



# Chickens and Eggs

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## August Egg Production Up 2 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.38 billion during August 2023, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 8.06 billion table eggs, and 1.32 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.23 billion were broiler-type and 94.9 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during August 2023 totaled 384 million, up 3 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,440 eggs, down slightly from August 2022.

Total layers in the United States on September 1, 2023 totaled 386 million, up 3 percent from last year. The 386 million layers consisted of 318 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.75 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2023, averaged 78.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from September 1, 2022.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 5 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2023 totaled 53.3 million, down 5 percent from August 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 50.8 million on September 1, 2023, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 255 thousand during August 2023, up 2 percent from August 2022.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2023 totaled 852 million, down 2 percent from August 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 716 million on September 1, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.24 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2023, up 7 percent from August 2022.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2022-2023

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Month	2022	2023
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	396,696	375,943
January .....	394,962	375,125
February .....	392,621	379,145
March .....	384,293	383,351
April .....	372,228	386,213
May .....	368,033	387,558
June .....	367,417	385,538
July .....	369,916	383,693
August .....	373,915	384,496
September .....	376,141	
October .....	377,572	
November .....	377,842	

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2022-2023

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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,777.9	9,148.9	8,474.6	7,859.7	1,303.3	1,289.2
January .....	9,677.0	9,052.5	8,370.1	7,756.9	1,306.9	1,295.6
February .....	8,684.3	8,227.2	7,477.1	7,038.3	1,207.2	1,188.9
March .....	9,471.0	9,227.7	8,125.9	7,896.2	1,345.1	1,331.5
April .....	8,894.6	9,031.0	7,608.1	7,736.8	1,286.5	1,294.2
May .....	9,027.5	9,370.2	7,698.8	8,025.1	1,328.7	1,345.1
June .....	8,696.9	9,050.2	7,419.1	7,750.5	1,277.8	1,299.7
July .....	9,055.9	9,361.8	7,741.5	8,032.7	1,314.4	1,329.1
August .....	9,158.4	9,380.9	7,838.1	8,059.1	1,320.3	1,321.8
September .....	8,898.9		7,624.2		1,274.7	
October .....	9,224.5		7,917.9		1,306.6	
November .....	8,947.2		7,691.3		1,255.9	

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

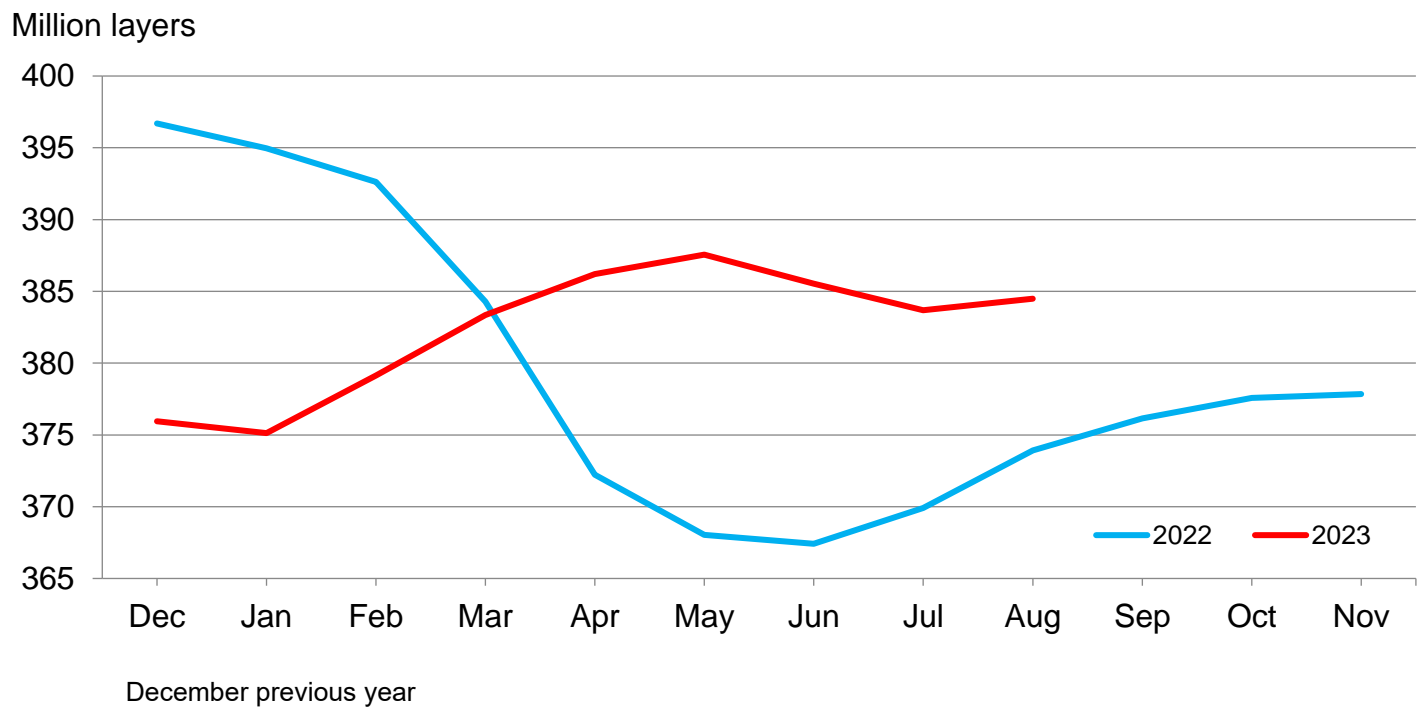
## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2022-2023

