



# Chickens and Eggs

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## October Egg Production Down 2 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.50 billion during October 2020, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 8.24 billion table eggs, and 1.25 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.17 billion were broiler-type and 79.8 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during October 2020 totaled 386 million, down 3 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,459 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2019.

Total layers in the United States on November 1, 2020 totaled 388 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 388 million layers consisted of 324 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.14 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2020, averaged 79.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from November 1, 2019.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 3 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2020 totaled 50.6 million, down 3 percent from October 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 44.6 million on November 1, 2020, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 197,000 during October 2020, down 1 percent from October 2019.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2020 totaled 805 million, down 1 percent from October 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 660 million on November 1, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.07 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2020, up 7 percent from October 2019.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2019-2020

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Month	2019		2020	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		402,924		404,190
January .....		402,763		402,081
February .....		403,552		396,817
March .....		405,672		395,443
April .....		404,691		392,308
May .....		400,109		386,179
June .....		394,862		382,097
July .....		392,313		379,205
August .....		393,317		380,098
September .....		395,509		383,568
October .....		398,404		386,390
November .....		401,764		

<sup>1</sup> December previous year.

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2019-2020

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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,692.5	9,809.0	8,515.1	8,601.0	1,177.4	1,208.0
January .....	9,658.0	9,708.0	8,475.6	8,486.6	1,182.4	1,221.4
February .....	8,688.7	8,945.0	7,603.8	7,790.9	1,084.9	1,154.1
March .....	9,674.8	9,534.2	8,469.9	8,294.3	1,204.9	1,239.9
April .....	9,378.2	9,085.3	8,209.7	7,881.8	1,168.5	1,203.5
May .....	9,618.0	9,099.3	8,401.2	7,860.2	1,216.8	1,239.1
June .....	9,215.3	8,805.2	8,037.9	7,597.8	1,177.4	1,207.4
July .....	9,453.5	9,269.7	8,240.8	8,014.5	1,212.7	1,255.2
August .....	9,490.9	9,297.6	8,286.6	8,040.5	1,204.3	1,257.1
September .....	9,222.8	9,030.6	8,061.5	7,810.8	1,161.3	1,219.8
October .....	9,663.9	9,499.5	8,458.0	8,244.8	1,205.9	1,254.7
November .....	9,496.8		8,329.3		1,167.5	

<sup>1</sup> December previous year.

