



# Chickens and Eggs

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## October Egg Production Up 1 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.61 billion during October 2021, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 8.32 billion table eggs, and 1.29 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 73.8 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during October 2021 totaled 390 million, up 1 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,465 eggs, up slightly from October 2020.

Total layers in the United States on November 1, 2021 totaled 392 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 392 million layers consisted of 327 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.97 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2021, averaged 79.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from November 1, 2020.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 9 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2021 totaled 45.9 million, down 9 percent from October 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 46.7 million on November 1, 2021, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 252 thousand during October 2021, up 28 percent from October 2020.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2021 totaled 811 million, up 1 percent from October 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 701 million on November 1, 2021, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.57 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2021, up 6 percent from October 2020.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2020-2021

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Month	2020		2021	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		403,445		391,780
January .....		401,419		393,284
February .....		396,916		393,963
March .....		395,613		393,176
April .....		392,770		390,020
May .....		387,045		385,575
June .....		383,152		384,240
July .....		381,014		384,930
August .....		382,184		384,961
September .....		384,655		386,322
October .....		386,660		389,791
November .....		389,355		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2020-2021

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

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,790.2	9,610.3	8,583.4	8,356.4	1,206.8	1,253.9
January .....	9,690.4	9,530.9	8,470.3	8,260.7	1,220.1	1,270.2
February .....	8,946.0	8,595.5	7,793.0	7,439.5	1,153.0	1,156.0
March .....	9,538.5	9,543.1	8,299.5	8,248.1	1,239.0	1,295.0
April .....	9,096.4	9,209.8	7,894.5	7,942.7	1,201.9	1,267.1
May .....	9,120.9	9,383.3	7,883.3	8,065.5	1,237.6	1,317.8
June .....	8,831.8	9,046.0	7,625.8	7,780.8	1,206.0	1,265.2
July .....	9,317.2	9,383.6	8,063.5	8,101.9	1,253.7	1,281.7
August .....	9,352.5	9,413.4	8,096.8	8,135.0	1,255.7	1,278.4
September .....	9,057.2	9,189.4	7,838.1	7,945.2	1,219.1	1,244.2
October .....	9,505.2	9,609.9	8,250.4	8,323.0	1,254.8	1,286.9
November .....	9,327.0		8,119.4		1,207.6	