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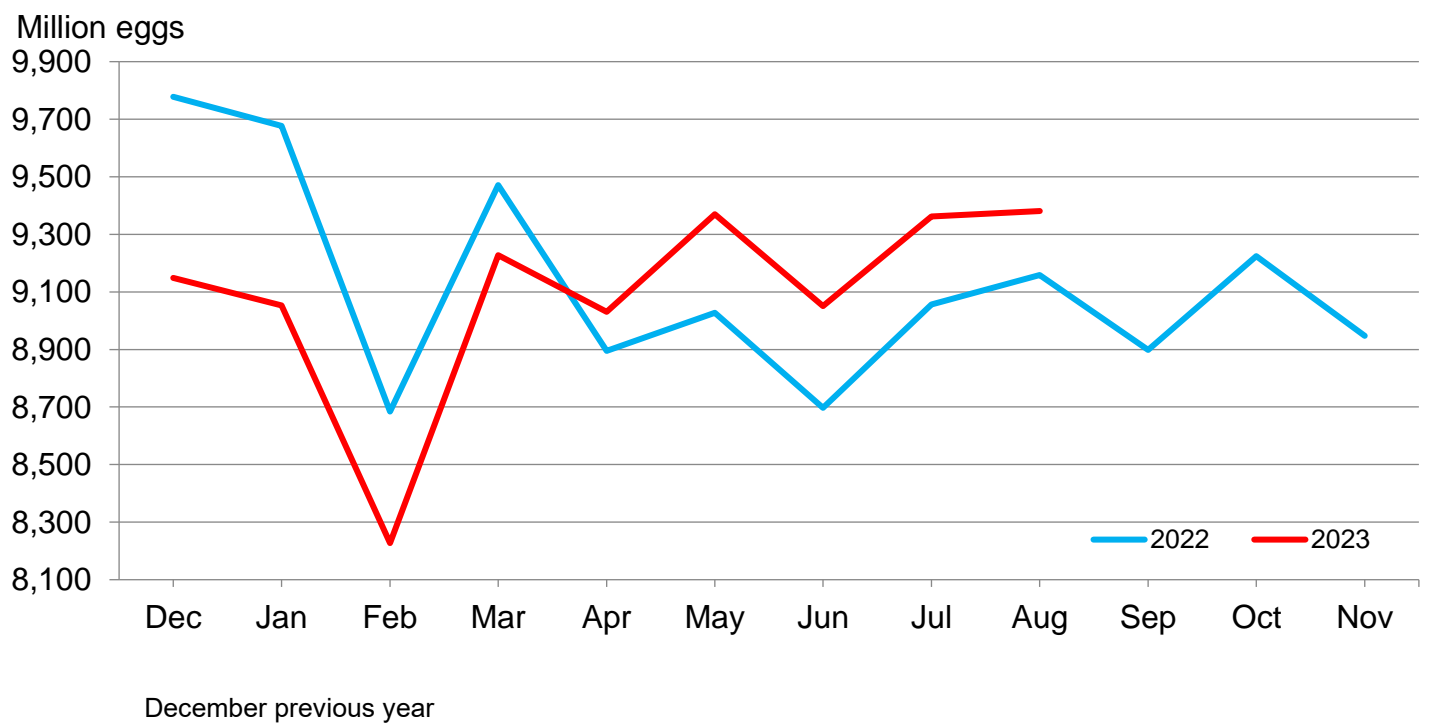
Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	814,824.5	762,408.2	706,216.2	654,975.1	108,608.3	107,433.1
January .....	806,416.2	754,374.8	697,507.6	646,408.1	108,908.6	107,966.7
February .....	723,692.1	685,600.1	623,092.1	586,525.0	100,600.0	99,075.1
March .....	789,249.9	768,975.2	677,158.1	658,016.9	112,091.8	110,958.3
April .....	741,217.4	752,583.6	634,008.7	644,733.4	107,208.7	107,850.2
May .....	752,291.7	780,850.3	641,567.0	668,758.5	110,724.7	112,091.8
June .....	724,741.9	754,183.3	618,258.4	645,874.8	106,483.5	108,308.5
July .....	754,658.6	780,149.8	645,125.2	669,391.7	109,533.4	110,758.1
August .....	763,199.6	781,741.2	653,175.1	671,591.6	110,024.5	110,149.6
September .....	741,575.1		635,350.0		106,225.1	
October .....	768,708.4		659,825.0		108,883.4	
November .....	745,600.1		640,941.8		104,658.3	