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2019-2020

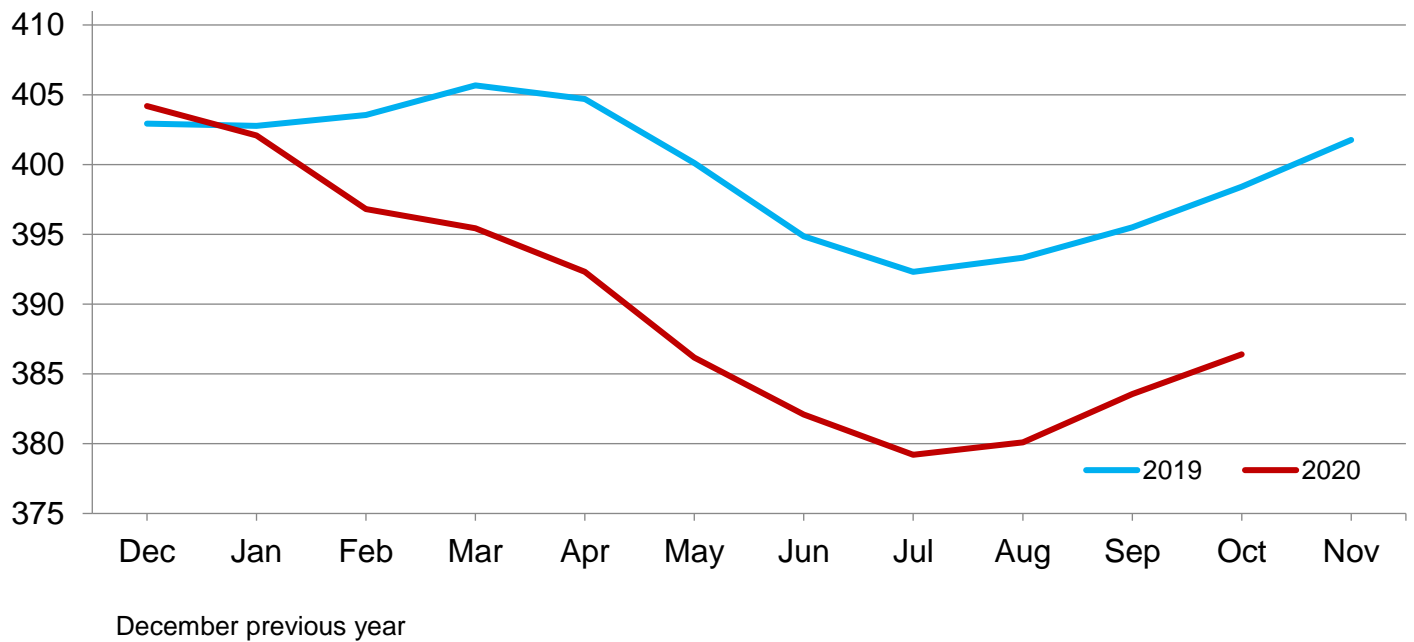
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	807,707.9	817,416.3	709,591.3	716,749.8	98,116.6	100,666.5
January .....	804,833.1	808,999.8	706,299.8	707,216.7	98,533.3	101,783.1
February .....	724,058.2	745,416.1	633,650.0	649,241.5	90,408.2	96,174.6
March .....	806,233.1	794,516.7	705,824.9	691,191.6	100,408.2	103,325.1
April .....	781,516.3	757,107.8	684,141.5	656,816.3	97,374.8	100,291.5
May .....	801,499.8	758,274.7	700,099.8	655,016.5	101,400.0	103,258.2
June .....	767,941.8	733,766.4	669,825.2	633,149.8	98,116.6	100,616.6
July .....	787,791.3	772,475.2	686,733.3	667,874.9	101,058.0	104,600.3
August .....	790,908.3	774,800.0	690,550.2	670,041.5	100,358.1	104,758.5
September .....	768,566.2	752,550.2	671,791.1	650,900.1	96,775.1	101,650.1
October .....	805,325.0	791,625.4	704,833.4	687,066.8	100,491.6	104,558.6
November .....	791,399.9		694,108.5		97,291.4	

<sup>1</sup> December previous year.

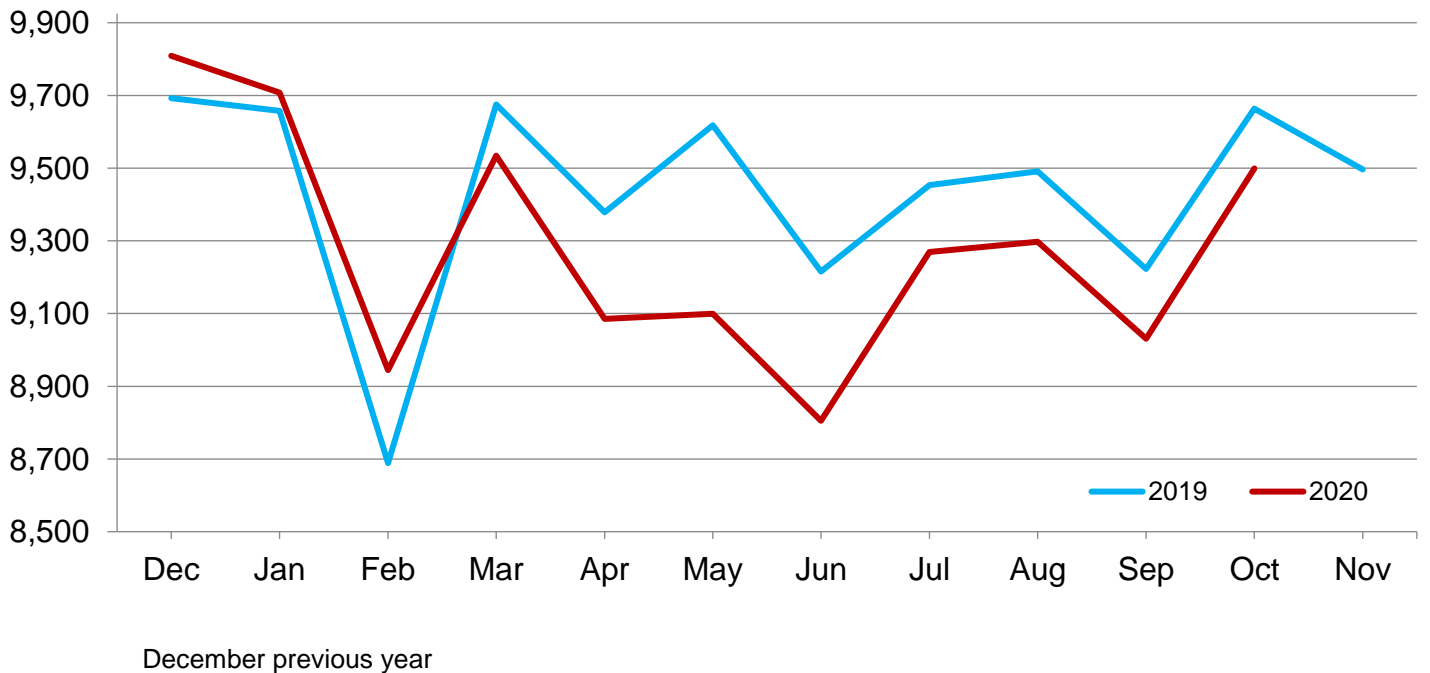
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
September-October 2019 and 2020**