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

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2020-2021

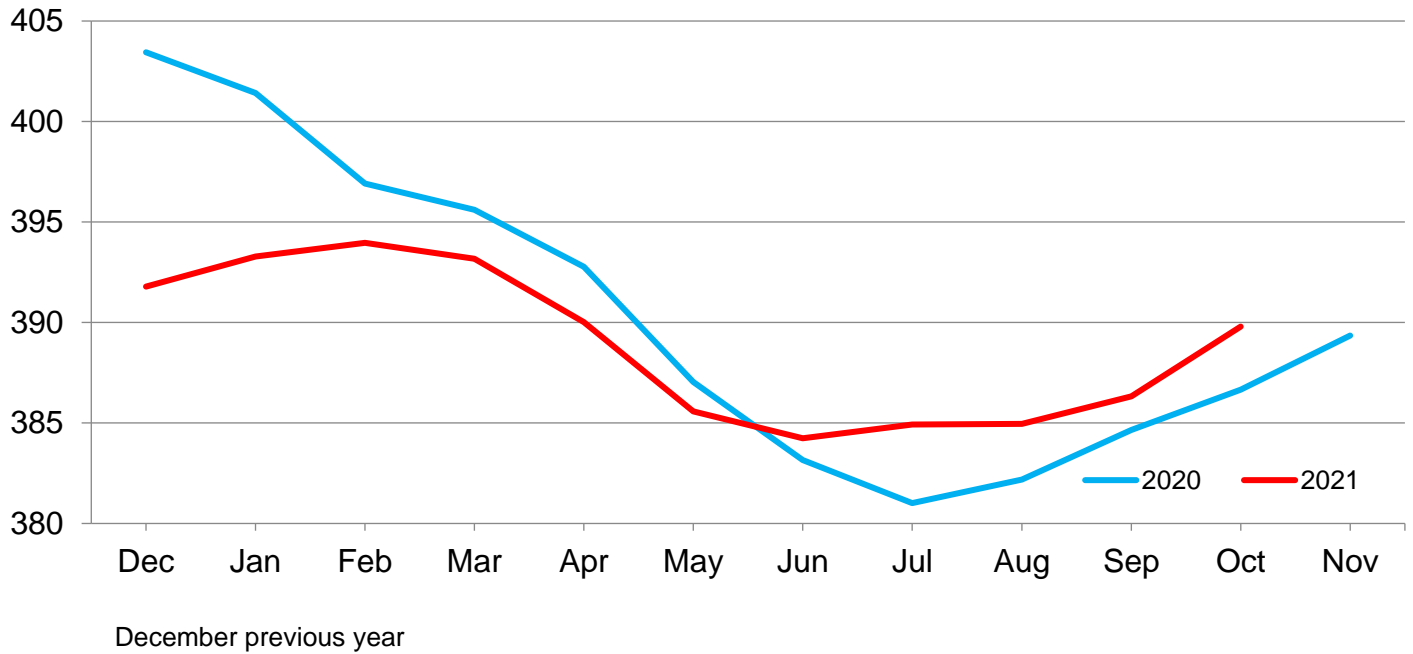
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	815,849.7	800,858.2	715,283.2	696,366.6	100,566.5	104,491.6
January .....	807,533.2	794,241.9	705,858.4	688,391.7	101,674.8	105,850.2
February .....	745,499.5	716,292.5	649,416.6	619,959.1	96,082.9	96,333.4
March .....	794,875.2	795,258.6	691,625.0	687,341.9	103,250.2	107,916.7
April .....	758,032.8	767,483.9	657,874.6	661,891.7	100,158.2	105,592.2
May .....	760,074.7	781,941.5	656,941.5	672,124.7	103,133.2	109,816.8
June .....	735,983.1	753,833.5	635,483.2	648,400.1	100,499.9	105,433.4
July .....	776,433.5	781,966.8	671,958.2	675,158.6	104,475.3	106,808.2
August .....	779,375.1	784,449.6	674,733.2	677,916.4	104,641.9	106,533.2
September .....	754,767.0	765,783.2	653,175.2	662,099.9	101,591.8	103,683.3
October .....	792,100.1	800,825.1	687,533.5	693,583.4	104,566.6	107,241.7
November .....	777,250.0		676,616.6		100,633.4	

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

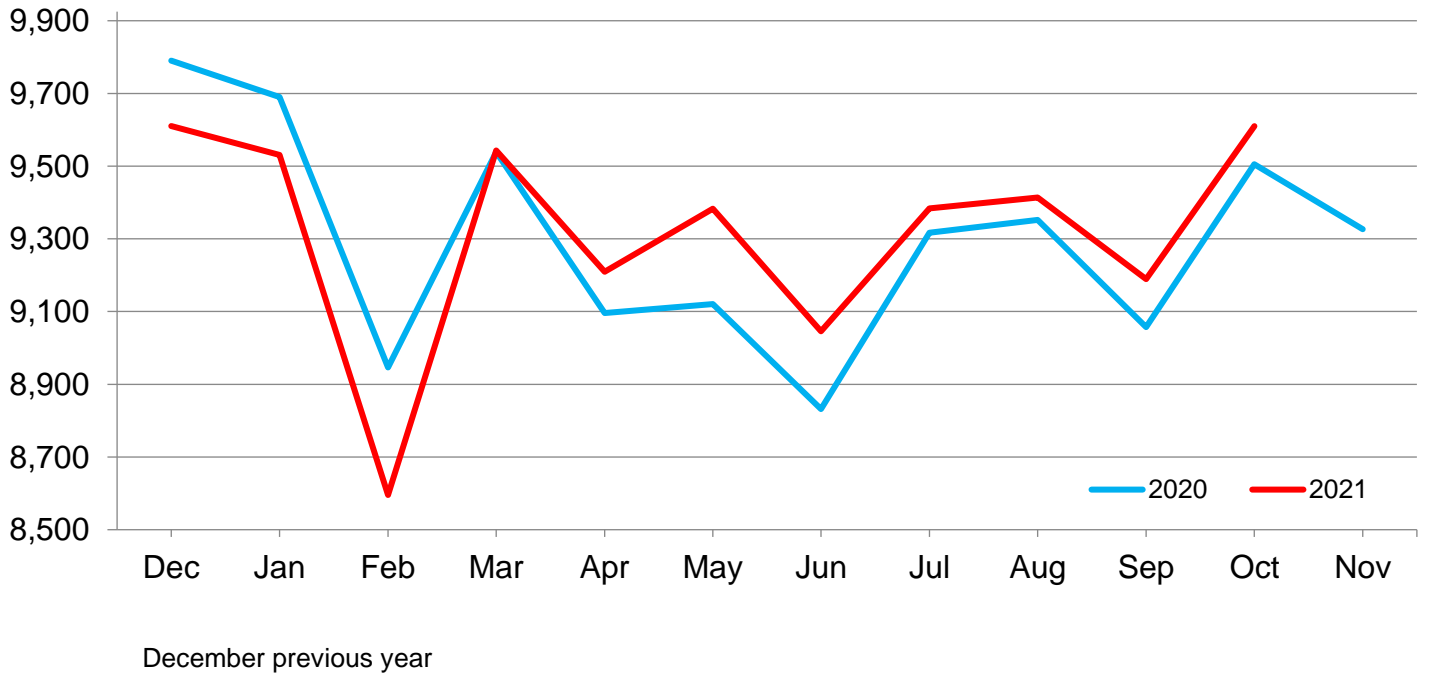
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

