,390 | 4,193 | 4,763 | 4,681 | 2,456 | 2,414 |
| Connecticut /1 | 2,249 | (NA) | 2,343 | (NA) | 2,262 | (NA) |
| Florida | 8,536 | 8,803 | 8,936 | 9,196 | 2,406 | 2,240 |
| Georgia | 9,812 | 10,175 | 18,609 | 19,107 | 2,166 | 2,151 |
| Illinois | 4,481 | 4,647 | 4,963 | 5,109 | 2,297 | 2,427 |
| Indiana | 26,017 | 29,103 | 26,884 | 30,090 | 2,347 | 2,409 |
| Iowa | 58,523 | 34,460 | 59,688 | 35,632 | 2,317 | 2,094 |
| | | | | | | |
| Maine /1 | 3,511 | (NA) | 3,566 | (NA) | 2,299 | (NA) |
| Maryland | 2,613 | 2,480 | 2,778 | 2,652 | 2,340 | 2,376 |
| Michigan | 12,985 | 12,904 | 13,200 | 13,120 | 2,409 | 2,454 |
| Minnesota | 10,848 | 8,861 | 11,305 | 9,319 | 2,326 | 2,339 |
| Mississippi | 1,489 | 1,462 | 5,490 | 5,646 | 2,058 | 2,019 |
| Missouri | 6,736 | 7,478 | 8,944 | 9,688 | 2,337 | 2,364 |
| Nebraska | 9,447 | 6,528 | 9,555 | 6,636 | 2,501 | 2,215 |
| New York | 4,762 | 5,290 | 5,110 | 5,652 | 2,485 | 2,424 |
| North Carolina | 6,546 | 7,012 | 14,176 | 14,738 | 2,088 | 2,083 |
| Ohio | 30,416 | 30,954 | 31,278 | 31,804 | 2,407 | 2,393 |
| | | | | | | |
| Oregon | 2,121 | 2,166 | 2,260 | 2,305 | 2,566 | 2,516 |
| Pennsylvania | 23,942 | 23,672 | 25,823 | 25,750 | 2,509 | 2,450 |
| South Carolina | 2,895 | 3,092 | 4,156 | 4,338 | 2,238 | 2,282 |
| South Dakota | 2,473 | 1,414 | 2,615 | 1,556 | 2,371 | 2,185 |
| Texas | 15,163 | 16,048 | 19,188 | 20,048 | 2,272 | 2,160 |
| Utah | 4,417 | 4,470 | 4,455 | 4,508 | 2,424 | 2,218 |
| Virginia | 1,268 | 1,247 | 2,977 | 2,947 | 2,183 | 2,273 |
| Washington | 6,838 | 7,090 | 6,981 | 7,255 | 2,364 | 2,412 |
| Wisconsin | 4,656 | 4,342 | 5,435 | 5,120 | 2,392 | 2,383 |
| | | | | | | |
| Other States ² | 12,953 | 19,154 | 21,829 | 28,182 | 2,190 | 2,221 |
| | | | | | | |
| United States | 300,106 | 274,271 | 364,017 | 340,478 | 2,311 | 2,259 |

(NA) Not available.

¹ Included in Other States in 2015.

² Includes data for States not published in this table.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During December 2014 and 2015

