



# Chickens and Eggs

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## **April Egg Production Down 3 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 9.13 billion during April 2020, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.93 billion table eggs, and 1.20 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.12 billion were broiler-type and 86.8 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during April 2020 totaled 393 million, down 3 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,322 eggs, up slightly from April 2019.

Total layers in the United States on May 1, 2020 totaled 390 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 390 million layers consisted of 325 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.35 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2020, averaged 76.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from May 1, 2019.

## **Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent**

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2020 totaled 61.2 million, up 1 percent from April 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.5 million on May 1, 2020, down 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 243 thousand during April 2020, down 18 percent from April 2019.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down 6 Percent**

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2020 totaled 774 million, down 6 percent from April 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 661 million on May 1, 2020, down 6 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.16 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2020, up 11 percent from April 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		393,268
May .....		400,109		
June .....		394,862		
July .....		392,313		
August .....		393,317		
September .....		395,509		
October .....		398,404		
November .....		401,764		

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

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

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

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	9,131.6	8,209.7	7,926.8	1,168.5	1,204.8
May .....	9,618.0		8,401.2		1,216.8	
June .....	9,215.3		8,037.9		1,177.4	
July .....	9,453.5		8,240.8		1,212.7	
August .....	9,490.9		8,286.6		1,204.3	
September .....	9,222.8		8,061.5		1,161.3	
October .....	9,663.9		8,458.0		1,205.9	
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

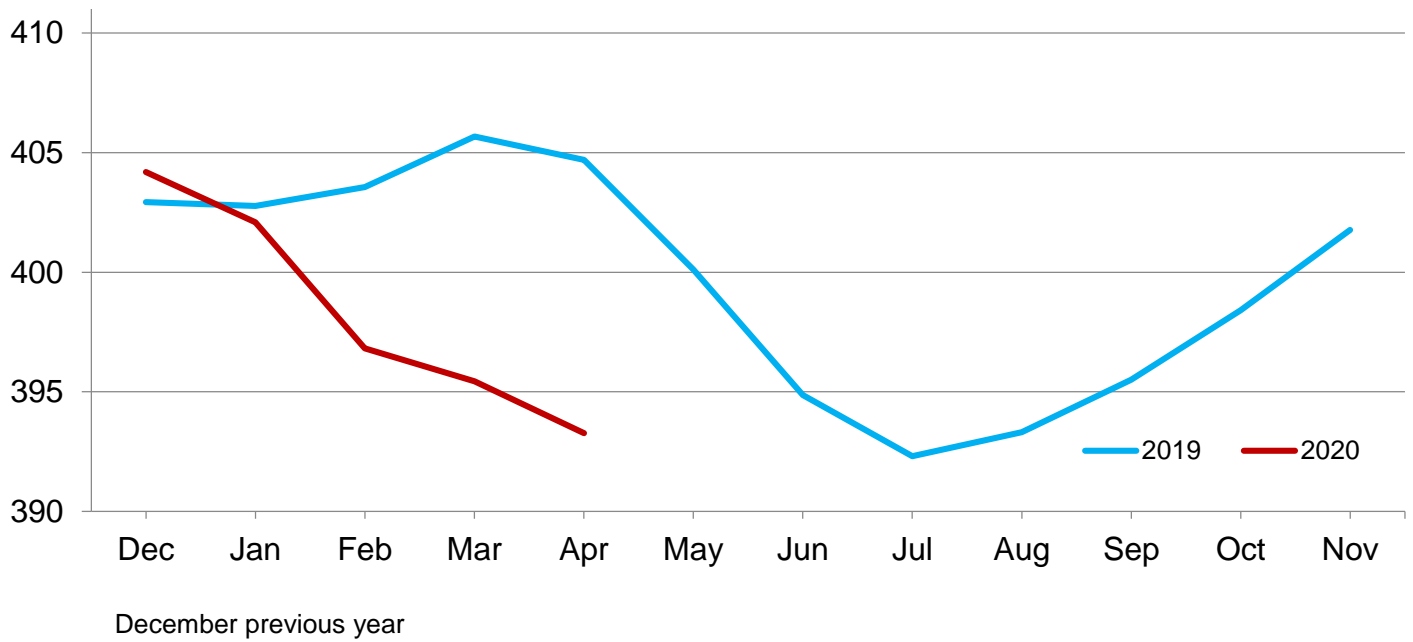
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	807,707.9	817,416.3	709,591.3	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	760,966.3	684,141.5	660,566.6	97,374.8	100,399.7
May .....	801,499.8		700,099.8		101,400.0	
June .....	767,941.8		669,825.2		98,116.6	
July .....	787,791.3		686,733.3		101,058.0	
August .....	790,908.3		690,550.2		100,358.1	
September .....	768,566.2		671,791.1		96,775.1	
October .....	805,325.0		704,833.4		100,491.6	
November .....	791,399.9		694,108.5		97,291.4	