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 2020 and 2021**

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
<b>Layers during September</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	384,655	386,322	100
Table egg type ..... 1,000	320,714	321,345	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,941	64,977	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,719	62,113	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,222	2,864	89
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during September</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,355	2,379	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,444	2,472	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,907	1,915	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,874	1,888	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,514	2,486	99
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,057.2	9,189.4	101
Table egg type ..... million	7,838.1	7,945.2	101
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,219.1	1,244.2	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,138.1	1,173.0	103
Egg-type hatching ..... million	81.0	71.2	88
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	754,767.0	765,783.2	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	653,175.2	662,099.9	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	101,591.8	103,683.3	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	94,841.5	97,750.1	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	6,750.3	5,933.2	88
<b>Layers on October 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	385,628	387,656	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000	321,884	322,726	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,744	64,930	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,630	62,041	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,114	2,889	93
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on October 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	78.7	79.5	101
Table egg type ..... number	81.8	82.7	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.6	64.0	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.6	63.1	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.2	82.8	98
<b>Molted layers on October 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.3	1.9	83
Molt completed ..... percent	14.7	13.9	95
Layers sold for slaughter during September ..... 1,000	12,365.4	12,469.0	101
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during September ..... 1,000	9,833.4	10,599.4	108
Pullets on October 1 ..... 1,000	120,619	124,402	103
Pullets added during September <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,052.4	27,311.2	101

<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 2020 and 2021**

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
<b>Layers during October</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	386,660	389,791	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000	322,932	324,856	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,728	64,935	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,600	62,001	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,128	2,934	94
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during October</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,458	2,465	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,555	2,562	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,969	1,982	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,939	1,957	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,551	2,515	99
<b>Eggs produced during October</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,505.2	9,609.9	101
Table egg type ..... million	8,250.4	8,323.0	101
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,254.8	1,286.9	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,175.0	1,213.1	103
Egg-type hatching ..... million	79.8	73.8	92
<b>Eggs produced during October</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	792,100.1	800,825.1	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	687,533.5	693,583.4	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	104,566.6	107,241.7	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	97,916.7	101,091.7	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	6,649.9	6,150.0	92
<b>Layers on November 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	387,664	391,886	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000	323,965	326,967	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,699	64,919	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,560	61,948	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,139	2,971	95
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on November 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	79.7	79.5	100
Table egg type ..... number	82.9	82.6	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.3	63.8	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.5	63.1	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	80.1	79.2	99
<b>Molted layers on November 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	1.2	1.2	100
Molt completed ..... percent	15.4	13.7	89
Layers sold for slaughter during October ..... 1,000	14,338.6	12,703.1	89
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during October ..... 1,000	9,268.6	9,237.8	100
Pullets on November 1 ..... 1,000	119,967	122,677	102
Pullets added during October <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,485.7	26,216.9	95