Item	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
<b>Layers during September</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	395,509	383,568	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	333,566	319,593	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	61,943	63,975	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	58,503	60,752	104
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,440	3,223	94
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during September</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,332	2,354	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,417	2,444	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,875	1,907	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,844	1,875	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,398	2,513	105
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,222.8	9,030.6	98
Table egg type ..... million	8,061.5	7,810.8	97
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,161.3	1,219.8	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,078.8	1,138.8	106
Egg-type hatching ..... million	82.5	81.0	98
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	768,566.2	752,550.2	98
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	671,791.1	650,900.1	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	96,775.1	101,650.1	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	89,899.9	94,899.8	106
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	6,875.2	6,750.3	98
<b>Layers on October 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	396,565	385,173	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	334,532	321,428	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	62,033	63,745	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	58,508	60,630	104
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,525	3,115	88
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on October 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	77.6	78.8	102
Table egg type ..... number	80.3	81.9	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.6	63.6	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	61.5	62.6	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	79.9	84.2	105
<b>Molted layers on October 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	1.9	2.3	121
Molt completed ..... percent	13.0	14.8	114
Layers sold for slaughter during September ..... 1,000	13,824.4	12,422.0	90
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during September ..... 1,000	9,325.9	9,968.9	107
Pullets on October 1 ..... 1,000	126,015	120,735	96
Pullets added during September <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	26,518.0	27,531.5	104

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
October-November 2019 and 2020**

Item	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
<b>Layers during October</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	398,404	386,390	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	336,090	322,671	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	62,314	63,719	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	58,779	60,590	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,535	3,129	89
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during October</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,426	2,459	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,517	2,555	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,935	1,969	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,900	1,939	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,518	2,550	101
<b>Eggs produced during October</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,663.9	9,499.5	98
Table egg type ..... million	8,458.0	8,244.8	97
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,205.9	1,254.7	104
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,116.9	1,174.9	105
Egg-type hatching ..... million	89.0	79.8	90
<b>Eggs produced during October</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	805,325.0	791,625.4	98
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	704,833.4	687,066.8	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	100,491.6	104,558.6	104
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	93,075.0	97,908.5	105
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,416.6	6,650.1	90
<b>Layers on November 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	400,204	387,577	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	337,628	323,899	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	62,576	63,678	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	59,038	60,539	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,538	3,139	89
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on November 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	78.9	79.7	101
Table egg type ..... number	82.0	82.9	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.3	63.4	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	61.0	62.5	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	83.1	80.1	96
<b>Molted layers on November 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	1.5	1.2	80
Molt completed ..... percent	13.2	15.5	117
Layers sold for slaughter during October ..... 1,000	12,720.7	14,362.8	113
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during October ..... 1,000	11,164.8	9,093.4	81
Pullets on November 1 ..... 1,000	124,005	120,062	97
Pullets added during October <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,273.3	27,195.0	100

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During September 2019 and 2020