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

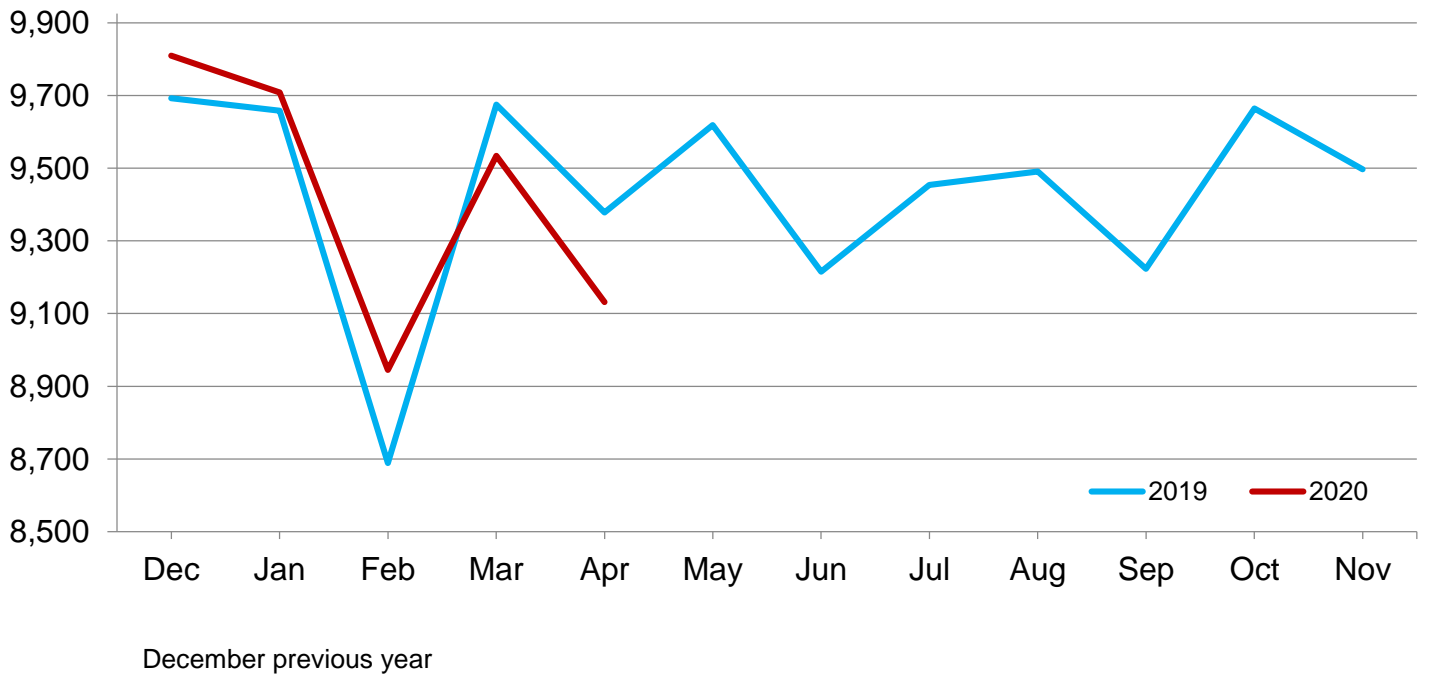
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