<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 2020 and 2021

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,408	1,421	10,634	10,868	1,885	1,893
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	16,185	16,502	2,049	2,128
California .....	12,722	13,141	13,449	13,801	2,321	2,367
Colorado .....	4,651	4,162	5,159	4,670	2,504	2,490
Georgia .....	9,805	9,080	20,107	19,441	2,136	2,079
Illinois .....	6,190	6,309	6,757	6,868	2,383	2,410
Indiana .....	33,120	34,873	34,430	36,150	2,445	2,453
Iowa .....	45,558	46,926	47,438	48,787	2,526	2,529
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,996	5,517	2,215	2,210
Maryland .....	2,434	2,246	2,641	2,455	2,412	2,452
Michigan .....	14,247	15,157	14,542	15,452	2,456	2,457
Minnesota .....	7,793	7,707	8,286	8,248	2,583	2,458
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,257	5,305	2,115	2,083
Missouri .....	7,946	7,376	12,973	13,047	2,390	2,443
Nebraska .....	8,051	7,538	8,589	8,186	2,473	2,446
New York .....	5,218	5,153	5,779	5,710	2,523	2,525
North Carolina .....	6,891	6,722	15,272	14,955	2,182	2,164
Ohio .....	32,763	34,105	33,987	35,426	2,380	2,456
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,627	2,506	1,823	1,856
Oregon .....	2,041	1,855	2,212	2,026	2,423	2,512
Pennsylvania .....	27,046	28,079	29,571	30,506	2,520	2,563
South Carolina .....	2,450	2,316	3,716	3,565	2,131	2,104
South Dakota .....	2,627	2,039	2,682	2,094	2,599	2,564
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,081	22,702	2,225	2,292
Utah .....	4,865	5,706	4,917	5,758	2,430	2,586
Virginia .....	901	597	2,668	2,363	2,073	2,213
Washington .....	6,494	6,420	6,659	6,584	2,550	2,517
Wisconsin .....	6,530	5,683	7,616	6,815	2,384	2,443
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,575	24,003	31,425	30,015	2,319	2,351
United States .....	305,029	304,979	384,655	386,322	2,355	2,379

(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 2020 and 2021

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,407	1,457	10,496	10,940	1,966	1,984
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	16,413	16,335	2,112	2,242
California .....	12,937	13,150	13,646	13,793	2,439	2,439
Colorado .....	4,771	4,346	5,279	4,854	2,605	2,499
Georgia .....	9,824	9,380	20,054	19,766	2,236	2,198
Illinois .....	6,627	6,465	7,196	7,023	2,439	2,448
Indiana .....	33,558	35,175	34,839	36,460	2,551	2,554
Iowa .....	45,815	47,226	47,643	49,101	2,625	2,617
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,957	5,415	2,337	2,303
Maryland .....	2,402	2,235	2,616	2,444	2,504	2,529
Michigan .....	14,465	15,618	14,760	15,913	2,593	2,553
Minnesota .....	7,773	7,795	8,265	8,349	2,701	2,546
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,246	5,425	2,213	2,125
Missouri .....	7,905	7,302	12,978	12,994	2,503	2,527
Nebraska .....	7,709	7,597	8,234	8,247	2,563	2,489
New York .....	5,233	5,169	5,790	5,726	2,613	2,592
North Carolina .....	7,101	6,991	15,384	15,197	2,260	2,208
Ohio .....	33,070	34,514	34,287	35,862	2,530	2,544
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,600	2,442	1,873	1,974
Oregon .....	2,012	1,944	2,183	2,115	2,574	2,643
Pennsylvania .....	27,253	27,957	29,755	30,412	2,572	2,650
South Carolina .....	2,368	2,371	3,623	3,629	2,186	2,273
South Dakota .....	2,548	2,177	2,603	2,232	2,724	2,670
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,287	23,160	2,386	2,371
Utah .....	4,950	5,865	5,002	5,917	2,587	2,587
Virginia .....	903	698	2,653	2,443	2,326	2,260
Washington .....	6,537	6,391	6,702	6,555	2,537	2,653
Wisconsin .....	6,677	5,975	7,775	7,114	2,453	2,546
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,536	23,918	31,394	29,928	2,426	2,443
United States .....	307,247	308,490	386,660	389,791	2,458	2,465

