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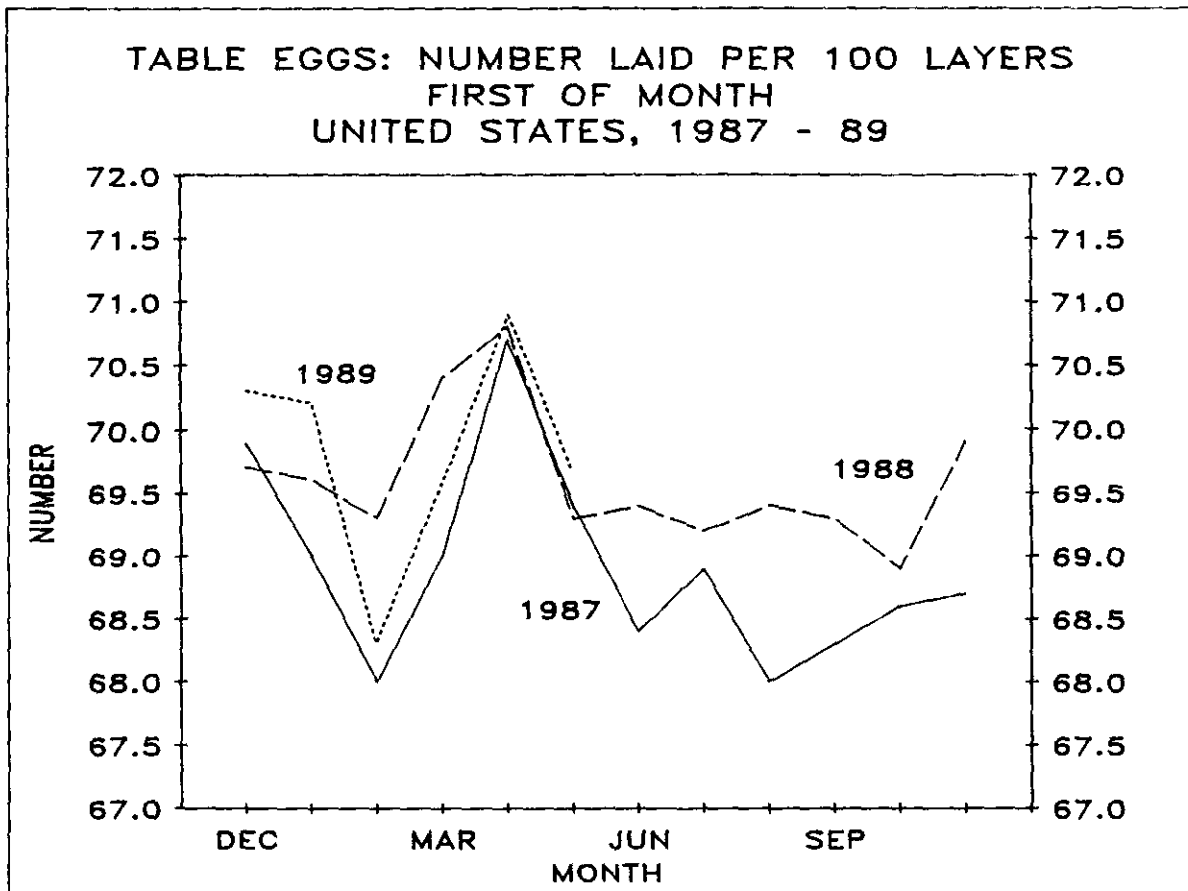
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APRIL EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT AND LAYER NUMBERS DOWN 4 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 5.55 billion during April 1989, down 3 percent from the 5.75 billion produced a year ago, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Production included 4.83 billion for table and 721 million for hatching eggs. The total number of layers during April averaged 267 million, down 4 percent from the 277 million a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,074 eggs, compared with 2,072 in April 1988.