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,458	1,408	9,977	10,634	1,872	1,885
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	14,447	16,185	2,008	2,049
California .....	13,164	12,722	13,782	13,449	2,283	2,321
Colorado .....	4,499	4,651	5,012	5,159	2,544	2,504
Georgia .....	9,174	9,805	19,394	20,107	2,091	2,136
Illinois .....	6,047	5,410	6,631	5,977	2,458	2,381
Indiana .....	33,092	33,120	34,278	34,430	2,358	2,445
Iowa .....	55,915	45,558	57,692	47,438	2,434	2,526
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,595	5,996	2,186	2,215
Maryland .....	2,413	2,434	2,623	2,641	2,413	2,412
Michigan .....	13,692	14,247	13,986	14,542	2,391	2,456
Minnesota .....	10,229	7,793	10,767	8,286	2,488	2,583
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,561	5,257	2,079	2,115
Missouri .....	7,467	7,946	12,553	13,007	2,458	2,389
Nebraska .....	8,820	8,051	9,340	8,589	2,439	2,473
New York .....	4,941	5,218	5,469	5,779	2,421	2,523
North Carolina .....	6,722	6,891	15,214	15,272	2,071	2,182
Ohio .....	34,726	32,763	35,931	33,987	2,382	2,380
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,993	2,627	1,955	1,823
Oregon .....	2,053	2,041	2,246	2,212	2,573	2,423
Pennsylvania .....	27,381	26,705	29,948	29,230	2,488	2,520
South Carolina .....	2,662	2,450	3,970	3,716	2,086	2,131
South Dakota .....	2,742	2,627	2,797	2,682	2,631	2,599
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,162	23,081	2,248	2,225
Utah .....	4,425	4,865	4,477	4,917	2,584	2,430
Virginia .....	889	901	2,599	2,668	2,347	2,073
Washington .....	6,598	6,494	6,762	6,659	2,419	2,550
Wisconsin .....	6,000	6,530	7,104	7,616	2,494	2,384
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	26,141	25,575	32,199	31,425	2,318	2,319
United States .....	318,096	303,908	395,509	383,568	2,332	2,354

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

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 2019 and 2020

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,455	1,407	9,933	10,524	1,955	1,966
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	14,446	16,406	2,065	2,110
California .....	12,763	12,937	13,395	13,646	2,473	2,439
Colorado .....	4,602	4,771	5,115	5,279	2,612	2,605
Georgia .....	9,206	9,824	19,516	20,054	2,159	2,236
Illinois .....	6,012	5,882	6,596	6,451	2,596	2,434
Indiana .....	33,596	33,533	34,832	34,814	2,435	2,552
Iowa .....	55,778	45,815	57,588	47,658	2,540	2,625
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,735	5,957	2,225	2,337
Maryland .....	2,401	2,402	2,605	2,616	2,499	2,504
Michigan .....	14,189	14,465	14,483	14,760	2,507	2,593
Minnesota .....	10,142	7,773	10,646	8,265	2,531	2,701
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,651	5,211	2,152	2,205
Missouri .....	7,542	7,905	12,639	12,977	2,553	2,512
Nebraska .....	8,699	7,709	9,267	8,234	2,511	2,563
New York .....	5,074	5,233	5,606	5,790	2,542	2,613
North Carolina .....	7,029	7,076	15,609	15,359	2,168	2,260
Ohio .....	34,939	33,070	36,145	34,287	2,525	2,530
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,957	2,600	2,002	1,873
Oregon .....	2,111	2,012	2,304	2,183	2,704	2,574
Pennsylvania .....	27,763	27,874	30,302	30,381	2,580	2,572
South Carolina .....	2,649	2,368	3,951	3,623	2,111	2,186
South Dakota .....	2,795	2,536	2,850	2,591	2,716	2,725
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,184	23,277	2,299	2,386
Utah .....	4,508	4,950	4,560	5,002	2,667	2,587
Virginia .....	934	903	2,663	2,649	2,407	2,322
Washington .....	6,532	6,537	6,695	6,702	2,574	2,537
Wisconsin .....	6,305	6,602	7,404	7,700	2,595	2,452
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	26,709	25,536	32,727	31,394	2,393	2,426
United States .....	320,620	306,986	398,404	386,390	2,426	2,459