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

## Average Layers During the Month – United States



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States



# Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: July-August 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
Layers during July			
Total layers ..... 1,000	369,916	383,693	104
Table egg type ..... 1,000	303,253	315,477	104
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,663	68,216	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,150	64,560	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,513	3,656	104
Eggs per 100 layers during July			
Total layers ..... number	2,448	2,440	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,553	2,546	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,972	1,948	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,938	1,911	99
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,570	2,607	101
Eggs produced during July			
Total layers ..... million	9,055.9	9,361.8	103
Table egg type ..... million	7,741.5	8,032.7	104
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,314.4	1,329.1	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,224.1	1,233.8	101
Egg-type hatching ..... million	90.3	95.3	106
Eggs produced during July			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	754,658.6	780,149.8	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	645,125.2	669,391.7	104
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	109,533.4	110,758.1	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	102,008.3	102,816.5	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,525.1	7,941.6	106
Layers on August 1			
Total layers ..... 1,000	372,619	383,372	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000	305,893	315,810	103
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,726	67,562	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,215	63,946	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,511	3,616	103
Eggs per 100 layers on August 1			
Total layers ..... number	78.9	78.9	100
Table egg type ..... number	82.3	82.3	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.5	63.0	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.4	61.8	99
Egg-type hatching ..... number	82.8	83.5	101
Molted layers on August 1			
Being molted ..... percent	1.4	2.1	150
Molt completed ..... percent	12.2	11.0	90
Layers sold for slaughter during July ..... 1,000	11,777.2	13,710.1	116
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during July ..... 1,000	10,833.8	11,028.9	102
Pullets on August 1 ..... 1,000	126,182	134,693	107
Pullets added during July <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,745.9	26,806.2	97

<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:  
August-September 2022 and 2023**

Item	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
<b>Layers during August</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	373,915	384,496	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000	307,211	317,014	103
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,704	67,482	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,137	63,796	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,567	3,686	103
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during August</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,449	2,440	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,551	2,542	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,979	1,959	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,945	1,923	99
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,588	2,575	99
<b>Eggs produced during August</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,158.4	9,380.9	102
Table egg type ..... million	7,838.1	8,059.1	103
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,320.3	1,321.8	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,228.0	1,226.9	100
Egg-type hatching ..... million	92.3	94.9	103
<b>Eggs produced during August</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	763,199.6	781,741.2	102
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	653,175.1	671,591.6	103
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	110,024.5	110,149.6	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	102,333.1	102,241.4	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,691.4	7,908.2	103
<b>Layers on September 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	375,180	385,585	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000	308,514	318,204	103
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,666	67,381	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,049	63,634	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,617	3,747	104
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on September 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	79.0	78.4	99
Table egg type ..... number	82.2	81.6	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	64.2	63.3	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	63.0	62.2	99
Egg-type hatching ..... number	83.9	82.2	98
<b>Molted layers on September 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	1.8	2.2	122
Molt completed ..... percent	11.7	10.9	93
<b>Layers sold for slaughter during August</b> ..... 1,000	13,921.6	14,608.4	105
<b>Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during August</b> ..... 1,000	11,020.0	10,482.4	95
<b>Pullets on September 1</b> ..... 1,000	126,915	131,467	104
<b>Pullets added during August</b> <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	30,059.0	26,560.8	88