(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 2020 and 2021

[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	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	200.4	205.7	34.2	36.0	166.2	169.7
Arkansas .....	331.6	351.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	312.1	326.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	129.2	116.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	429.5	404.1	237.4	210.5	192.1	193.6
Illinois .....	161.0	165.5	157.2	161.9	3.8	3.6
Indiana .....	841.7	886.7	825.3	871.4	16.4	15.3
Iowa .....	1,198.5	1,233.6	1,174.6	1,211.3	23.9	22.3
Kentucky .....	132.8	121.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	63.7	60.2	62.2	58.8	1.5	1.4
Michigan .....	357.2	379.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	214.0	202.7	207.1	194.7	6.9	8.0
Mississippi .....	111.2	110.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	310.1	318.7	274.5	281.3	35.6	37.4
Nebraska .....	212.4	200.2	202.5	188.5	9.9	11.7
New York .....	145.8	144.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	333.2	323.7	177.3	172.8	155.9	150.9
Ohio .....	808.9	870.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	47.9	46.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	53.6	50.9	53.6	50.9	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	745.1	782.0	717.1	756.8	28.0	25.2
South Carolina .....	79.2	75.0	56.4	52.8	22.8	22.2
South Dakota .....	69.7	53.7	69.7	53.7	-	-
Texas .....	513.6	520.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	119.5	148.9	119.5	148.9	-	-
Virginia .....	55.3	52.3	25.7	24.7	29.6	27.6
Washington .....	169.8	165.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	181.6	166.5	176.3	160.8	5.3	5.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	728.6	705.8	657.7	631.5	70.9	74.3
United States .....	9,057.2	9,189.4	7,838.1	7,945.2	1,219.1	1,244.2

- 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 2020 and 2021

[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	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	206.3	217.1	37.2	40.5	169.1	176.6
Arkansas .....	346.6	366.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	332.8	336.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	137.5	121.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	448.5	434.4	250.5	235.4	198.0	199.0
Illinois .....	175.5	171.9	171.5	168.1	4.0	3.8
Indiana .....	888.9	931.2	872.4	915.9	16.5	15.3
Iowa .....	1,250.6	1,285.1	1,229.1	1,264.0	21.5	21.1
Kentucky .....	139.2	124.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	65.5	61.8	63.9	60.3	1.6	1.5
Michigan .....	382.8	406.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	223.2	212.6	216.2	204.4	7.0	8.2
Mississippi .....	116.1	115.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	324.9	328.3	287.8	289.5	37.1	38.8
Nebraska .....	211.0	205.3	201.2	193.5	9.8	11.8
New York .....	151.3	148.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	347.7	335.5	187.9	180.1	159.8	155.4
Ohio .....	867.5	912.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	48.7	48.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	56.2	55.9	56.2	55.9	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	765.2	806.0	735.9	779.7	29.3	26.3
South Carolina .....	79.2	82.5	55.8	59.7	23.4	22.8
South Dakota .....	70.9	59.6	70.9	59.6	-	-
Texas .....	555.6	549.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	129.4	153.1	129.4	153.1	-	-
Virginia .....	61.7	55.2	30.8	26.8	30.9	28.4
Washington .....	170.0	173.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	190.7	181.1	185.4	175.0	5.3	6.1
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	761.7	731.1	688.5	655.4	73.2	75.7
United States .....	9,505.2	9,609.9	8,250.4	8,323.0	1,254.8	1,286.9