| State | Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above | | All layers | | Eggs per 100 for all layers | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (eggs) | (eggs) |
| Alabama | 1,588 | 1,561 | 9,274 | 9,608 | 1,984 | 1,978 |
| Arkansas | 3,786 | 3,960 | 12,620 | 13,727 | 2,108 | 2,062 |
| California | 13,581 | 11,821 | 14,080 | 12,292 | 2,379 | 2,351 |
| Colorado | 4,300 | 4,118 | 4,673 | 4,574 | 2,440 | 2,514 |
| Connecticut ¹ | 2,326 | (NA) | 2,419 | (NA) | 2,315 | (NA) |
| Florida | 8,731 | 8,784 | 9,112 | 9,175 | 2,447 | 2,376 |
| Georgia | 10,127 | 10,462 | 18,950 | 19,387 | 2,211 | 2,233 |
| Illinois | 4,509 | 4,560 | 4,979 | 5,018 | 2,350 | 2,511 |
| Indiana | 26,124 | 29,364 | 27,009 | 30,335 | 2,444 | 2,469 |
| Iowa | 58,738 | 36,733 | 59,930 | 37,938 | 2,423 | 2,140 |
| | | | | | | |
| Maine ¹ | 3,478 | (NA) | 3,533 | (NA) | 2,378 | (NA) |
| Maryland | 2,661 | 2,638 | 2,827 | 2,809 | 2,441 | 2,492 |
| Michigan | 12,878 | 12,922 | 13,093 | 13,138 | 2,551 | 2,504 |
| Minnesota | 11,108 | 8,961 | 11,563 | 9,418 | 2,447 | 2,421 |
| Mississippi | 1,514 | 1,471 | 5,600 | 5,658 | 2,107 | 2,139 |
| Missouri | 6,837 | 7,619 | 9,063 | 9,789 | 2,438 | 2,472 |
| Nebraska | 9,464 | 7,431 | 9,572 | 7,539 | 2,549 | 2,175 |
| New York | 4,809 | 5,392 | 5,161 | 5,763 | 2,577 | 2,464 |
| North Carolina | 6,724 | 6,914 | 14,404 | 14,768 | 2,201 | 2,235 |
| Ohio | 30,203 | 30,786 | 31,062 | 31,643 | 2,450 | 2,437 |
| | | | | | | |
| Oregon | 2,144 | 2,116 | 2,283 | 2,255 | 2,628 | 2,528 |
| Pennsylvania | 24,093 | 23,863 | 26,031 | 25,991 | 2,582 | 2,516 |
| South Carolina | 3,012 | 3,067 | 4,281 | 4,338 | 2,172 | 2,328 |
| South Dakota | 2,510 | 1,447 | 2,652 | 1,589 | 2,564 | 2,329 |
| Texas | 15,096 | 16,368 | 19,150 | 20,397 | 2,355 | 2,299 |
| Utah | 4,407 | 4,368 | 4,445 | 4,406 | 2,520 | 2,315 |
| Virginia | 1,260 | 1,198 | 2,948 | 2,928 | 2,239 | 2,322 |
| Washington | 7,113 | 6,999 | 7,278 | 7,164 | 2,446 | 2,443 |
| Wisconsin | 4,831 | 4,453 | 5,609 | 5,231 | 2,460 | 2,409 |
| | | | | | | |
| Other States ² | 13,084 | 19,215 | 22,090 | 28,216 | 2,277 | 2,307 |
| | | | | | | |
| United States | 301,036 | 278,591 | 365,691 | 345,094 | 2,388 | 2,333 |

(NA) Not available.

¹ Included in Other States in 2015.

² Includes data for States not published in this table.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: November 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