<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 July 2022 and 2023

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,247	1,363	11,746	12,048	1,927	1,883
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,338	15,533	2,191	2,156
California .....	13,155	10,341	13,795	10,953	2,481	2,383
Colorado .....	1,601	2,528	2,129	3,056	2,583	2,559
Georgia .....	9,765	8,999	20,239	19,669	2,174	2,178
Illinois .....	6,469	6,367	7,021	6,941	2,262	2,387
Indiana .....	35,281	34,900	36,530	36,106	2,534	2,500
Iowa .....	34,334	43,045	36,248	44,912	2,536	2,611
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,540	5,602	2,298	2,185
Maryland .....	1,597	1,886	1,794	2,097	2,625	2,690
Michigan .....	16,512	15,591	16,832	15,920	2,603	2,581
Minnesota .....	8,159	7,252	8,715	7,809	2,597	2,544
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,722	5,595	2,190	2,129
Missouri .....	7,197	7,005	13,328	13,312	2,633	2,603
Nebraska .....	4,883	7,352	5,447	7,938	2,354	2,656
New York .....	5,164	5,133	5,720	5,698	2,621	2,599
North Carolina .....	7,320	6,935	15,965	15,650	2,173	2,238
Ohio .....	38,366	37,488	39,700	38,815	2,523	2,483
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,414	2,410	2,113	2,062
Oregon .....	1,832	2,216	2,003	2,387	2,581	2,497
Pennsylvania .....	22,220	24,935	25,160	27,963	2,621	2,562
South Carolina .....	2,543	2,333	3,804	3,619	2,242	2,299
South Dakota .....	1,763	1,455	1,818	1,510	2,558	2,543
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,993	23,182	2,399	2,339
Utah .....	4,868	6,139	4,920	6,191	2,728	2,563
Virginia .....	839	814	2,680	2,729	2,384	2,356
Washington .....	6,339	5,346	6,503	5,510	2,688	2,621
Wisconsin .....	4,406	7,141	5,501	8,234	2,641	2,654
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	24,153	25,749	30,311	32,304	2,465	2,443
United States .....	286,455	298,460	369,916	383,693	2,448	2,440

(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 August 2022 and 2023

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,274	1,386	11,697	11,836	1,922	1,882
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,268	15,673	2,170	2,166
California .....	13,023	10,218	13,668	10,852	2,465	2,393
Colorado .....	1,738	2,751	2,266	3,279	2,449	2,547
Georgia .....	9,560	9,252	20,014	19,705	2,204	2,180
Illinois .....	6,302	6,443	6,854	7,023	2,289	2,401
Indiana .....	35,755	34,667	37,011	35,920	2,512	2,489
Iowa .....	36,003	43,247	37,912	45,173	2,575	2,582
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,426	5,465	2,285	2,183
Maryland .....	1,786	1,876	1,987	2,093	2,627	2,680
Michigan .....	16,458	15,530	16,778	15,859	2,572	2,532
Minnesota .....	8,196	7,364	8,742	7,914	2,577	2,513
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,696	5,559	2,152	2,130
Missouri .....	7,132	7,132	13,360	13,380	2,567	2,575
Nebraska .....	5,323	7,334	5,929	7,910	2,454	2,684
New York .....	5,211	5,039	5,765	5,595	2,618	2,645
North Carolina .....	7,360	6,887	16,016	15,610	2,205	2,252
Ohio .....	39,225	38,982	40,551	40,304	2,532	2,514
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,406	2,375	2,045	1,987
Oregon .....	1,832	2,281	2,003	2,452	2,626	2,553
Pennsylvania .....	22,307	24,664	25,249	27,680	2,625	2,581
South Carolina .....	2,418	2,332	3,696	3,623	2,411	2,316
South Dakota .....	1,765	1,414	1,820	1,469	2,648	2,546
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,076	23,215	2,415	2,326
Utah .....	5,083	6,285	5,135	6,337	2,678	2,620
Virginia .....	883	900	2,739	2,799	2,406	2,244
Washington .....	6,414	5,320	6,578	5,484	2,656	2,635
Wisconsin .....	4,577	6,924	5,687	8,015	2,631	2,684
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	24,496	25,371	30,586	31,897	2,432	2,444
United States .....	290,413	299,989	373,915	384,496	2,449	2,440