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: September 2020 and 2021

[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	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(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 .....	16,700.0	17,141.7	2,850.0	3,000.0	13,850.0	14,141.7
Arkansas .....	27,633.4	29,266.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	26,008.3	27,225.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	10,766.7	9,691.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	35,791.6	33,675.0	19,783.3	17,541.7	16,008.3	16,133.3
Illinois .....	13,416.7	13,791.6	13,100.0	13,491.6	316.7	300.0
Indiana .....	70,141.7	73,891.7	68,775.0	72,616.7	1,366.7	1,275.0
Iowa .....	99,875.1	102,800.0	97,883.4	100,941.7	1,991.7	1,858.3
Kentucky .....	11,066.6	10,158.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,308.3	5,016.7	5,183.3	4,900.0	125.0	116.7
Michigan .....	29,766.7	31,633.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,833.4	16,891.6	17,258.4	16,225.0	575.0	666.6
Mississippi .....	9,266.7	9,208.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	25,841.7	26,558.3	22,875.0	23,441.6	2,966.7	3,116.7
Nebraska .....	17,700.0	16,683.3	16,875.0	15,708.3	825.0	975.0
New York .....	12,150.0	12,016.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	27,766.7	26,975.0	14,775.0	14,400.0	12,991.7	12,575.0
Ohio .....	67,408.4	72,516.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,991.6	3,874.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,466.7	4,241.6	4,466.7	4,241.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	62,091.6	65,166.6	59,758.3	63,066.6	2,333.3	2,100.0
South Carolina .....	6,600.0	6,250.0	4,700.0	4,400.0	1,900.0	1,850.0
South Dakota .....	5,808.4	4,475.0	5,808.4	4,475.0	-	-
Texas .....	42,800.0	43,366.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	9,958.3	12,408.3	9,958.3	12,408.3	-	-
Virginia .....	4,608.4	4,358.3	2,141.7	2,058.3	2,466.7	2,300.0
Washington .....	14,150.0	13,808.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	15,133.4	13,875.0	14,691.7	13,400.0	441.7	475.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	60,716.6	58,816.9	54,808.3	52,625.2	5,908.3	6,191.7
United States .....	754,767.0	765,783.2	653,175.2	662,099.9	101,591.8	103,683.3

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: October 2020 and 2021

[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	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(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 .....	17,191.7	18,091.7	3,100.0	3,375.0	14,091.7	14,716.7
Arkansas .....	28,883.4	30,525.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	27,733.4	28,033.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	11,458.3	10,108.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	37,375.0	36,199.9	20,875.0	19,616.6	16,500.0	16,583.3
Illinois .....	14,625.0	14,325.0	14,291.7	14,008.3	333.3	316.7
Indiana .....	74,075.0	77,600.0	72,700.0	76,325.0	1,375.0	1,275.0
Iowa .....	104,216.6	107,091.7	102,425.0	105,333.3	1,791.6	1,758.4
Kentucky .....	11,599.9	10,391.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,458.3	5,150.0	5,325.0	5,025.0	133.3	125.0
Michigan .....	31,900.0	33,858.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	18,600.0	17,716.7	18,016.6	17,033.3	583.4	683.4
Mississippi .....	9,675.0	9,608.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	27,075.1	27,358.3	23,983.4	24,125.0	3,091.7	3,233.3
Nebraska .....	17,583.4	17,108.3	16,766.7	16,125.0	816.7	983.3
New York .....	12,608.3	12,366.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,975.0	27,958.4	15,658.3	15,008.4	13,316.7	12,950.0
Ohio .....	72,291.7	76,016.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,058.3	4,016.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,683.4	4,658.3	4,683.4	4,658.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	63,766.6	67,166.7	61,325.0	64,975.0	2,441.6	2,191.7
South Carolina .....	6,600.0	6,875.0	4,650.0	4,975.0	1,950.0	1,900.0
South Dakota .....	5,908.3	4,966.7	5,908.3	4,966.7	-	-
Texas .....	46,299.9	45,766.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	10,783.3	12,758.3	10,783.3	12,758.3	-	-
Virginia .....	5,141.7	4,599.9	2,566.7	2,233.3	2,575.0	2,366.6
Washington .....	14,166.7	14,491.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	15,891.7	15,091.7	15,450.0	14,583.4	441.7	508.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	63,475.1	60,925.1	57,375.1	54,616.7	6,100.0	6,308.4
United States .....	792,100.1	800,825.1	687,533.5	693,583.4	104,566.6	107,241.7

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## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2020-2021

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	1.7	2.2	11.9	14.0
February .....	2.3	1.8	12.0	14.4
March .....	1.7	1.6	12.3	14.7
April .....	1.3	1.4	12.1	14.1
May .....	3.5	2.5	11.0	12.8
June .....	4.6	2.3	11.8	12.8
July .....	2.4	2.0	13.8	13.5
August .....	1.6	2.0	14.7	13.2
September .....	2.3	1.8	14.0	13.6
October .....	2.3	1.9	14.7	13.9
November .....	1.2	1.2	15.4	13.7
December .....	1.1		14.9	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: October 1 and November 1, 2020-2021