| State | Total production | | Table eggs | | Hatching eggs | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) |
| Alabama | 177 | 184 | 38 | 39 | 139 | 145 |
| Arkansas | 252 | 265 | 94 | 92 | 158 | 173 |
| California | 358 | 275 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Colorado | 117 | 113 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Connecticut ¹ | 53 | (NA) | (D) | (NA) | (D) | (NA) |
| Florida | 215 | 206 | 210 | 202 | 5 | 4 |
| Georgia | 403 | 411 | 237 | 239 | 166 | 172 |
| Illinois | 114 | 124 | 109 | 120 | 5 | 4 |
| Indiana | 631 | 725 | 615 | 706 | 16 | 19 |
| Iowa | 1,383 | 746 | 1,367 | 730 | 16 | 16 |
| | | | | | | |
| Maine ¹ | 82 | (NA) | (D) | (NA) | (D) | (NA) |
| Maryland | 65 | 63 | 64 | 62 | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan | 318 | 322 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Minnesota | 263 | 218 | 257 | 212 | 6 | 6 |
| Mississippi | 113 | 114 | 37 | 35 | 76 | 79 |
| Missouri | 209 | 229 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Nebraska | 239 | 147 | 239 | 147 | - | - |
| New York | 127 | 137 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| North Carolina | 296 | 307 | 158 | 167 | 138 | 140 |
| Ohio | 753 | 761 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| | | | | | | |
| Oregon | 58 | 58 | 58 | 58 | - | - |
| Pennsylvania | 648 | 631 | 621 | 603 | 27 | 28 |
| South Carolina | 93 | 99 | 71 | 76 | 22 | 23 |
| South Dakota | 62 | 34 | 62 | 34 | - | - |
| Texas | 436 | 433 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Utah | 108 | 100 | 108 | 100 | - | - |
| Virginia | 65 | 67 | 35 | 37 | 30 | 30 |
| Washington | 165 | 175 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Wisconsin | 130 | 122 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| | | | | | | |
| Other States ² | 478 | 626 | 346 | 494 | 132 | 132 |
| | | | | | | |
| United States | 8,411 | 7,692 | 7,353 | 6,597 | 1,058 | 1,095 |

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Included in Other States in 2015.

² Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: December 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

| State | Total production | | Table eggs | | Hatching eggs | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) |
| Alabama | 184 | 190 | 41 | 41 | 143 | 149 |
| Arkansas | 266 | 283 | 97 | 100 | 169 | 183 |
| California | 335 | 289 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Colorado | 114 | 115 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Connecticut ¹ | 56 | (NA) | (D) | (NA) | (D) | (NA) |
| Florida | 223 | 218 | 218 | 214 | 5 | 4 |
| Georgia | 419 | 433 | 248 | 258 | 171 | 175 |
| Illinois | 117 | 126 | 112 | 122 | 5 | 4 |
| Indiana | 660 | 749 | 644 | 729 | 16 | 20 |
| Iowa | 1,452 | 812 | 1,436 | 794 | 16 | 18 |
| | | | | | | |
| Maine ¹ | 84 | (NA) | (D) | (NA) | (D) | (NA) |
| Maryland | 69 | 70 | 68 | 69 | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan | 334 | 329 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Minnesota | 283 | 228 | 277 | 221 | 6 | 7 |
| Mississippi | 118 | 121 | 39 | 38 | 79 | 83 |
| Missouri | 221 | 242 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Nebraska | 244 | 164 | 244 | 164 | - | - |
| New York | 133 | 142 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| North Carolina | 317 | 330 | 175 | 183 | 142 | 147 |
| Ohio | 761 | 771 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| | | | | | | |
| Oregon | 60 | 57 | 60 | 57 | - | - |
| Pennsylvania | 672 | 654 | 643 | 622 | 29 | 32 |
| South Carolina | 93 | 101 | 71 | 77 | 22 | 24 |
| South Dakota | 68 | 37 | 68 | 37 | - | - |
| Texas | 451 | 469 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Utah | 112 | 102 | 112 | 102 | - | - |
| Virginia | 66 | 68 | 35 | 36 | 31 | 32 |
| Washington | 178 | 175 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Wisconsin | 138 | 126 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| | | | | | | |
| Other States ² | 503 | 651 | 367 | 516 | 136 | 135 |
| | | | | | | |
| United States | 8,731 | 8,052 | 7,633 | 6,912 | 1,098 | 1,140 |

- Represents zero.

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¹ Included in Other States in 2015.

² Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Molted as Percent of All Layers by Month – United States: 2015-2016

[As of the first of the month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Month | Being molted | | Molt completed | |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| January | 2.1 | 2.5 | 18.1 | 21.2 |
| February | 3.3 | | 17.9 | |
| March | 1.9 | | 18.9 | |
| April | 2.0 | | 18.0 | |
| May | 3.1 | | 17.7 | |
| June | 2.4 | | 17.5 | |
| July | 2.9 | | 18.4 | |
| August | 2.7 | | 19.5 | |
| September | 3.4 | | 20.1 | |
| October | 3.4 | | 20.9 | |
| November | 3.2 | | 21.2 | |
| December | 1.7 | | 21.8 | |

Molted as Percent of All Layers – States and United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016

[As of the first of the month]

| State | Being molted | | Molt completed | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alabama | 1.5 | - | 7.5 | 9.5 |
| Arkansas | 2.0 | 1.5 | 14.0 | 19.0 |
| California | 1.5 | 2.5 | 33.0 | 17.5 |
| Colorado | - | 1.5 | 21.5 | 18.0 |
| Connecticut ¹ | - | (NA) | 8.5 | (NA) |
| Florida | 3.0 | 4.0 | 40.5 | 63.5 |
| Georgia | 3.0 | 2.0 | 17.5 | 18.0 |
| Illinois | - | 6.5 | 12.5 | 26.5 |
| Indiana | 1.0 | 3.0 | 24.5 | 24.0 |
| Iowa | 4.0 | 3.5 | 24.5 | 32.5 |
| Maine ¹ | - | (NA) | - | (NA) |
| Maryland | - | - | - | - |
| Michigan | 2.0 | 0.5 | 10.0 | 8.5 |
| Minnesota | 4.0 | 5.0 | 18.0 | 14.0 |
| Mississippi | 1.5 | 2.0 | 14.0 | 24.0 |
| Missouri | - | 1.5 | 14.5 | 15.0 |
| Nebraska | 1.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 17.0 |
| New York | - | 2.5 | 7.0 | 2.0 |
| North Carolina | 1.5 | 0.5 | 15.5 | 18.0 |
| Ohio | 2.0 | 4.0 | 21.5 | 21.5 |
| Oregon | 6.0 | 4.5 | 16.0 | 17.0 |
| Pennsylvania | - | 2.0 | 1.5 | 6.0 |
| South Carolina | - | 2.5 | 8.0 | 12.0 |
| South Dakota | - | 6.5 | 7.5 | 30.0 |
| Texas | 3.5 | 3.0 | 30.5 | 47.5 |
| Utah | 1.0 | 3.5 | 28.5 | 34.5 |
| Virginia | - | - | 22.0 | 16.5 |
| Washington | 3.0 | 3.0 | 18.5 | 28.0 |
| Wisconsin | 7.5 | 2.0 | 26.5 | 19.0 |
| Other States ² | 1.1 | 0.9 | 10.6 | 8.4 |
| United States | 2.1 | 2.5 | 18.1 | 21.2 |

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Included in Other States in 2015.

² Includes data for States not published in this table.

Hatchery Production – United States: 2015 and 2016

[December preceding year]

| Item | 2015 | 2016 | 2016 as percent of 2015 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000) | (1,000) | (percent) |
| Egg-type | | | |
| Eggs in incubators on January 1 | 42,237 | 47,967 | 114 |
| Chicks hatched during December | 42,980 | 47,296 | 110 |
| Chicks hatched January through December | 518,346 | 563,161 | 109 |
| Pullets hatched during December for intended placements: | | | |
| Hatchery supply flocks | 248 | 215 | 87 |
| Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹ | 2,927 | 3,238 | 111 |
| Broiler-type | | | |
| Eggs in incubators on January 1 | 644,179 | 644,822 | 100 |
| Chicks hatched during December | 795,846 | 798,169 | 100 |
| Chicks hatched January through December | 9,160,978 | 9,313,182 | 102 |
| Pullets hatched during December for intended placements: | | | |
| Hatchery supply flocks | 6,795 | 7,544 | 111 |
| Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ² | 61,835 | 65,038 | 105 |

¹ 2016 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2014 through May 2015.