(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: July 2022 and 2023

[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	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	226.3	226.9	33.5	35.5	192.8	191.4
Arkansas .....	336.1	334.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	342.2	261.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	55.0	78.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	439.9	428.3	235.5	226.0	204.4	202.3
Illinois .....	158.8	165.7	155.1	161.8	3.7	3.9
Indiana .....	925.8	902.7	910.8	888.0	15.0	14.7
Iowa .....	919.3	1,172.5	898.2	1,151.3	21.1	21.2
Kentucky .....	127.3	122.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	47.1	56.4	45.6	54.8	1.5	1.6
Michigan .....	438.2	410.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	226.3	198.7	217.9	190.2	8.4	8.5
Mississippi .....	125.3	119.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	350.9	346.5	307.2	304.2	43.7	42.3
Nebraska .....	128.2	210.8	119.4	201.2	8.8	9.6
New York .....	149.9	148.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	346.9	350.3	181.9	182.8	165.0	167.5
Ohio .....	1,001.6	963.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	51.0	49.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	51.7	59.6	51.7	59.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	659.5	716.4	619.0	673.0	40.5	43.4
South Carolina .....	85.3	83.2	62.2	59.7	23.1	23.5
South Dakota .....	46.5	38.4	46.5	38.4	-	-
Texas .....	551.5	542.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	134.2	158.7	134.2	158.7	-	-
Virginia .....	63.9	64.3	33.5	32.3	30.4	32.0
Washington .....	174.8	144.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	145.3	218.5	139.6	212.7	5.7	5.8
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	747.1	789.1	668.4	706.0	78.7	83.1
United States .....	9,055.9	9,361.8	7,741.5	8,032.7	1,314.4	1,329.1

- Represents zero.

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

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

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: August 2022 and 2023

[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	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	224.8	222.7	32.8	35.0	192.0	187.7
Arkansas .....	331.3	339.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	336.9	259.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	55.5	83.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	441.2	429.5	237.8	231.1	203.4	198.4
Illinois .....	156.9	168.6	153.2	164.5	3.7	4.1
Indiana .....	929.8	893.9	915.0	878.8	14.8	15.1
Iowa .....	976.2	1,166.3	954.4	1,144.2	21.8	22.1
Kentucky .....	124.0	119.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	52.2	56.1	50.7	54.5	1.5	1.6
Michigan .....	431.6	401.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	225.3	198.9	216.5	190.8	8.8	8.1
Mississippi .....	122.6	118.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	343.0	344.6	297.8	303.4	45.2	41.2
Nebraska .....	145.5	212.3	134.8	202.3	10.7	10.0
New York .....	150.9	148.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	353.1	351.5	186.6	182.8	166.5	168.7
Ohio .....	1,026.9	1,013.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	49.2	47.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	52.6	62.6	52.6	62.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	662.9	714.3	622.1	670.9	40.8	43.4
South Carolina .....	89.1	83.9	65.8	60.1	23.3	23.8
South Dakota .....	48.2	37.4	48.2	37.4	-	-
Texas .....	557.3	540.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	137.5	166.0	137.5	166.0	-	-
Virginia .....	65.9	62.8	35.0	31.2	30.9	31.6
Washington .....	174.7	144.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	149.6	215.1	143.8	209.3	5.8	5.8
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	743.7	779.5	665.8	696.6	77.9	82.9
United States .....	9,158.4	9,380.9	7,838.1	8,059.1	1,320.3	1,321.8