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

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: September 2019 and 2020

[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	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	186.8	200.4	38.0	34.2	148.8	166.2
Arkansas .....	290.1	331.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	314.6	312.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	127.5	129.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	405.5	429.5	216.8	237.4	188.7	192.1
Illinois .....	163.0	142.3	159.3	138.5	3.7	3.8
Indiana .....	808.4	841.7	794.1	825.3	14.3	16.4
Iowa .....	1,404.0	1,198.5	1,385.4	1,174.6	18.6	23.9
Kentucky .....	122.3	132.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	63.3	63.7	61.6	62.2	1.7	1.5
Michigan .....	334.4	357.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	267.9	214.0	260.7	207.1	7.2	6.9
Mississippi .....	115.6	111.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	308.5	310.8	271.3	274.5	37.2	36.3
Nebraska .....	227.8	212.4	218.8	202.5	9.0	9.9
New York .....	132.4	145.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	315.1	333.2	162.5	177.3	152.6	155.9
Ohio .....	855.8	808.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	58.5	47.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	57.8	53.6	57.8	53.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	745.0	736.5	717.0	708.5	28.0	28.0
South Carolina .....	82.8	79.2	60.2	56.4	22.6	22.8
South Dakota .....	73.6	69.7	73.6	69.7	-	-
Texas .....	498.2	513.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	115.7	119.5	115.7	119.5	-	-
Virginia .....	61.0	55.3	31.9	25.7	29.1	29.6
Washington .....	163.6	169.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	177.2	181.6	171.7	176.3	5.5	5.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	746.4	728.6	672.3	657.7	74.1	70.9
United States .....	9,222.8	9,030.6	8,061.5	7,810.8	1,161.3	1,219.8

- Represents zero.

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<sup>1</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: October 2019 and 2020

[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	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	194.2	206.9	39.2	37.2	155.0	169.7
Arkansas .....	298.3	346.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	331.2	332.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	133.6	137.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	421.3	448.5	224.5	250.5	196.8	198.0
Illinois .....	171.2	157.0	167.5	153.2	3.7	3.8
Indiana .....	848.3	888.3	832.9	871.8	15.4	16.5
Iowa .....	1,462.6	1,251.0	1,442.1	1,229.1	20.5	21.9
Kentucky .....	127.6	139.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	65.1	65.5	63.4	63.9	1.7	1.6
Michigan .....	363.1	382.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	269.4	223.2	262.7	216.2	6.7	7.0
Mississippi .....	121.6	114.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	322.7	326.0	284.9	287.8	37.8	38.2
Nebraska .....	232.7	211.0	220.9	201.2	11.8	9.8
New York .....	142.5	151.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	338.4	347.1	181.1	187.3	157.3	159.8
Ohio .....	912.7	867.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	59.2	48.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	62.3	56.2	62.3	56.2	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	781.9	781.4	753.5	752.0	28.4	29.4
South Carolina .....	83.4	79.2	60.6	55.8	22.8	23.4
South Dakota .....	77.4	70.6	77.4	70.6	-	-
Texas .....	510.0	555.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	121.6	129.4	121.6	129.4	-	-
Virginia .....	64.1	61.5	33.8	30.8	30.3	30.7
Washington .....	172.3	170.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	192.1	188.8	186.7	183.5	5.4	5.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	783.1	761.7	707.5	688.5	75.6	73.2
United States .....	9,663.9	9,499.5	8,458.0	8,244.8	1,205.9	1,254.7

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: September 2019 and 2020

[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	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama .....	15,566.6	16,700.0	3,166.6	2,850.0	12,400.0	13,850.0
Arkansas .....	24,174.9	27,633.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	26,216.6	26,008.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	10,625.0	10,766.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	33,791.7	35,791.6	18,066.7	19,783.3	15,725.0	16,008.3
Illinois .....	13,583.4	11,858.3	13,275.0	11,541.6	308.4	316.7
Indiana .....	67,366.7	70,141.7	66,175.0	68,775.0	1,191.7	1,366.7
Iowa .....	117,000.0	99,875.1	115,450.0	97,883.4	1,550.0	1,991.7
Kentucky .....	10,191.7	11,066.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,275.0	5,308.3	5,133.3	5,183.3	141.7	125.0
Michigan .....	27,866.6	29,766.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	22,325.0	17,833.4	21,725.0	17,258.4	600.0	575.0
Mississippi .....	9,633.4	9,266.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	25,708.3	25,900.0	22,608.3	22,875.0	3,100.0	3,025.0
Nebraska .....	18,983.3	17,700.0	18,233.3	16,875.0	750.0	825.0
New York .....	11,033.3	12,150.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	26,258.3	27,766.7	13,541.6	14,775.0	12,716.7	12,991.7
Ohio .....	71,316.6	67,408.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,875.0	3,991.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,816.7	4,466.7	4,816.7	4,466.7	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	62,083.3	61,374.9	59,750.0	59,041.6	2,333.3	2,333.3
South Carolina .....	6,899.9	6,600.0	5,016.6	4,700.0	1,883.3	1,900.0
South Dakota .....	6,133.4	5,808.4	6,133.4	5,808.4	-	-
Texas .....	41,516.7	42,800.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	9,641.6	9,958.3	9,641.6	9,958.3	-	-
Virginia .....	5,083.3	4,608.4	2,658.3	2,141.7	2,425.0	2,466.7
Washington .....	13,633.3	14,150.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	14,766.6	15,133.4	14,308.3	14,691.7	458.3	441.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	62,200.0	60,716.6	56,025.1	54,808.3	6,174.9	5,908.3
United States .....	768,566.2	752,550.2	671,791.1	650,900.1	96,775.1	101,650.1