All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 1989 totaled 266 million, compared with 276 million a year ago. The 266 million layers consisted of 228 million for table or commercial type eggs and 38.4 million for hatching type eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 1989 averaged 68.6 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from a year ago, but down from the 69.6 on April 1, 1989.

Laying flocks in the 20 major egg production States produced 4.62 billion eggs during April, down 4 percent from the 4.80 billion produced a year ago. The number of layers during April averaged 223 million, down 4 percent from the 232 million a year ago.

Data for the 30 quarterly States were estimated based on the percent change in the 20 States making monthly surveys. These monthly States accounted for about 84 percent of the U.S. egg production and layer numbers during the 3-month period, December 1988 through February 1989.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 3 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks HATCHED during April totaled 35.9 million, 3 percent above April 1988. EGGS IN INCUBATORS totaled 32.9 million on May 1, 1989, 5 percent above a year ago.

Domestic placements of EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICKS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS by leading primary breeders totaled 249 thousand during April 1989, a 7 percent increase from April 1988.

BROILER HATCH UP 6 PERCENT

The April 1989 HATCH of broiler-type chicks, at 494 million, was 6 percent above April last year. There were 426 million EGGS IN INCUBATORS on May 1, up 8 percent from a year earlier.

Leading primary breeders placed 4.20 million BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS IN DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS during April 1989, up 10 percent from April last year.

TURKEYS

The turkey EGGS IN INCUBATORS on May 1, 1989, totaled 36.5 million, 9 percent above a year earlier. The 26.4 million POULTS PLACED during April 1989 in the United States were 7 percent above the placements during the same month a year ago.

EGGS AND LAYERS: UNITED STATES

ITEM		1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
LAYERS DURING APR				
ALL LAYERS	(THOUSAND)	277,273	267,480	96
TABLE EGG TYPE	(THOUSAND)	239,882	228,837	95
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(THOUSAND)	37,391	38,643	103
EGGS PER 100 LAYERS DURING APR				
ALL LAYERS	(NUMBER)	2,072	2,074	100
TABLE EGG TYPE	(NUMBER)	2,103	2,109	100
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(NUMBER)	1,875	1,866	100
EGGS PRODUCED DURING APR				
ALL LAYERS	(MILLION)	5,745	5,547	97
TABLE EGG TYPE	(MILLION)	5,044	4,826	96
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(MILLION)	701	721	103
LAYERS ON MAY 1				
ALL LAYERS	(THOUSAND)	276,294	266,346	96
TABLE EGG TYPE	(THOUSAND)	238,776	227,959	95
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(THOUSAND)	37,518	38,387	102
EGGS PER 100 LAYERS ON MAY 1				
ALL LAYERS	(NUMBER)	68.4	68.6	100
TABLE EGG TYPE	(NUMBER)	69.3	69.7	101
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(NUMBER)	62.8	62.3	99

EGGS AND LAYERS: 20 SELECTED STATES 1/

ITEM		1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
LAYERS DURING APR				
ALL LAYERS	(THOUSAND)	231,722	222,729	96
TABLE EGG TYPE	(THOUSAND)	199,419	189,423	95
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(THOUSAND)	32,303	33,306	103
EGGS PER 100 LAYERS DURING APR				
ALL LAYERS	(NUMBER)	2,071	2,076	100
TABLE EGG TYPE	(NUMBER)	2,103	2,113	100
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(NUMBER)	1,876	1,868	100
EGGS PRODUCED DURING APR				
ALL LAYERS	(MILLION)	4,800	4,624	96
TABLE EGG TYPE	(MILLION)	4,194	4,002	95
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(MILLION)	606	622	103
LAYERS ON MAY 1				
ALL LAYERS	(THOUSAND)	230,869	221,789	96
TABLE EGG TYPE	(THOUSAND)	198,451	188,704	95
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(THOUSAND)	32,418	33,085	102
EGGS PER 100 LAYERS ON MAY 1				
ALL LAYERS	(NUMBER)	68.3	68.7	101
TABLE EGG TYPE	(NUMBER)	69.2	69.8	101
HATCHING EGG TYPE	(NUMBER)	62.9	62.3	99
FORCED MOLT LAYERS, 20 SELECTED STATES MAY 1 2/				
PERCENT BEING MOLTED		5.9	5.3	
PERCENT WITH MOLT COMPLETED		18.6	21.4	