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

Item	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
<b>Layers during March</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	405,672	395,443	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	342,715	330,713	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	62,957	64,730	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	59,521	61,357	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,436	3,373	98
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during March</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,385	2,411	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,471	2,508	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,914	1,915	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,874	1,874	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,608	2,674	103
<b>Eggs produced during March</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,674.8	9,534.2	99
Table egg type ..... million	8,469.9	8,294.3	98
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,204.9	1,239.9	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,115.3	1,149.7	103
Egg-type hatching ..... million	89.6	90.2	101
<b>Eggs produced during March</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	806,233.1	794,516.7	99
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	705,824.9	691,191.6	98
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	100,408.2	103,325.1	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	92,941.5	95,808.5	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,466.7	7,516.6	101
<b>Layers on April 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	406,457	396,294	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	343,579	331,113	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	62,878	65,181	104
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	59,495	61,796	104
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,383	3,385	100
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on April 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	77.3	78.0	101
Table egg type ..... number	80.1	81.2	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	61.7	61.6	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	60.4	60.2	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.2	86.9	103
<b>Molted layers on April 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	1.3	1.3	100
Molt completed ..... percent	13.7	12.2	89
Layers sold for slaughter during March ..... 1,000	14,392.3	14,296.1	99
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during March ..... 1,000	10,178.8	10,530.6	103
Pullets on April 1 ..... 1,000	123,959	124,626	101
Pullets added during March <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	28,223.8	28,066.4	99

<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: April-May 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
<b>Layers during April</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	404,691	393,268	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	341,635	328,236	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,056	65,032	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	59,565	61,661	104
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,491	3,371	97
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during April</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,317	2,322	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,403	2,415	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,853	1,853	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,815	1,813	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,495	2,575	103
<b>Eggs produced during April</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,378.2	9,131.6	97
Table egg type ..... million	8,209.7	7,926.8	97
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,168.5	1,204.8	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,081.4	1,118.0	103
Egg-type hatching ..... million	87.1	86.8	100
<b>Eggs produced during April</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	781,516.3	760,966.3	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	684,141.5	660,566.6	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	97,374.8	100,399.7	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	90,116.7	93,166.4	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,258.1	7,233.3	100
<b>Layers on May 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	402,890	390,204	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	339,676	325,340	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,214	64,864	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	59,625	61,515	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,589	3,349	93
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on May 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	77.1	76.8	100
Table egg type ..... number	80.0	79.8	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	61.8	61.9	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	60.6	60.6	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	81.5	84.5	104
<b>Molted layers on May 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.5	3.2	128
Molt completed ..... percent	13.1	11.4	87
Layers sold for slaughter during April ..... 1,000	15,216.4	13,766.8	90
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during April ..... 1,000	13,161.0	16,483.1	125
Pullets on May 1 ..... 1,000	126,160	125,598	100
Pullets added during April <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	28,860.8	27,383.7	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 March 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 .....	1,421	1,425	10,203	10,697	1,901	1,935
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	14,998	15,208	2,027	2,017
California .....	12,931	13,121	13,639	13,789	2,401	2,489
Colorado .....	4,391	4,686	4,904	5,194	2,571	2,595
Georgia .....	9,981	9,191	20,513	19,771	2,135	2,173
Illinois .....	6,077	5,508	6,615	6,082	2,237	2,496
Indiana .....	34,028	33,627	35,304	34,886	2,507	2,525
Iowa .....	57,502	53,691	59,229	55,583	2,414	2,489
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,733	5,817	2,226	2,264
Maryland .....	2,512	2,467	2,704	2,665	2,548	2,552
Michigan .....	15,943	14,177	16,257	14,472	2,483	2,510
Minnesota .....	10,582	7,900	11,151	8,445	2,516	2,612
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,706	5,729	2,114	2,114
Missouri .....	7,854	7,701	12,845	12,868	2,436	2,492
Nebraska .....	8,211	7,871	8,491	8,469	2,527	2,497
New York .....	4,959	5,065	5,506	5,616	2,621	2,591
North Carolina .....	6,276	7,007	14,909	15,746	2,132	2,136
Ohio .....	36,177	34,683	37,376	35,895	2,547	2,485
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	3,069	2,888	1,952	1,984
Oregon .....	2,184	2,108	2,377	2,279	2,541	2,554
Pennsylvania .....	27,131	28,356	29,651	30,945	2,454	2,544
South Carolina .....	2,972	2,575	4,259	3,909	2,343	2,228
South Dakota .....	2,795	2,687	2,850	2,742	2,488	2,702
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,574	22,978	2,332	2,276
Utah .....	4,777	4,390	4,829	4,442	2,618	2,591
Virginia .....	922	767	2,774	2,583	2,199	2,218
Washington .....	6,764	6,425	6,929	6,589	2,670	2,629
Wisconsin .....	6,184	6,301	7,298	7,416	2,328	2,532
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	26,874	25,710	32,979	31,740	2,402	2,412
United States .....	327,245	315,028	405,672	395,443	2,385	2,411