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: October 2019 and 2020

[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	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama .....	16,183.4	17,241.7	3,266.7	3,100.0	12,916.7	14,141.7
Arkansas .....	24,858.3	28,841.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	27,599.9	27,733.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	11,133.3	11,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	35,108.3	37,375.0	18,708.3	20,875.0	16,400.0	16,500.0
Illinois .....	14,266.7	13,083.4	13,958.4	12,766.7	308.3	316.7
Indiana .....	70,691.7	74,025.0	69,408.4	72,650.0	1,283.3	1,375.0
Iowa .....	121,883.3	104,250.0	120,175.0	102,425.0	1,708.3	1,825.0
Kentucky .....	10,633.4	11,599.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,425.0	5,458.3	5,283.3	5,325.0	141.7	133.3
Michigan .....	30,258.3	31,900.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	22,450.0	18,600.0	21,891.6	18,016.6	558.4	583.4
Mississippi .....	10,133.3	9,575.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	26,891.6	27,166.8	23,741.6	23,983.4	3,150.0	3,183.4
Nebraska .....	19,391.6	17,583.4	18,408.3	16,766.7	983.3	816.7
New York .....	11,874.9	12,608.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,200.0	28,925.0	15,091.7	15,608.3	13,108.3	13,316.7
Ohio .....	76,058.4	72,291.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,933.4	4,058.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,191.6	4,683.4	5,191.6	4,683.4	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	65,158.4	65,116.6	62,791.7	62,666.6	2,366.7	2,450.0
South Carolina .....	6,950.0	6,600.0	5,050.0	4,650.0	1,900.0	1,950.0
South Dakota .....	6,450.0	5,883.3	6,450.0	5,883.3	-	-
Texas .....	42,500.1	46,283.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	10,133.4	10,783.3	10,133.4	10,783.3	-	-
Virginia .....	5,341.7	5,125.1	2,816.7	2,566.7	2,525.0	2,558.4
Washington .....	14,358.3	14,166.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	16,008.4	15,733.4	15,558.4	15,291.7	450.0	441.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	65,258.3	63,475.1	58,958.3	57,375.1	6,300.0	6,100.0
United States .....	805,325.0	791,625.4	704,833.4	687,066.8	100,491.6	104,558.6

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## Total Layers Molted by Month – United States: 2019-2020

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	1.5	1.7	13.5	11.8
February .....	2.5	2.2	13.2	12.0
March .....	1.5	1.7	13.8	12.3
April .....	1.3	1.3	13.7	12.2
May .....	2.5	3.5	13.1	11.0
June .....	2.0	4.5	13.3	11.8
July .....	2.0	2.3	13.3	13.8
August .....	2.0	1.5	13.3	14.8
September .....	2.0	2.3	13.0	14.1
October .....	1.9	2.3	13.0	14.8
November .....	1.5	1.2	13.2	15.5
December .....	0.9		12.9	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: October 1 and November 1, 2019-2020