1/ THE 20 STATES ARE LISTED IN THE TABLE ON PAGE 6. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR 1988 ARE COMPRISED OF 15 STATES.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES

ITEM	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSANDS		PERCENT
EGG-TYPE:			
EGGS IN INCUBATORS ON MAY 1	31,231	32,934	105
CHICKS HATCHED DURING APR	34,749	35,942	103
CHICKS HATCHED JAN THRU APR	128,071	122,470	96
PULLETS PLACED IN HATCHERY			
SUPPLY FLOCKS DURING APR	233	249	107
7-18 MONTHS EARLIER 1/	3,083	2,823	92
BROILER-TYPE:			
EGGS IN INCUBATORS ON MAY 1	395,271	425,547	108
CHICKS HATCHED DURING APR	464,386	493,503	106
CHICKS HATCHED JAN THRU APR	1,848,885	1,920,069	104
PULLETS PLACED IN HATCHERY			
SUPPLY FLOCKS DURING APR	3,831	4,195	110
7-14 MONTHS EARLIER 2/	32,185	32,043	100
TURKEYS:			
EGGS IN INCUBATORS ON MAY 1			
ALL BREEDS	33,379	36,463	109
POULTS PLACED DURING APR			
ALL BREEDS	24,718	26,366	107
POULTS PLACED SEP TO DATE			
ALL BREEDS	164,671	171,485	104

1/ 1988 INCLUDES PULLET CHICKS PLACED OCT 1987 THROUGH SEP 1988.
 2/ 1988 INCLUDES PULLET CHICKS PLACED FEB 1988 THROUGH SEP 1988.

 * PLACEMENT DATA REPORTED BY LEADING PRIMARY BREEDERS INCLUDE PULLET CHICKS *
 * EXPECTED FROM EGGS SOLD THE PRECEDING MONTH. THE PRIMARY BREEDERS IN THIS *
 * REPORT ACCOUNT FOR A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF REPLACEMENT PULLETS FOR HATCHERY *
 * SUPPLY FLOCKS. SALES OF REPLACEMENT PULLETS BY THESE BREEDERS PROVIDE AN *
 * INDICATION OF THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF PULLETS AVAILABLE FOR ADDITION TO *
 * HATCHERY EGG SUPPLY FLOCKS, SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE THE PULLETS WILL ACTUALLY *
 * MOVE INTO THE FLOCKS. *

TABLE EGGS: NUMBER LAID PER 100 LAYERS ON FIRST OF MONTH,
 UNITED STATES, 1987 - 89 1/

MONTH	1987	1988	1989
	NUMBER		
DEC 2/	69.9	69.7	70.3
JAN	69.0	69.6	70.2
FEB	68.0	69.3	68.3
MAR	69.0	70.4	69.6
APR	70.7	70.8	70.9
MAY	69.4	69.3	69.7
JUN	68.4	69.4	
JUL	68.9	69.2	
AUG	68.0	69.4	
SEP	68.3	69.3	
OCT	68.6	68.9	
NOV	68.7	69.9	

1/ DATA IS FOR CHART ON COVER PAGE. 2/ DECEMBER PRECEEDING YEAR.