(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 April 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 .....	1,459	1,355	10,321	10,578	1,835	1,890
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	14,899	15,390	2,008	1,975
California .....	12,876	12,829	13,554	13,545	2,296	2,427
Colorado .....	4,516	4,955	5,029	5,463	2,442	2,478
Georgia .....	10,067	9,567	20,581	20,231	2,074	2,106
Illinois .....	5,921	5,339	6,456	5,907	2,314	2,428
Indiana .....	33,718	33,210	34,941	34,443	2,415	2,452
Iowa .....	57,558	51,924	59,315	53,837	2,366	2,368
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,598	5,918	2,176	2,220
Maryland .....	2,417	2,455	2,614	2,659	2,433	2,448
Michigan .....	15,868	14,135	16,172	14,430	2,376	2,450
Minnesota .....	10,582	7,973	11,159	8,534	2,457	2,516
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,736	5,700	2,035	2,077
Missouri .....	7,968	7,780	13,020	12,953	2,359	2,413
Nebraska .....	8,341	7,358	8,622	7,962	2,405	2,311
New York .....	4,829	4,981	5,369	5,529	2,481	2,523
North Carolina .....	6,477	7,030	15,037	15,623	2,047	2,107
Ohio .....	35,853	34,112	37,041	35,323	2,489	2,290
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	3,073	2,887	1,907	1,915
Oregon .....	2,146	2,156	2,339	2,327	2,510	2,437
Pennsylvania .....	27,020	27,988	29,591	30,625	2,401	2,439
South Carolina .....	2,771	2,638	4,075	3,961	2,226	2,148
South Dakota .....	2,799	2,620	2,854	2,675	2,512	2,531
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,776	23,294	2,253	2,247
Utah .....	4,901	4,613	4,953	4,665	2,461	2,495
Virginia .....	849	866	2,690	2,692	2,286	2,043
Washington .....	6,697	6,471	6,862	6,635	2,477	2,609
Wisconsin .....	6,186	6,454	7,295	7,571	2,398	2,521
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	26,628	25,798	32,719	31,911	2,332	2,341
United States .....	326,165	312,551	404,691	393,268	2,317	2,322

(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: March 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 .....	194.0	207.0	35.2	36.4	158.8	170.6
Arkansas .....	304.0	306.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	327.5	343.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	126.1	134.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	438.0	429.6	242.2	229.9	195.8	199.7
Illinois .....	148.0	151.8	145.5	147.4	2.5	4.4
Indiana .....	885.2	880.9	868.1	864.6	17.1	16.3
Iowa .....	1,429.8	1,383.4	1,408.2	1,358.6	21.6	24.8
Kentucky .....	127.6	131.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	68.9	68.0	67.6	66.6	1.3	1.4
Michigan .....	403.6	363.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	280.6	220.6	272.3	212.8	8.3	7.8
Mississippi .....	120.6	121.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	312.9	320.7	278.2	284.2	34.7	36.5
Nebraska .....	214.6	211.5	209.4	199.4	5.2	12.1
New York .....	144.3	145.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	317.9	336.4	157.8	175.8	160.1	160.6
Ohio .....	951.8	892.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	59.9	57.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	60.4	58.2	60.4	58.2	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	727.5	787.2	697.6	756.1	29.9	31.1
South Carolina .....	99.8	87.1	77.1	63.6	22.7	23.5
South Dakota .....	70.9	74.1	70.9	74.1	-	-
Texas .....	526.4	523.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	126.4	115.1	126.4	115.1	-	-
Virginia .....	61.0	57.3	30.5	25.8	30.5	31.5
Washington .....	185.0	173.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	169.9	187.8	163.9	181.5	6.0	6.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	792.2	765.5	715.0	689.0	77.2	76.5
United States .....	9,674.8	9,534.2	8,469.9	8,294.3	1,204.9	1,239.9