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	October 1		November 1		October 1		November 1	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	7.0	5.0	7.0	5.5
Arkansas .....	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	11.0	13.0	10.0	14.0
California .....	3.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	8.5	8.0	10.0	8.5
Colorado .....	2.0	2.0	-	1.5	7.5	5.0	8.0	6.5
Georgia .....	4.0	2.5	3.0	1.5	9.5	10.5	13.0	12.5
Illinois .....	-	2.0	-	-	10.0	2.5	7.0	4.5
Indiana .....	2.0	1.0	-	1.0	19.0	13.5	17.5	13.0
Iowa .....	2.5	1.5	2.5	0.5	16.0	14.0	17.0	14.5
Kentucky .....	2.0	1.5	5.0	-	1.5	9.0	3.0	9.5
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	1.5	-	1.0	-	4.0	1.0	5.0	2.0
Minnesota .....	1.0	2.5	1.5	-	2.5	20.5	3.0	22.0
Mississippi .....	2.0	2.5	1.0	-	20.5	24.0	21.5	23.0
Missouri .....	-	2.0	1.0	2.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	5.0
Nebraska .....	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	6.5	38.5	8.5	31.0
New York .....	3.5	-	-	-	6.0	2.5	9.0	1.0
North Carolina .....	-	1.0	-	-	4.5	10.0	3.5	10.5
Ohio .....	2.0	3.0	2.5	0.5	15.0	20.0	15.0	21.5
Oklahoma .....	0.5	3.5	-	8.5	15.5	14.5	6.0	18.0
Oregon .....	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	-	4.5	-	4.0	2.5	1.5	2.0	5.5
South Carolina .....	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.0	22.0	21.5	22.0	22.0
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	3.0	-
Texas .....	2.5	6.5	4.5	1.0	39.0	49.0	39.0	48.0
Utah .....	6.5	3.0	0.5	5.0	20.0	17.0	26.5	19.5
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	4.5	-	-	4.5	11.0	12.5	15.0	12.0
Wisconsin .....	-	-	-	-	7.5	23.5	6.5	22.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.1	5.1	2.4	1.7	20.5	22.7	20.2	24.7
United States .....	1.9	2.3	1.5	1.2	13.0	14.8	13.2	15.5

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on November 1 .....	48,069	44,608	93
Chicks hatched during October .....	52,066	50,603	97
Chicks hatched January through October .....	536,649	523,056	97
<b>Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	199	197	99
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,579	3,283	127
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on November 1 .....	677,193	660,239	97
Chicks hatched during October .....	816,263	805,358	99
Chicks hatched January through October .....	8,264,748	8,240,938	100
<b>Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	7,531	8,072	107
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	71,440	73,682	103

<sup>1</sup> 2020 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2019 through March 2020.

<sup>2</sup> 2020 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2019 through March 2020.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2019 and 2020

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

Item	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	51,443	47,756	93
February .....	55,001	50,243	91
March .....	53,586	49,225	92
April .....	58,422	57,631	99
May .....	55,489	49,575	89
June .....	51,648	50,029	97
July .....	47,615	46,093	97
August .....	47,490	46,242	97
September .....	47,878	47,296	99
October .....	48,512	46,624	96
November .....	48,069	44,608	93
December .....	47,798		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2019-2020

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	55,850	52,825	95	55,850	52,825	95
February .....	52,182	48,169	92	108,032	100,994	93
March .....	55,658	56,065	101	163,690	157,059	96
April .....	60,668	60,931	100	224,358	217,990	97
May .....	60,816	52,790	87	285,174	270,780	95
June .....	51,858	55,537	107	337,032	326,317	97
July .....	50,919	46,140	91	387,951	372,457	96
August .....	46,246	50,007	108	434,197	422,464	97
September .....	50,386	49,989	99	484,583	472,453	97
October .....	52,066	50,603	97	536,649	523,056	97
November .....	48,113			584,762		
December .....	46,114			630,876		



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2019-2021

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2020 as percent of 2019	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2019	2020		2020	2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	268	265	99	2,791	3,352
February .....	201	482	240	2,887	3,391
March .....	189	322	170	2,818	3,567
April .....	295	243	82	2,954	3,482
May .....	215	233	108	2,882	3,480
June .....	270	373	138	2,838	
July .....	255	294	115	2,872	
August .....	194	370	191	2,869	
September .....	286	201	70	3,150	
October .....	199	197	99	3,283	
November .....	198			3,231	
December .....	302			3,249	
Annual total .....	2,872				

<sup>1</sup> For October 2020, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2019 through March 2020. 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 – United States: 2019 and 2020