ALL LAYERS ON HAND AND EGGS PER 100 LAYERS

STATE	NUMBER OF LAYERS DURING APRIL		EGGS PER 100 LAYERS DURING APRIL	
	1988	1989	1988	1989
	THOUSANDS		NUMBER	
ALA	11,191	9,473	1,975	1,942
ARK	15,875	14,520	1,972	1,942
CALIF	31,300	29,950	2,016	2,000
CONN	4,384	3,531	2,144	2,067
FLA	10,810	10,590	2,044	2,096
GA	17,654	17,679	1,954	2,025
IND	21,606	21,348	2,148	2,202
IOWA	7,625	8,400	2,177	2,060
MAINE	4,987	4,410	2,186	2,154
MICH	5,950	5,500	2,134	2,127
MINN	9,090	8,451	2,068	2,142
MISS	5,177	5,206	2,048	2,017
MO	6,140	6,145	2,150	2,050
N Y	3,900	4,025	2,154	2,236
N C	14,090	14,005	1,980	1,985
OHIO	17,640	16,563	2,143	2,131
PA	19,825	19,126	2,230	2,212
S C	5,528	5,178	2,135	2,144
TEX	13,951	13,751	1,957	1,993
WASH	4,999	4,878	2,180	2,255
20 STATE	231,722	222,729	2,071	2,076
OTHER STS1/	45,551	44,751	2,075	2,063
US	277,273	267,480	2,072	2,074

1/ ESTIMATES FOR INDIVIDUAL STATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

EGG PRODUCTION BY TYPE DURING APRIL

STATE	TOTAL PRODUCTION		TABLE EGGS 1/		HATCHING EGGS 1/	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
	MILLION EGGS					
ALA	221	184	138	100	83	84
ARK	313	282	184	154	129	128
CALIF	631	599				
CONN	94	73				
FLA	221	222	204	205	17	17
GA	345	358	236	246	109	112
IND	464	470	452	459	12	11
IOWA	166	173	162	170	4	3
MAINE	109	95				
MICH	127	117				
MINN	188	181	182	174	6	7
MISS	106	105	62	62	44	43
MO	132	126				
N Y	84	90				
N C	279	278	177	166	102	112
OHIO	378	353				
PA	442	423	426	405	16	18
S C	118	111	109	102	9	9
TEX	273	274	241	238	32	36
WASH	109	110				
20 STATE	4,800	4,624	4,194	4,002	606	622
OTHER STS2/	945	923	850	824	95	99
US	5,745	5,547	5,044	4,826	701	721

1/ DATA BY TYPE OF FLOCK NOT SHOWN FOR SOME STATES TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

2/ ESTIMATES FOR INDIVIDUAL STATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

FORCED MOLT LAYERS AS A PERCENT OF HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE,
FIRST OF THE MONTH, 20 SELECTED STATES AVERAGE 1/

MONTH	PERCENT BEING MOLTED		PERCENT MOLT COMPLETED	
	1988	1989	1988	1989
JAN	3.8	4.0	20.8	23.3
FEB	5.0	4.9	20.3	21.5
MAR	3.7	4.3	20.5	21.7
APR	3.9	3.9	19.3	21.5
MAY	5.9	5.3	18.6	21.4
JUN	7.6		19.9	
JUL	6.1		21.2	
AUG	4.7		22.1	
SEP	4.3		22.4	
OCT	4.5		22.3	
NOV	3.9		22.6	
DEC	3.5		24.1	

1/ ESTIMATES FOR 1988 COMPRISED OF 15 STATES. ESTIMATES FOR 1988 ARE REVISED BASED ON REVISIONS TO THE HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE PUBLISHED IN THE 1988 SUMMARY.

FORCED MOLT LAYERS AS A PERCENT OF HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE,
FIRST OF THE MONTH, 20 SELECTED STATES AND 20 SELECTED STATES AVERAGE 1/

STATE	PERCENT BEING MOLTED		PERCENT WITH MOLT COMPLETED	
	1988	1989	1988	1989
ALA	4.0	4.0	17.5	18.5
ARK	3.5	7.5	9.0	11.0
CALIF	9.0	9.5	26.0	41.0
CONN		2.5		8.0
FLA	11.0	9.0	32.0	40.5
GA	9.5	6.5	23.0	23.0
IND	2.0	3.0	20.0	14.0
IOWA	4.5	4.0	16.5	19.0
MAINE		0.5		1.5
MICH		1.5		15.0
MINN		6.0		25.5
MISS	7.5	5.5	15.5	20.0
MO		3.5		17.5
N Y	3.0	0.5	6.5	7.0
N C	6.0	6.0	18.0	20.0
OHIO	3.0	3.5	7.0	12.0
PA	5.5	5.0	12.5	17.0
S C	3.5	2.5	17.0	17.0
TEX	6.0	2.5	20.0	20.0
WASH	9.0	8.5	37.5	33.0
20 STATES	5.9	5.3	18.6	21.4