² 2016 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2014 through May 2015.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2014-2016

[See regional listing on page 19]

| Region | December 1 | | 2015 as percent of 2014 | January 1 | | 2016 as percent of 2015 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | | 2015 | 2016 | |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (percent) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (percent) |
| North Atlantic | 5,465 | 9,414 | 172 | 5,872 | 9,793 | 167 |
| East North Central | 9,710 | 9,376 | 97 | 9,258 | 9,303 | 100 |
| West North Central | 11,651 | 11,822 | 101 | 11,702 | 10,912 | 93 |
| South Atlantic | 4,099 | 5,361 | 131 | 4,527 | 5,435 | 120 |
| South Central | 6,052 | 6,471 | 107 | 5,643 | 6,435 | 114 |
| West | 5,029 | 5,870 | 117 | 5,235 | 6,089 | 116 |
| United States | 42,006 | 48,314 | 115 | 42,237 | 47,967 | 114 |

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2014-2015

| Month | By months | | | Cumulative | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) |
| January | 44,458 | 44,174 | 99 | 44,458 | 44,174 | 99 |
| February | 40,986 | 43,091 | 105 | 85,444 | 87,265 | 102 |
| March | 44,233 | 50,077 | 113 | 129,677 | 137,342 | 106 |
| April | 45,703 | 49,595 | 109 | 175,380 | 186,937 | 107 |
| May | 49,146 | 47,652 | 97 | 224,526 | 234,589 | 104 |
| June | 44,006 | 46,868 | 107 | 268,532 | 281,457 | 105 |
| July | 42,297 | 42,582 | 101 | 310,829 | 324,039 | 104 |
| August | 39,803 | 46,863 | 118 | 350,632 | 370,902 | 106 |
| September | 43,722 | 48,972 | 112 | 394,354 | 419,874 | 106 |
| October | 44,468 | 49,953 | 112 | 438,822 | 469,827 | 107 |
| November | 36,544 | 46,038 | 126 | 475,366 | 515,865 | 109 |
| December | 42,980 | 47,296 | 110 | 518,346 | 563,161 | 109 |

Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month – United States: 2014-2016

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Month | Pullet chicks hatched | | 2015 as percent of 2014 | Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ¹ | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | | 2015 | 2016 |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) |
| January | 270 | 270 | 100 | 2,947 | 3,386 |
| February | 243 | 309 | 127 | 2,955 | 3,378 |
| March | 235 | 346 | 147 | 2,863 | 3,293 |
| April | 243 | 219 | 90 | 2,987 | 3,121 |
| May | 224 | 235 | 105 | 3,206 | 3,082 |
| June | 172 | 320 | 186 | 3,178 | 3,149 |
| July | 275 | 267 | 97 | 3,074 | 3,116 |
| August | 251 | 166 | 66 | 3,074 | |
| September | 394 | 222 | 56 | 3,140 | |
| October | 369 | 330 | 89 | 3,251 | |
| November | 150 | 217 | 145 | 3,227 | |
| December | 248 | 215 | 87 | 3,238 | |
| Total | 3,074 | 3,116 | 101 | | |

¹ For December 2015, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched June 2014 through May 2015. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2014-2016

[See regional listing on page 19]

| Region | December 1 | | 2015 as percent of 2014 | January 1 | | 2016 as percent of 2015 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | | 2015 | 2016 | |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (percent) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (percent) |
| North Atlantic | 14,898 | 14,442 | 97 | 14,477 | 14,371 | 99 |
| East North Central | 14,257 | 14,267 | 100 | 14,160 | 14,462 | 102 |
| West North Central | 30,074 | 30,073 | 100 | 30,091 | 29,281 | 97 |
| South Atlantic | 252,445 | 245,750 | 97 | 250,748 | 247,548 | 99 |
| South Central | 314,568 | 317,877 | 101 | 312,218 | 316,208 | 101 |
| West | 24,250 | 23,715 | 98 | 22,485 | 22,952 | 102 |
| United States | 650,492 | 646,124 | 99 | 644,179 | 644,822 | 100 |