- 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: April 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 .....	189.4	199.9	34.3	34.3	155.1	165.6
Arkansas .....	299.1	303.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	311.2	328.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	122.8	135.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	426.8	426.1	236.4	231.5	190.4	194.6
Illinois .....	149.4	143.4	147.0	139.4	2.4	4.0
Indiana .....	843.9	844.5	828.5	829.6	15.4	14.9
Iowa .....	1,403.1	1,275.0	1,381.6	1,250.0	21.5	25.0
Kentucky .....	121.8	131.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	63.6	65.1	62.3	63.6	1.3	1.5
Michigan .....	384.2	353.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	274.2	214.7	266.1	207.1	8.1	7.6
Mississippi .....	116.7	118.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	307.2	312.6	272.5	276.4	34.7	36.2
Nebraska .....	207.4	184.0	202.3	172.3	5.1	11.7
New York .....	133.2	139.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	307.8	329.2	154.4	174.7	153.4	154.5
Ohio .....	921.8	808.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	58.6	55.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	58.7	56.7	58.7	56.7	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	710.5	747.0	681.7	716.5	28.8	30.5
South Carolina .....	90.7	85.1	68.5	62.6	22.2	22.5
South Dakota .....	71.7	67.7	71.7	67.7	-	-
Texas .....	513.1	523.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	121.9	116.4	121.9	116.4	-	-
Virginia .....	61.5	55.0	32.0	24.8	29.5	30.2
Washington .....	170.0	173.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	174.9	190.9	169.3	184.7	5.6	6.2
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	763.0	746.9	688.3	671.5	74.7	75.4
United States .....	9,378.2	9,131.6	8,209.7	7,926.8	1,168.5	1,204.8

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: March 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 .....	16,166.7	17,250.0	2,933.4	3,033.3	13,233.3	14,216.7
Arkansas .....	25,333.3	25,566.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	27,291.7	28,600.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	10,508.3	11,233.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	36,500.0	35,800.0	20,183.3	19,158.3	16,316.7	16,641.7
Illinois .....	12,333.3	12,650.0	12,125.0	12,283.3	208.3	366.7
Indiana .....	73,766.7	73,408.3	72,341.7	72,050.0	1,425.0	1,358.3
Iowa .....	119,150.0	115,283.4	117,350.0	113,216.7	1,800.0	2,066.7
Kentucky .....	10,633.3	10,975.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,741.7	5,666.7	5,633.4	5,550.0	108.3	116.7
Michigan .....	33,633.4	30,275.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	23,383.3	18,383.4	22,691.6	17,733.4	691.7	650.0
Mississippi .....	10,050.0	10,091.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	26,074.9	26,724.9	23,183.3	23,683.3	2,891.6	3,041.6
Nebraska .....	17,883.3	17,624.9	17,450.0	16,616.6	433.3	1,008.3
New York .....	12,025.0	12,125.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	26,491.7	28,033.3	13,150.0	14,650.0	13,341.7	13,383.3
Ohio .....	79,316.6	74,341.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,991.6	4,775.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,033.3	4,850.0	5,033.3	4,850.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	60,624.9	65,600.0	58,133.3	63,008.3	2,491.6	2,591.7
South Carolina .....	8,316.7	7,258.3	6,425.0	5,300.0	1,891.7	1,958.3
South Dakota .....	5,908.4	6,175.0	5,908.4	6,175.0	-	-
Texas .....	43,866.6	43,583.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	10,533.4	9,591.6	10,533.4	9,591.6	-	-
Virginia .....	5,083.3	4,775.0	2,541.6	2,150.0	2,541.7	2,625.0
Washington .....	15,416.6	14,433.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	14,158.3	15,650.0	13,658.3	15,125.0	500.0	525.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	66,016.8	63,791.9	59,583.4	57,416.8	6,433.4	6,375.1
United States .....	806,233.1	794,516.7	705,824.9	691,191.6	100,408.2	103,325.1