1/ ESTIMATES FOR 1988 ARE COMPRISED OF 15 STATES.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

STATE	APRIL			JAN - APR		
	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSAND		PERCENT	THOUSAND		PERCENT
ALA	1,343	1,277	95	4,800	4,644	97
ARK	624	1,027	165	3,518	3,871	110
CALIF	2,899	2,598	90	10,748	9,904	92
FLA	2,721	2,172	80	9,098	7,238	80
GA	1,723	1,461	85	6,476	4,784	74
ILL	1,016	561	55	3,155	1,587	50
IND	4,494	5,897	131	17,561	21,267	121
IOWA	1,695	2,001	118	6,522	6,176	95
KANS	436	329	75	1,309	1,116	85
MINN	1,509	1,882	125	6,241	6,253	100
MO	1,297	1,353	104	3,773	3,842	102
PA	4,172	4,037	97	13,757	13,496	98
S C	464	653	141	2,168	2,343	108
OTH STS 1/	10,356	10,694	103	38,945	35,949	92
U S	34,749	35,942	103	128,071	122,470	96

1/ COLO, CONN, HAW, IDAHO, KY, LA, ME, MD, MASS, MICH, MISS, MONT, NEBR, N H, N J, N MEX, N Y, N C, N DAK, OHIO, OREG, R I, S DAK, TENN, TEX, UTAH, VA, WASH, W VA, AND WIS ARE COMBINED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED - UNITED STATES

MONTH	BY MONTHS				CUMULATIVE			
	1987	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988	1987	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSAND		PERCENT		THOUSAND		PERCENT	
JAN	34,156	29,274	26,614	91	34,156	29,274	26,614	91
FEB	35,815	28,433	27,191	96	69,971	57,707	53,805	93
MAR	41,708	35,615	32,723	92	111,679	93,322	86,528	93
APR	42,356	34,749	35,942	103	154,035	128,071	122,470	96
MAY	40,858	35,984			194,893	164,055		
JUN	37,256	33,049			232,149	197,104		
JUL	33,375	24,876			265,524	221,980		
AUG	34,667	27,838			300,191	249,818		
SEP	31,800	30,918			331,991	280,736		
OCT	33,959	31,007			365,950	311,743		
NOV	30,593	29,425			396,543	341,168		
DEC	31,242	27,181			427,785	368,349		

EGG-TYPE EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSAND		PERCENT
NORTH ATLANTIC	5,290	6,023	114
E NORTH CENTRAL	7,991	8,313	104
W NORTH CENTRAL	4,793	5,213	109
SOUTH ATLANTIC	4,983	4,627	93
SOUTH CENTRAL	3,383	3,971	117
WEST	4,791	4,787	100
U S	31,231	32,934	105

EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS 1/

	PLACEMENTS BY MONTHS			1989 AS % OF 1988	CUMULATIVE PLACEMENTS RELATIVE TO CURRENT SUPPLY FLOCKS		
	1987	1988	1989		1987	1988	1989
	THOUSANDS		PERCENT		THOUSANDS	7-18 MONTHS EARLIER 2/	
DOMESTIC:							
JAN	196	145	142	98	3,072	3,019	2,909
FEB	251	159	199	125	2,977	3,099	2,829
MAR	246	208	215	103	2,917	3,087	2,822
APR	355	233	249	107	2,900	3,083	2,823
MAY	225	239			2,932	3,112	2,736
JUN	378	367			2,916	3,156	2,706
JUL	330	250			2,961	3,209	2,588
AUG	206	199			2,948	3,158	2,585
SEP	233	234			2,943	3,066	2,625
OCT	299	212			2,860	3,028	2,632
NOV	194	164			2,895	2,895	2,648
DEC	296	178			2,925	2,920	
ANNUAL TOTAL	3,209	2,588					