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: July 2022 and 2023

[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	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(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 .....	18,858.3	18,908.3	2,791.6	2,958.3	16,066.7	15,950.0
Arkansas .....	28,008.4	27,908.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	28,516.7	21,750.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,583.3	6,516.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	36,658.3	35,691.6	19,625.0	18,833.3	17,033.3	16,858.3
Illinois .....	13,233.3	13,808.3	12,925.0	13,483.3	308.3	325.0
Indiana .....	77,150.0	75,225.0	75,900.0	74,000.0	1,250.0	1,225.0
Iowa .....	76,608.4	97,708.4	74,850.0	95,941.7	1,758.4	1,766.7
Kentucky .....	10,608.4	10,200.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	3,925.0	4,699.9	3,800.0	4,566.6	125.0	133.3
Michigan .....	36,516.6	34,241.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	18,858.4	16,558.3	18,158.4	15,850.0	700.0	708.3
Mississippi .....	10,441.7	9,925.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	29,241.6	28,875.0	25,600.0	25,350.0	3,641.6	3,525.0
Nebraska .....	10,683.4	17,566.7	9,950.0	16,766.7	733.4	800.0
New York .....	12,491.7	12,341.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,908.3	29,191.6	15,158.3	15,233.3	13,750.0	13,958.3
Ohio .....	83,466.7	80,316.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,250.0	4,141.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,308.4	4,966.6	4,308.4	4,966.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	54,958.4	59,699.9	51,583.4	56,083.3	3,375.0	3,616.6
South Carolina .....	7,108.3	6,933.3	5,183.3	4,975.0	1,925.0	1,958.3
South Dakota .....	3,875.0	3,200.0	3,875.0	3,200.0	-	-
Texas .....	45,958.3	45,191.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	11,183.4	13,225.0	11,183.4	13,225.0	-	-
Virginia .....	5,325.0	5,358.3	2,791.7	2,691.6	2,533.3	2,666.7
Washington .....	14,566.7	12,033.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	12,108.3	18,208.4	11,633.3	17,725.0	475.0	483.4
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	62,258.3	65,758.4	55,699.9	58,833.5	6,558.4	6,924.9
United States .....	754,658.6	780,149.8	645,125.2	669,391.7	109,533.4	110,758.1

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: August 2022 and 2023

[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	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(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 .....	18,733.3	18,558.4	2,733.3	2,916.7	16,000.0	15,641.7
Arkansas .....	27,608.3	28,283.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	28,075.0	21,641.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,625.0	6,958.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	36,766.6	35,791.7	19,816.6	19,258.3	16,950.0	16,533.4
Illinois .....	13,075.0	14,050.1	12,766.7	13,708.4	308.3	341.7
Indiana .....	77,483.3	74,491.6	76,250.0	73,233.3	1,233.3	1,258.3
Iowa .....	81,349.9	97,191.7	79,533.3	95,350.0	1,816.6	1,841.7
Kentucky .....	10,333.3	9,941.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	4,350.0	4,674.9	4,225.0	4,541.6	125.0	133.3
Michigan .....	35,966.7	33,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	18,775.0	16,575.0	18,041.6	15,900.0	733.4	675.0
Mississippi .....	10,216.6	9,866.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	28,583.3	28,716.6	24,816.7	25,283.3	3,766.6	3,433.3
Nebraska .....	12,124.9	17,691.6	11,233.3	16,858.3	891.6	833.3
New York .....	12,575.0	12,333.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	29,425.0	29,291.7	15,550.0	15,233.4	13,875.0	14,058.3
Ohio .....	85,575.0	84,450.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,100.0	3,933.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,383.3	5,216.7	4,383.3	5,216.7	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	55,241.7	59,525.0	51,841.7	55,908.3	3,400.0	3,616.7
South Carolina .....	7,425.0	6,991.6	5,483.3	5,008.3	1,941.7	1,983.3
South Dakota .....	4,016.7	3,116.7	4,016.7	3,116.7	-	-
Texas .....	46,441.7	45,000.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	11,458.4	13,833.4	11,458.4	13,833.4	-	-
Virginia .....	5,491.7	5,233.3	2,916.7	2,600.0	2,575.0	2,633.3
Washington .....	14,558.3	12,041.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	12,466.6	17,925.0	11,983.3	17,441.7	483.3	483.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	61,975.0	64,958.3	55,483.4	58,050.1	6,491.6	6,908.2
United States .....	763,199.6	781,741.2	653,175.1	671,591.6	110,024.5	110,149.6

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## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2022-2023

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	1.2	1.1	12.6	10.8
February .....	1.8	1.9	11.6	10.6
March .....	1.7	2.5	11.9	10.3
April .....	1.4	2.5	12.5	10.8
May .....	1.2	2.3	13.0	10.8
June .....	2.1	2.3	12.2	10.6
July .....	1.7	1.7	12.3	11.4
August .....	1.4	2.1	12.2	11.0
September .....	1.8	2.2	11.7	10.9
October .....	1.7		11.3	
November .....	1.7		11.7	
December .....	0.8		11.9	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: August 1 and September 1, 2022-2023