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: April 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 .....	15,783.3	16,658.3	2,858.3	2,858.3	12,925.0	13,800.0
Arkansas .....	24,925.0	25,324.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	25,933.4	27,400.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	10,233.4	11,283.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	35,566.6	35,508.3	19,700.0	19,291.7	15,866.6	16,216.6
Illinois .....	12,450.0	11,950.0	12,250.0	11,616.7	200.0	333.3
Indiana .....	70,324.9	70,375.0	69,041.6	69,133.4	1,283.3	1,241.6
Iowa .....	116,925.0	106,250.0	115,133.4	104,166.7	1,791.6	2,083.3
Kentucky .....	10,150.0	10,950.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,300.1	5,425.0	5,191.7	5,300.0	108.4	125.0
Michigan .....	32,016.7	29,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	22,850.0	17,891.7	22,175.0	17,258.3	675.0	633.4
Mississippi .....	9,725.0	9,866.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	25,599.9	26,050.0	22,708.3	23,033.4	2,891.6	3,016.6
Nebraska .....	17,283.3	15,333.4	16,858.3	14,358.4	425.0	975.0
New York .....	11,100.0	11,625.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	25,650.0	27,433.3	12,866.7	14,558.3	12,783.3	12,875.0
Ohio .....	76,816.7	67,400.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,883.3	4,608.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,891.7	4,725.0	4,891.7	4,725.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	59,208.3	62,249.9	56,808.3	59,708.3	2,400.0	2,541.6
South Carolina .....	7,558.3	7,091.7	5,708.3	5,216.7	1,850.0	1,875.0
South Dakota .....	5,975.0	5,641.7	5,975.0	5,641.7	-	-
Texas .....	42,758.4	43,608.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	10,158.3	9,700.0	10,158.3	9,700.0	-	-
Virginia .....	5,125.0	4,583.3	2,666.6	2,066.7	2,458.4	2,516.6
Washington .....	14,166.6	14,425.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	14,574.9	15,908.2	14,108.3	15,391.6	466.6	516.6
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	63,583.2	62,241.6	57,358.3	55,958.1	6,224.9	6,283.5
United States .....	781,516.3	760,966.3	684,141.5	660,566.6	97,374.8	100,399.7

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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	3.2	13.1	11.4
June .....	2.0		13.3	
July .....	2.0		13.3	
August .....	2.0		13.3	
September .....	2.0		13.0	
October .....	1.9		13.0	
November .....	1.5		13.2	
December .....	0.9		12.9	

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

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	April 1		May 1		April 1		May 1	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.5	-	1.5	1.0	3.5	5.5	3.5	4.5
Arkansas .....	1.0	1.0	0.5	-	10.0	11.0	9.0	10.5
California .....	1.5	2.0	4.0	2.0	9.0	7.5	10.0	6.0
Colorado .....	1.0	-	1.5	1.0	5.5	6.5	6.0	5.5
Georgia .....	0.5	-	2.0	1.0	11.5	10.0	9.5	9.5
Illinois .....	-	-	-	-	13.0	-	13.5	-
Indiana .....	0.5	1.0	2.5	2.5	16.5	14.5	17.0	12.5
Iowa .....	2.5	2.5	3.5	5.5	17.5	14.0	17.0	11.5
Kentucky .....	-	1.5	1.5	-	4.5	3.0	-	2.5
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	1.0	-	1.5	1.0	5.0	2.0	4.5	1.0
Minnesota .....	1.0	-	1.0	1.5	7.0	6.0	5.5	5.5
Mississippi .....	-	2.0	2.0	-	18.5	23.5	17.5	25.0
Missouri .....	2.0	-	-	-	7.5	1.5	9.0	0.5
Nebraska .....	6.5	2.0	3.0	29.5	8.5	10.5	10.0	10.0
New York .....	-	-	5.0	-	1.5	6.0	1.5	6.0
North Carolina .....	0.5	-	0.5	0.5	5.5	4.5	5.5	4.0
Ohio .....	1.5	3.0	2.0	10.5	16.5	14.5	15.5	13.5
Oklahoma .....	0.5	-	0.5	3.5	22.0	-	22.0	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	-	1.5
Pennsylvania .....	-	0.5	0.5	1.0	2.5	3.5	2.5	4.0
South Carolina .....	-	-	5.0	-	20.0	23.0	19.0	22.5
South Dakota .....	-	-	3.5	-	3.0	-	0.5	-
Texas .....	1.0	2.5	6.0	1.5	36.5	42.5	34.5	42.5
Utah .....	-	1.0	9.5	2.5	26.5	18.0	24.0	13.5
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	1.0	2.5	4.5	-	15.5	14.0	14.0	16.0
Wisconsin .....	2.0	0.5	2.0	8.5	20.5	7.5	16.5	8.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.3	1.7	3.6	1.0	20.1	18.9	19.9	18.8
United States .....	1.3	1.3	2.5	3.2	13.7	12.2	13.1	11.4

- 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 May 1 .....	55,489	49,450	89
Chicks hatched during April .....	60,668	61,170	101
Chicks hatched January through April .....	224,358	218,229	97
<b>Pullets hatched during April for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	295	243	82
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,446	2,954	121
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on May 1 .....	703,505	660,939	94
Chicks hatched during April .....	819,404	774,151	94
Chicks hatched January through April .....	3,236,234	3,301,559	102
<b>Pullets hatched during April for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	7,339	8,161	111
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	71,182	73,624	103

<sup>1</sup> 2020 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2018 through September 2019.