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: December 2014 and 2015

| State | During December | | | January-December | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) |
| Alabama | 106,783 | 108,374 | 101 | 1,237,866 | 1,264,427 | 102 |
| Arkansas | 80,963 | 81,762 | 101 | 918,311 | 941,313 | 103 |
| Delaware | 17,278 | 17,844 | 103 | 194,464 | 206,488 | 106 |
| Florida | 4,587 | 4,692 | 102 | 52,979 | 52,584 | 99 |
| Georgia | 126,432 | 125,032 | 99 | 1,466,691 | 1,459,450 | 100 |
| Kentucky | 28,285 | 28,266 | 100 | 332,980 | 335,272 | 101 |
| Louisiana | 14,134 | 13,343 | 94 | 165,504 | 164,896 | 100 |
| Maryland | 28,973 | 29,012 | 100 | 327,674 | 338,955 | 103 |
| Mississippi | 66,806 | 67,612 | 101 | 765,662 | 777,114 | 101 |
| Missouri | 30,692 | 30,286 | 99 | 362,271 | 356,234 | 98 |
| North Carolina | 77,203 | 76,669 | 99 | 888,789 | 906,060 | 102 |
| Oklahoma | 24,349 | 24,340 | 100 | 286,273 | 281,146 | 98 |
| Pennsylvania | 16,547 | 17,707 | 107 | 189,523 | 196,948 | 104 |
| South Carolina | 19,177 | 19,443 | 101 | 211,936 | 231,797 | 109 |
| Texas | 54,926 | 56,659 | 103 | 632,482 | 655,735 | 104 |
| Virginia | 23,957 | 23,419 | 98 | 285,805 | 281,132 | 98 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 44,798 | 44,690 | 100 | 498,302 | 516,451 | 104 |
| 19 States ¹ | 765,890 | 769,150 | 100 | 8,817,512 | 8,966,002 | 102 |
| Other States ² | 29,956 | 29,019 | 97 | 343,466 | 347,180 | 101 |
| United States | 795,846 | 798,169 | 100 | 9,160,978 | 9,313,182 | 102 |

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2014-2015

| Month | By months | | | Cumulative | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 as percent of 2014 |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) |
| January | 772,825 | 792,176 | 103 | 772,825 | 792,176 | 103 |
| February | 694,277 | 711,223 | 102 | 1,467,102 | 1,503,399 | 102 |
| March | 771,618 | 791,109 | 103 | 2,238,720 | 2,294,508 | 102 |
| April | 750,447 | 772,833 | 103 | 2,989,167 | 3,067,341 | 103 |
| May | 783,136 | 809,044 | 103 | 3,772,303 | 3,876,385 | 103 |
| June | 764,412 | 787,193 | 103 | 4,536,715 | 4,663,578 | 103 |
| July | 785,896 | 804,756 | 102 | 5,322,611 | 5,468,334 | 103 |
| August | 789,582 | 798,392 | 101 | 6,112,193 | 6,266,726 | 103 |
| September | 757,650 | 760,797 | 100 | 6,869,843 | 7,027,523 | 102 |
| October | 762,311 | 754,598 | 99 | 7,632,154 | 7,782,121 | 102 |
| November | 732,978 | 732,892 | 100 | 8,365,132 | 8,515,013 | 102 |
| December | 795,846 | 798,169 | 100 | 9,160,978 | 9,313,182 | 102 |

Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2014-2016

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Month | Pullet chicks hatched | | 2015 as percent of 2014 | Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ¹ | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| | 2014 (1,000 chicks) | 2015 (1,000 chicks) | | 2015 (1,000 chicks) | 2016 (1,000 chicks) |
| United States placements | | | | | |
| January | 6,470 | 6,959 | 108 | 62,018 | 65,575 |
| February | 7,239 | 7,921 | 109 | 61,999 | 66,180 |
| March | 6,790 | 7,160 | 105 | 62,220 | 66,496 |
| April | 6,710 | 6,995 | 104 | 62,804 | 68,274 |
| May | 7,600 | 7,541 | 99 | 63,157 | 68,178 |
| June | 7,094 | 7,790 | 110 | 63,509 | 67,487 |
| July | 6,212 | 7,428 | 120 | 63,514 | 67,871 |
| August | 7,436 | 7,907 | 106 | 63,763 | |
| September | 7,253 | 8,573 | 118 | 64,084 | |
| October | 6,823 | 6,863 | 101 | 64,150 | |
| November | 7,591 | 7,230 | 95 | 64,933 | |
| December | 6,795 | 7,544 | 111 | 65,038 | |
| Annual total | 84,013 | 89,911 | 107 | | |
| Total placements ² | | | | | |
| January | 8,077 | 8,382 | 104 | | |
| February | 9,068 | 9,546 | 105 | | |
| March | 8,702 | 8,875 | 102 | | |
| April | 8,122 | 8,358 | 103 | | |
| May | 9,470 | 9,409 | 99 | | |
| June | 9,021 | 9,785 | 108 | | |
| July | 7,916 | 9,907 | 125 | | |
| August | 9,413 | 10,040 | 107 | | |
| September | 9,228 | 10,810 | 117 | | |
| October | 8,288 | 8,681 | 105 | | |
| November | 9,540 | 8,872 | 93 | | |
| December | 8,649 | 9,321 | 108 | | |
| Annual total | 105,494 | 111,986 | 106 | | |

¹ For December 2015, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched September 2014 through May 2015.

² United States production of intended placements worldwide.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Primary data for the *Chickens and Eggs* report are from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for layer and egg estimates from each known contractor and independent producer who has at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 500 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Data for egg-type hatchery estimates are collected monthly from all egg-type hatcheries that hatch at least 50,000 chicks a year.

Estimating Procedures: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the 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 are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS 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.

For chicken hatcheries, chicks hatched consist of all chicks of domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. Eggs set are eggs in incubators for the purpose of hatching. The relationship of egg-type chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings are carefully monitored. The disposition of egg-type chicks hatched prior to placement into the laying flock can vary significantly, which can make comparisons to changes in layer inventory inconsistent over time. Broiler chicks placed are specifically for meat production. Intended placement data reported by leading breeders include pullet chicks expected from eggs sold the preceding month. The breeders in this report account for a large percentage of replacement pullets for hatchery supply flocks. Production of replacement pullets by these breeders indicates the number of pullets available to hatchery supply layer flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the laying flocks. "Hatchery Supply Flocks" include all generations of layers which could lay eggs to supply a hatchery. This includes the generations of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, pedigree, etc. Also included are research flocks, vaccine flocks, and specific pathogen-free flocks. The broiler cumulative potential placements are a moving total of the intended placements 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months earlier represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

Revision Policy: The previous month's estimates are subject to revision if late reports or corrected data indicates a different level. Additionally, revisions after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the annual reports of *Chickens and Eggs Summary* and *Hatchery Production Summary*. Estimates will also be reviewed for chickens and eggs after data from the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Estimates are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets, or 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 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 all layers over the past 24 months is 1.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 345 million layers by more than 1.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.6 percent.

Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past twenty-four months]

| Item | Root mean square error | 90 percent confidence level | Difference between first and latest estimate | | | | |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | | Average | Smallest | Largest | Months | |
| | | | | | | Below latest | Above latest |
| All layers | (percent) 1.5 | (percent) 2.6 | (1,000) 3,919 | (1,000) 37 | (1,000) 10,105 | (number) 21 | (number) 3 |
| Eggs | 1.6 | 2.7 | (million) 94 | (million) 1 | (million) 271 | 21 | 3 |

Egg-Type Regional Listing

North Atlantic: Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania.
East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin.
West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri.
South Atlantic: Florida, Georgia, Virginia.
South Central: Alabama, Mississippi, Texas.
West: California, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon.

Broiler-Type Regional Listing

North Atlantic: New York, Pennsylvania.
East North Central: Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin.
West North Central: Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri.
South Atlantic: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia.
South Central: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas.
West: California, Oregon, Washington.

Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

All Layers includes both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

Intended Placements are reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per case of 30 dozen eggs.

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