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	August 1		September 1		August 1		September 1	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.5	1.5	0.5	2.0	4.0	2.5	4.0	3.5
Arkansas .....	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	9.0	7.5	6.0	9.0
California .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.0
Colorado .....	-	2.0	1.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	2.5
Georgia .....	2.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.5
Illinois .....	2.5	6.0	11.5	6.5	16.5	28.5	14.5	22.5
Indiana .....	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Iowa .....	1.5	1.5	0.5	2.0	10.5	8.5	11.0	9.0
Kentucky .....	2.0	3.0	3.5	6.0	0.5	9.5	-	10.5
Maryland .....	1.0	-	0.5	1.0	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	1.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.0
Minnesota .....	1.5	2.0	-	0.5	2.5	4.5	3.5	6.0
Mississippi .....	2.5	2.0	2.0	4.0	24.0	13.5	23.5	13.0
Missouri .....	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	5.0	6.0	5.5	4.0
Nebraska .....	1.0	2.5	-	4.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.5
New York .....	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
North Carolina .....	1.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	7.0	9.0	8.5	6.5
Ohio .....	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	13.0	8.0	12.5	7.5
Oklahoma .....	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.5	31.0	21.5	30.5	23.0
Oregon .....	-	1.0	-	-	-	2.0	-	4.0
Pennsylvania .....	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.5	1.5	2.0	1.5
South Carolina .....	2.5	2.0	2.5	2.5	23.5	12.0	23.0	10.0
South Dakota .....	-	2.0	-	0.5	-	3.0	-	1.5
Texas .....	2.0	8.0	6.0	4.5	54.0	49.0	51.5	49.5
Utah .....	-	4.0	1.5	4.5	34.0	22.5	27.0	24.0
Virginia .....	4.5	-	4.5	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	-	1.5	1.5	2.0	9.0	13.5	6.5	11.5
Wisconsin .....	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	8.5	3.0	8.5	4.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.5	3.8	4.0	3.3	21.6	22.5	21.0	22.7
United States .....	1.4	2.1	1.8	2.2	12.2	11.0	11.7	10.9

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on September 1 .....	49,192	50,779	103
Chicks hatched during August .....	55,991	53,315	95
Chicks hatched January through August .....	432,103	438,286	101
Pullets hatched during August for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	249	255	102
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	3,138	2,713	86
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on September 1 .....	733,889	716,013	98
Chicks hatched during August .....	865,459	852,301	98
Chicks hatched January through August .....	6,678,691	6,652,672	100
Pullets hatched during August for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	7,680	8,242	107
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	78,650	72,668	92

<sup>1</sup> 2023 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2022 through January 2023.

<sup>2</sup> 2023 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2022 through January 2023.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2022-2023

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

Item	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	46,372	47,370	102
February .....	51,822	50,031	97
March .....	57,677	54,004	94
April .....	57,156	55,511	97
May .....	51,046	55,306	108
June .....	49,652	55,584	112
July .....	45,360	49,521	109
August .....	49,852	48,823	98
September .....	49,192	50,779	103
October .....	47,868		
November .....	47,299		
December .....	48,452		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2022-2023

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	49,048	50,748	103	49,048	50,748	103
February .....	51,796	52,009	100	100,844	102,757	102
March .....	60,099	58,971	98	160,943	161,728	100
April .....	50,636	55,713	110	211,579	217,441	103
May .....	57,802	58,888	102	269,381	276,329	103
June .....	56,816	58,209	102	326,197	334,538	103
July .....	49,915	50,433	101	376,112	384,971	102
August .....	55,991	53,315	95	432,103	438,286	101
September .....	53,242			485,345		
October .....	50,330			535,675		
November .....	46,565			582,240		
December .....	48,438			630,678		



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2022-2024

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2023 as percent of 2022	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2022	2023		2023	2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	261	197	75	2,919	2,667
February .....	276	230	83	2,886	2,697
March .....	199	201	101	2,805	2,703
April .....	208	234	113	2,779	
May .....	269	260	97	2,778	
June .....	218	199	91	2,774	
July .....	166	196	118	2,777	
August .....	249	255	102	2,713	
September .....	263			2,667	
October .....	251			2,669	
November .....	200			2,695	
December .....	217			2,686	
Annual total .....	2,777				

<sup>1</sup> For August 2023, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched February 2022 through January 2023. 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: 2022-2023

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

Item	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	712,702	719,036	101
February .....	715,975	718,730	100
March .....	719,191	723,102	101
April .....	721,346	724,258	100
May .....	721,556	723,876	100
June .....	728,799	730,839	100
July .....	724,420	725,245	100
August .....	727,577	724,115	100
September .....	733,889	716,013	98
October .....	719,531		
November .....	707,567		
December .....	721,529		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: August 2022 and 2023