1/ REPORTED BY LEADING BREEDERS, INCLUDES EXPECTED PULLET PLACEMENTS FROM EGGS SOLD DURING THE PRECEDING MONTH AT THE RATE OF 125 PULLET CHICKS PER 30-DOZEN CASE OF EGGS. 2/ FOR APR 1989, INCLUDES PULLET CHICKS PLACED OCT 1987 THROUGH SEP 1988.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSAND		PERCENT
NORTH ATLANTIC	12,400	12,586	102
E NORTH CENTRAL	4,506	4,392	97
W NORTH CENTRAL	9,147	9,007	98
SOUTH ATLANTIC	162,019	172,403	106
SOUTH CENTRAL	185,959	204,308	110
WEST	21,240	22,851	108
U S	395,271	425,547	108

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

STATE	APRIL			JAN THROUGH APR		
	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSAND		PERCENT	THOUSAND		PERCENT
ALA	70,609	74,077	105	280,599	287,174	102
ARK	83,815	86,696	103	340,758	345,819	101
DEL	15,477	15,516	100	62,112	61,672	99
FLA	11,061	11,569	105	45,558	45,993	101
GA	69,462	73,021	105	271,615	285,905	105
MD	28,224	29,340	104	110,658	115,797	105
MISS	29,546	32,136	109	116,906	123,141	105
N C	46,231	49,242	107	181,395	184,536	102
PENN	10,286	12,144	118	45,488	47,448	104
S C	5,749	6,697	116	23,805	25,920	109
TEX	24,425	27,569	113	96,496	105,026	109
VA	13,158	13,659	104	51,854	54,213	105
CA TN & WVA	25,174	26,404	105	96,807	100,901	104
WASH & OREG	5,080	5,146	101	17,161	18,907	110
OTH STS 1/	26,089	30,287	116	107,673	117,617	109
U S	464,386	493,503	106	1,848,885	1,920,069	104
15 STS 2/	433,217	458,070	106	1,724,051	1,783,545	103

1/ COLO, CONN, HAW, IDAHO, ILL, IND, IOWA, KY, LA, MAINE, MASS, MICH, MINN, MO, MONT, NEBR, N H, N J, N Y, N DAK, OHIO, OKLA, R I, S DAK, UTAH, AND WIS ARE COMBINED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 2/ STATES IN THE WEEKLY HATCHERY PRODUCTION ESTIMATING PROGRAM ARE THOSE LISTED ABOVE EXCEPT WASH. & ORE. DATA IS INCLUDED IN THE U.S. TOTAL.

BROILER CHICKS HATCHED - UNITED STATES

MONTH	BY MONTHS				CUMULATIVE			
	1987	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988	1987	1988	1989	1989 AS % OF 1988
	THOUSAND			PERCENT	THOUSAND			PERCENT
JAN	439,442	468,333	481,284	103	439,442	468,333	481,284	103
FEB	405,252	432,813	442,816	102	844,694	901,146	924,100	103
MAR	456,081	483,353	502,466	104	1,300,775	1,384,499	1,426,566	103
APR	455,679	464,386	493,503	106	1,756,454	1,848,885	1,920,069	104
MAY	473,827	487,027			2,230,281	2,335,912		
JUN	461,421	473,782			2,691,702	2,809,694		
JUL	463,321	473,394			3,155,023	3,283,088		
AUG	455,676	479,734			3,610,699	3,762,822		
SEP	433,769	455,183			4,044,468	4,218,005		
OCT	441,893	456,819			4,486,361	4,674,824		
NOV	423,147	437,967			4,909,508	5,112,791		
DEC	469,720	488,248			5,379,228	5,601,039		