<sup>2</sup> 2020 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2019 through September 2019.

## 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	49,450	89
June .....	51,648		
July .....	47,615		
August .....	47,490		
September .....	47,878		
October .....	48,512		
November .....	48,069		
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	61,170	101	224,358	218,229	97
May .....	60,816			285,174		
June .....	51,858			337,032		
July .....	50,919			387,951		
August .....	46,246			434,197		
September .....	50,386			484,583		
October .....	52,066			536,649		
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: 2019-2020

[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		2019	2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	268	265	99	2,446	2,791
February .....	201	482	240	2,402	2,887
March .....	189	322	170	2,468	2,818
April .....	295	243	82	2,446	2,954
May .....	215			2,468	2,882
June .....	270			2,509	2,838
July .....	255			2,515	2,872
August .....	194			2,532	2,869
September .....	286			2,585	3,150
October .....	199			2,579	3,283
November .....	198			2,669	3,231
December .....	302			2,699	
Annual total .....	2,872				

<sup>1</sup> For April 2020, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched October 2018 through September 2019. 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	660,939	94
June .....	705,839		
July .....	694,935		
August .....	700,675		
September .....	694,562		
October .....	674,657		
November .....	677,193		
December .....	711,590		

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

State	During April			January-April		
	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 .....	107,833	109,533	102	432,934	469,081	108
Arkansas .....	87,453	78,396	90	347,397	332,223	96
Delaware .....	19,000	14,285	75	73,606	70,872	96
Florida .....	4,191	4,172	100	16,938	16,896	100
Georgia .....	122,801	115,017	94	485,504	481,812	99
Kentucky .....	26,823	26,125	97	106,745	106,948	100
Louisiana .....	12,840	10,370	81	51,698	50,010	97
Maryland .....	28,465	26,308	92	114,158	115,317	101
Mississippi .....	67,966	60,840	90	265,185	258,354	97
Missouri .....	29,738	30,177	101	117,008	125,133	107
North Carolina .....	84,410	80,266	95	332,090	345,539	104
Oklahoma .....	26,830	23,758	89	106,726	104,105	98
Pennsylvania .....	18,451	21,759	118	74,727	86,945	116
South Carolina .....	20,253	17,468	86	79,813	76,737	96
Texas .....	62,126	57,935	93	238,201	242,673	102
Virginia .....	22,756	17,923	79	90,183	86,685	96
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	43,030	41,965	98	167,619	176,501	105
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	34,438	37,854	110	135,702	155,728	115
United States .....	819,404	774,151	94	3,236,234	3,301,559	102

<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	774,151	94	3,236,234	3,301,559	102
May .....	857,507			4,093,741		
June .....	833,708			4,927,449		
July .....	850,393			5,777,842		
August .....	855,076			6,632,918		
September .....	815,567			7,448,485		
October .....	816,263			8,264,748		
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: 2019-2020

[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 (1,000 chicks)	2020 (1,000 chicks)		2019 (1,000 chicks)	2020 (1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	7,478	7,482	100	70,216	72,170
February .....	7,882	8,135	103	70,100	73,411
March .....	8,222	8,547	104	70,500	73,604
April .....	7,339	8,161	111	71,182	73,624
May .....	8,767			71,318	73,677
June .....	8,717			71,640	73,936
July .....	8,510			72,147	74,341
August .....	8,094			71,937	74,484
September .....	8,615			71,537	73,852
October .....	7,531			71,440	73,682
November .....	8,141			71,306	73,333
December .....	8,627			71,730	
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				
June .....	10,606				
July .....	10,444				
August .....	9,763				
September .....	10,468				
October .....	9,063				
November .....	9,653				
December .....	10,365				
Annual total .....	118,948				

<sup>1</sup> For April 2020, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched January 2019 through September 2019.

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

## Statistical Methodology

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

**Estimating Procedures:** Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS 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 1.6 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 393 million layers by more than 1.6 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.7 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) 1.6	(percent) 2.7	(1,000) 4,867	(1,000) -	(1,000) 10,395	(number) 23	(number) 1
Eggs .....	1.6	2.8	(million) 117	(million) -	(million) 257	23	1

- Represents zero.

## 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.

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