State	During August			January-August		
	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	124,561	122,739	99	966,701	961,807	99
Arkansas .....	88,722	86,109	97	685,975	677,039	99
Delaware .....	18,455	19,667	107	138,521	149,631	108
Florida .....	4,042	4,071	101	33,146	32,354	98
Georgia .....	123,538	124,065	100	960,062	974,267	101
Kentucky .....	23,186	23,145	100	161,099	177,007	110
Louisiana .....	12,296	11,202	91	90,057	93,610	104
Maryland .....	28,612	29,212	102	224,381	225,593	101
Mississippi .....	60,954	62,460	102	477,254	474,561	99
Missouri .....	34,739	34,372	99	270,818	270,206	100
North Carolina .....	94,148	86,456	92	723,049	685,819	95
Oklahoma .....	25,822	25,622	99	204,323	199,107	97
Pennsylvania .....	24,251	26,309	108	183,751	193,630	105
South Carolina .....	19,885	20,164	101	147,929	155,503	105
Texas .....	65,664	65,718	100	519,170	504,186	97
Virginia .....	24,413	20,794	85	186,115	169,651	91
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	48,233	45,974	95	363,093	361,397	100
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	43,938	44,222	101	343,247	347,304	101
United States .....	865,459	852,301	98	6,678,691	6,652,672	100

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

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2022-2023

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	838,875	846,059	101	838,875	846,059	101
February .....	759,012	763,303	101	1,597,887	1,609,362	101
March .....	844,750	846,425	100	2,442,637	2,455,787	101
April .....	821,935	818,761	100	3,264,572	3,274,548	100
May .....	854,325	847,497	99	4,118,897	4,122,045	100
June .....	835,072	830,003	99	4,953,969	4,952,048	100
July .....	859,263	848,323	99	5,813,232	5,800,371	100
August .....	865,459	852,301	98	6,678,691	6,652,672	100
September .....	839,366			7,518,057		
October .....	847,410			8,365,467		
November .....	809,629			9,175,096		
December .....	853,712			10,028,808		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2022-2024

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2023 as percent of 2022	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2022	2023		2023	2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January .....	7,880	8,010	102	76,325	75,299
February .....	8,499	7,706	91	75,295	76,516
March .....	9,296	8,991	97	74,989	77,096
April .....	7,935	8,117	102	74,146	
May .....	8,468	8,643	102	73,568	
June .....	8,709	9,710	111	72,731	
July .....	7,536	8,519	113	72,593	
August .....	7,680	8,242	107	72,668	
September .....	8,143			71,906	
October .....	7,302			72,188	
November .....	7,662			72,769	
December .....	9,158			73,732	
Annual total .....	98,268				
Total placements <sup>2</sup> .....					
January .....	9,370	9,320	99		
February .....	10,423	9,298	89		
March .....	11,023	10,625	96		
April .....	9,212	9,776	106		
May .....	9,962	10,040	101		
June .....	10,338	11,427	111		
July .....	8,847	9,887	112		
August .....	9,053	9,993	110		
September .....	9,621				
October .....	8,793				
November .....	9,069				
December .....	10,522				
Annual total .....	116,233				

<sup>1</sup> For August 2023, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched May 2022 through January 2023.

<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 0.6 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 384 million layers by more than 0.6 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.0 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
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
Total layers .....	0.6	1.0	1,759	54	4,445	19	5
			(million)	(million)	(million)		
Eggs .....	0.8	1.3	60	2	138	17	7

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**USDA Fall Data Users' Meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**October 17 & 18, 2023**  
**12:00 – 3:00 pm ET**

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will hold a virtual meeting for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2023 Fall Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies – Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board – and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Representatives will provide agency updates, answer questions, and listen to concerns from data users.

**Abbreviated Agenda**

Day 1 – October 17

Agency Updates– *All agencies*

Focus on the 2022 Census of Agriculture - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

The Use of Weather Information In Producing the WASDE - *World Agricultural Outlook Board*

NASS Historical Revisions and Estimating Program Review - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

AMS Data Visualizations - *Agricultural Marketing Service*

Day 2 – October 18

Open Forum – *All agencies*

ERS Feed Grains Database: A comprehensive look at this valuable resource – *Economic Research Service*

Understanding Publicly Available Data from USDA-Risk Management Agency – *Risk Management Agency*

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