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	October 1		November 1		October 1		November 1	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	5.0	4.0	5.5	4.5
Arkansas .....	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	13.0	12.0	14.0	11.0
California .....	1.0	-	0.5	-	8.0	8.0	8.5	7.5
Colorado .....	2.0	8.0	-	-	5.0	8.0	6.5	13.0
Georgia .....	2.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	9.5	12.5	12.0	11.0
Illinois .....	3.0	1.5	-	-	2.5	4.5	4.5	5.5
Indiana .....	1.0	2.5	1.0	1.0	13.5	12.0	13.0	13.0
Iowa .....	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	14.0	12.0	14.5	11.5
Kentucky .....	1.5	3.5	-	3.0	9.0	-	9.5	0.5
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
Minnesota .....	2.5	3.0	-	1.0	20.5	8.5	22.0	11.0
Mississippi .....	2.5	2.5	-	3.0	24.0	17.0	22.5	16.5
Missouri .....	2.0	-	2.0	-	5.0	9.5	5.0	6.0
Nebraska .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	38.5	2.5	31.0	3.5
New York .....	-	-	-	-	2.5	3.5	1.0	3.5
North Carolina .....	1.0	0.5	-	-	10.0	12.0	10.0	12.0
Ohio .....	3.0	1.5	0.5	1.5	20.0	15.0	21.5	13.5
Oklahoma .....	3.5	-	8.5	6.0	14.5	10.0	17.0	10.0
Oregon .....	-	1.5	-	-	-	1.5	-	1.5
Pennsylvania .....	4.5	2.5	4.0	-	1.5	2.5	5.5	3.5
South Carolina .....	2.5	3.0	2.0	-	21.5	20.5	22.0	22.5
South Dakota .....	-	2.0	1.5	2.0	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	6.5	7.5	1.0	6.5	49.0	57.5	48.0	57.0
Utah .....	3.0	2.5	5.0	5.5	17.0	34.5	20.0	30.5
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	-	0.5	4.5	-	12.5	18.0	12.0	13.0
Wisconsin .....	-	-	-	-	23.5	12.5	23.0	10.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	1.6	1.4	1.6	22.0	24.9	23.8	24.3
United States .....	2.3	1.9	1.2	1.2	14.7	13.9	15.4	13.7

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2020 and 2021

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on November 1 .....	44,601	46,689	105
Chicks hatched during October .....	50,597	45,866	91
Chicks hatched January through October .....	523,162	530,873	101
<b>Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	197	252	128
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	3,283	3,349	102
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on November 1 .....	664,550	700,790	105
Chicks hatched during October .....	805,553	810,843	101
Chicks hatched January through October .....	8,240,005	8,243,277	100
<b>Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	8,072	8,566	106
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	73,682	74,395	101

<sup>1</sup> 2021 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2020 through March 2021.

<sup>2</sup> 2021 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2020 through March 2021.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2020-2021

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

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	47,563	50,735	107
February .....	50,382	53,521	106
March .....	49,101	59,970	122
April .....	57,435	55,684	97
May .....	49,502	53,802	109
June .....	50,029	51,073	102
July .....	46,093	50,532	110
August .....	46,242	44,203	96
September .....	47,296	44,634	94
October .....	46,624	46,226	99
November .....	44,601	46,689	105
December .....	53,170		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2020-2021

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	52,727	50,882	97	52,727	50,882	97
February .....	48,148	52,273	109	100,875	103,155	102
March .....	56,212	62,319	111	157,087	165,474	105
April .....	61,015	59,877	98	218,102	225,351	103
May .....	52,790	57,332	109	270,892	282,683	104
June .....	55,537	53,799	97	326,429	336,482	103
July .....	46,140	50,284	109	372,569	386,766	104
August .....	50,007	49,005	98	422,576	435,771	103
September .....	49,989	49,236	98	472,565	485,007	103
October .....	50,597	45,866	91	523,162	530,873	101
November .....	48,042			571,204		
December .....	51,765			622,969		



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2020-2022

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2021 as percent of 2020	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2020	2021		2021	2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	265	279	105	3,352	3,360
February .....	482	202	42	3,391	3,265
March .....	322	327	102	3,567	3,225
April .....	243	266	109	3,482	3,313
May .....	233	306	131	3,480	3,368
June .....	373	288	77	3,451	
July .....	294	199	68	3,610	
August .....	370	330	89	3,624	
September .....	201	289	144	3,344	
October .....	197	252	128	3,349	
November .....	169			3,372	
December .....	461			3,445	
Annual total .....	3,610				