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

Item	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	683,775	715,246	105
February .....	687,702	716,997	104
March .....	694,560	718,593	103
April .....	696,510	711,218	102
May .....	703,505	660,894	94
June .....	705,839	701,891	99
July .....	694,935	700,493	101
August .....	700,675	687,522	98
September .....	694,562	691,851	100
October .....	674,657	665,453	99
November .....	677,193	660,239	97
December .....	711,590		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: October 2019 and 2020

State	During October			January-October		
	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	116,486	113,654	98	1,124,377	1,167,600	104
Arkansas .....	81,722	82,656	101	874,972	828,961	95
Delaware .....	17,519	14,793	84	185,890	167,488	90
Florida .....	4,257	4,315	101	42,335	42,464	100
Georgia .....	124,140	116,885	94	1,242,059	1,206,019	97
Kentucky .....	26,339	25,803	98	271,141	264,392	98
Louisiana .....	13,056	12,129	93	131,702	120,489	91
Maryland .....	27,979	27,592	99	286,994	285,159	99
Mississippi .....	61,601	60,928	99	670,771	632,075	94
Missouri .....	30,414	31,670	104	305,945	318,456	104
North Carolina .....	83,851	82,580	98	844,468	852,191	101
Oklahoma .....	26,142	23,928	92	268,718	253,073	94
Pennsylvania .....	20,599	23,076	112	195,362	224,921	115
South Carolina .....	20,534	19,869	97	203,201	196,614	97
Texas .....	60,431	60,444	100	614,374	618,941	101
Virginia .....	22,700	22,163	98	228,915	220,925	97
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	42,732	42,414	99	425,958	438,668	103
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	35,761	40,459	113	347,566	402,502	116
United States .....	816,263	805,358	99	8,264,748	8,240,938	100

<sup>1</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2019-2020

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	828,918	861,200	104	828,918	861,200	104
February .....	750,551	806,862	108	1,579,469	1,668,062	106
March .....	837,361	859,346	103	2,416,830	2,527,408	105
April .....	819,404	773,623	94	3,236,234	3,301,031	102
May .....	857,507	807,506	94	4,093,741	4,108,537	100
June .....	833,708	828,448	99	4,927,449	4,936,985	100
July .....	850,393	850,755	100	5,777,842	5,787,740	100
August .....	855,076	837,619	98	6,632,918	6,625,359	100
September .....	815,567	810,221	99	7,448,485	7,435,580	100
October .....	816,263	805,358	99	8,264,748	8,240,938	100
November .....	796,660			9,061,408		
December .....	857,789			9,919,197		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2019-2021

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2020 as percent of 2019	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2019	2020		2020	2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	7,478	7,482	100	72,170	72,886
February .....	7,882	8,135	103	73,411	73,590
March .....	8,222	8,547	104	73,604	73,660
April .....	7,339	8,161	111	73,624	74,741
May .....	8,767	8,188	93	73,677	75,331
June .....	8,717	8,074	93	73,936	
July .....	8,510	8,235	97	74,341	
August .....	8,094	8,211	101	74,484	
September .....	8,615	9,708	113	73,852	
October .....	7,531	8,072	107	73,682	
November .....	8,141			73,333	
December .....	8,627			73,427	
Annual total .....	97,923				
Total placements <sup>2</sup>					
January .....	8,957	9,022	101		
February .....	9,525	9,581	101		
March .....	10,161	10,183	100		
April .....	9,146	9,700	106		
May .....	10,797	9,860	91		
June .....	10,606	9,713	92		
July .....	10,444	9,726	93		
August .....	9,763	9,902	101		
September .....	10,468	11,729	112		
October .....	9,063	9,975	110		
November .....	9,653				
December .....	10,365				
Annual total .....	118,948				

<sup>1</sup> For October 2020, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched July 2019 through March 2020.

<sup>2</sup> United States production of intended placements worldwide.

### Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

**Total 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.

**Molted Layers** is the same data series as the previously published Forced Molt Layers. Nomenclature changed as of January 2015.

## 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 regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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 total layers over the past 24 months is 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 386 million layers by more than 1.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.9 percent.

## Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
Total layers .....	(percent) 1.1	(percent) 1.9	(1,000) 2,698.7	(1,000) 42	(1,000) 10,395	(number) 20	(number) 4
Eggs .....	1.1	1.9	(million) 65.9	(million) 1	(million) 257	20	4

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