<sup>1</sup> For October 2021, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2020 through March 2021. 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: 2020-2021

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

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	714,799	712,232	100
February .....	716,942	703,515	98
March .....	718,746	710,502	99
April .....	692,345	717,361	104
May .....	662,186	717,718	108
June .....	701,760	720,441	103
July .....	700,673	714,769	102
August .....	687,521	715,722	104
September .....	691,508	709,848	103
October .....	665,148	693,894	104
November .....	664,550	700,790	105
December .....	706,563		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: October 2020 and 2021

State	During October			January-October		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	113,692	115,020	101	1,167,293	1,165,537	100
Arkansas .....	82,681	82,294	100	828,361	834,569	101
Delaware .....	14,937	14,282	96	167,598	163,261	97
Florida .....	4,315	4,346	101	42,464	41,349	97
Georgia .....	116,879	116,077	99	1,206,013	1,176,127	98
Kentucky .....	25,798	25,830	100	264,391	262,642	99
Louisiana .....	12,129	10,543	87	120,489	114,375	95
Maryland .....	27,557	28,367	103	285,140	280,422	98
Mississippi .....	60,913	60,396	99	631,381	612,671	97
Missouri .....	31,670	33,226	105	318,456	329,360	103
North Carolina .....	82,701	83,367	101	851,982	864,796	102
Oklahoma .....	23,922	23,859	100	253,067	242,914	96
Pennsylvania .....	23,073	23,726	103	224,225	231,107	103
South Carolina .....	19,869	19,916	100	196,564	196,458	100
Texas .....	60,431	60,716	100	620,264	625,421	101
Virginia .....	22,171	23,400	106	220,933	230,321	104
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	42,359	42,712	101	438,619	439,545	100
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	40,456	42,766	106	402,765	432,402	107
United States .....	805,553	810,843	101	8,240,005	8,243,277	100

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

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2020-2021

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	860,517	849,965	99	860,517	849,965	99
February .....	806,947	759,210	94	1,667,464	1,609,175	97
March .....	861,074	841,946	98	2,528,538	2,451,121	97
April .....	771,589	821,223	106	3,300,127	3,272,344	99
May .....	807,648	850,810	105	4,107,775	4,123,154	100
June .....	828,490	823,588	99	4,936,265	4,946,742	100
July .....	850,772	844,228	99	5,787,037	5,790,970	100
August .....	837,852	840,461	100	6,624,889	6,631,431	100
September .....	809,563	801,003	99	7,434,452	7,432,434	100
October .....	805,553	810,843	101	8,240,005	8,243,277	100
November .....	783,152			9,023,157		
December .....	848,536			9,871,693		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2020-2022

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2021 as percent of 2020	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2020	2021		2021	2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	7,482	8,095	108	72,886	74,605
February .....	8,135	8,245	101	73,590	75,156
March .....	8,547	8,232	96	73,660	76,097
April .....	8,161	8,110	99	74,741	77,914
May .....	8,188	8,708	106	75,331	78,385
June .....	8,074	9,546	118	74,992	
July .....	8,235	8,623	105	74,246	
August .....	8,211	8,737	106	74,180	
September .....	9,708	9,618	99	74,237	
October .....	8,072	8,566	106	74,395	
November .....	7,796			74,270	
December .....	7,801			74,767	
Annual total .....	98,410				
Total placements <sup>2</sup>					
January .....	9,022	9,811	109		
February .....	9,581	9,954	104		
March .....	10,183	9,996	98		
April .....	9,700	9,908	102		
May .....	9,860	10,148	103		
June .....	9,713	11,179	115		
July .....	9,726	10,079	104		
August .....	9,902	10,585	107		
September .....	11,729	11,250	96		
October .....	9,975	10,401	104		
November .....	9,324				
December .....	9,177				
Annual total .....	117,892				

<sup>1</sup> For October 2021, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched July 2020 through March 2021.

<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 0.2 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 390 million layers by more than 0.2 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.4 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) 0.2	(percent) 0.4	(1,000) 620	(1,000) 34	(1,000) 2,273	(number) 18	(number) 6
Eggs .....	0.3	0.4	(million) 18.1	(million) 0	(million) 65	18	6

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