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EGG PRODUCTION AND LAYER NUMBERS

The Nation's laying flock produced 5,159 million eggs during February, 1 percent less than in February 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Layers on hand during February averaged 294 million, 1 percent below a year earlier. The average rate of lay during the month was up 1 percent from a year earlier to partially offset the fewer layers.

Layers on farms March 1, 1974 totaled 293 million, down 1 percent from the 297 million a year earlier and 295 million a month earlier. Rate of lay on March 1 averaged 63.3 eggs per 100 layers, up from 62.7 a year earlier and 62.0 on February 1, 1974.

On March 1, pullets 3 months old and older, not of laying age, totaled 52.5 million, up 19 percent from March 1, 1973. Potential layers (hens and pullets of laying age plus pullets 3 months old and older not of laying age) totaled 346 million, up 1 percent from the same date a year earlier.

PULLET CHICKS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS

Leading primary breeders placed 2.4 million pullet chicks in domestic broiler hatchery supply flocks during February -- up 8 percent from February 1973. Domestic placements of pullet chicks January 1973 through September 1973 totaled 23.9 million -- down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier. Total placements (domestic plus exports) during February were 5 percent above a year earlier.

Domestic placements of pullet chicks for egg-type hatchery supply flocks by the leading primary breeders totaled 324,000 during February -- down 22 percent from February 1973. The September 1972 through September 1973 total of 5.0 million is about the same as a year earlier.

Placement data include pullet chicks sold during the month plus pullet chicks expected from eggs sold the preceding month. The primary breeders included in this report account for a large percentage of placement 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.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Broiler-type chicks produced during February 1974 totaled 254 million, 5 percent more than the 242 million produced during February a year ago. The number of broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, 1974, at 242 million, was 3 percent above a year ago.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 38.0 million, down 8 percent from the 41.5 million produced a year ago. Eggs in incubators on March 1, 1974, at 39.7 million, were 13 percent below a year ago.

The commercial hatch of turkey poults during February was 6 percent above a year ago. The hatch of both heavy and light breeds was up 6 percent from the same month last year.

There were 13.9 million turkey poults hatched during February. Of these poults, about 12.7 million were heavy breed turkeys and 1.2 million were light breeds.

The number of turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 1974, at 26.2 million, was 7 percent above a year earlier. Eggs for heavy breed turkeys were up 7 percent but light breeds decreased 2 percent from last year.

CHICKENS AND TURKEYS IN FLOCKS TESTED FOR PULLORUM-TYPHOID

Chickens in broiler breeder flocks tested for pullorum-typhoid during February totaled 1.5 million, down 22 percent from February 1973. Testings January through February 1974 were 3.4 million, a decrease of 19 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Chickens in egg-type breeder flocks tested during February totaled 417 thousand, down 3 percent from February 1973. The number in flocks tested January through February was 1.1 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Heavy breed turkeys in flocks tested during February totaled 183 thousand, 72 percent above February 1973. Testings July through February were 2.7 million, an increase of 10 percent from the same period a year ago.

Light breed turkeys in flocks tested totaled 35.4 thousand, 13 percent below February 1973. The number in flocks tested July through February was 232 thousand, a decrease of 20 percent from the corresponding period a year ago.

Testings summarized in this report are tabulations of records from official State Testing Agencies and include all birds in flocks tested. The degree of coverage may vary from month to month and from State to State. The preparation of these data is a cooperative effort of the Poultry Improvement Staff of the Agricultural Research Service, official State Agencies participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan and the Estimates Division of the Statistical Reporting Service.

UNITED STATES

Item	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	Thousands		Percent
<u>Egg Production During February</u>			
Number layers during month	298,222	294,031	99
Eggs per 100 layers (number)	1,742	1,755	101
Total eggs produced (million)	5,196	5,159	99
<u>Layers and Rate of Lay on March 1</u>			
Number of layers on hand	296,769	293,235	99
Eggs per day per 100 layers (number)	62.7	63.3	101
<u>Forced Molt Layers, 17 States, March 1</u>	Percent		
Percent being molted	3.5	2.6	
Percent with molt completed	10.2	7.9	
<u>Pullet Chicks Placed in Hatchery</u>	Thousands		
<u>Supply Flocks (domestic)</u>			
Broiler-type :During February	2,170	2,354	108
: 6-14 mos. prev. 1/	24,013	23,885	99
Egg-type :During February	414	324	78
: 6-18 mos. prev. 1/	5,010	5,012	100
<u>Hatchery Production</u>			
Broiler-type chicks :During February	241,909	254,050	105
Jan. thru February	503,577	531,331	106
Egg-type chicks :During February	41,535	38,018	92
Jan. thru February	80,135	73,565	92
Heavy Breed poults :During February	12,020	12,727	106
September thru February:	32,827	38,275	117
Light breed poults :During February	1,137	1,210	106
September thru February:	8,227	8,047	98
All turkey poults :During February	13,157	13,937	106
September thru February:	41,054	46,322	113
<u>Chicken Eggs in Incubators on March 1</u>			
Broiler-type	234,530	241,704	103
Egg-type	45,845	39,659	87
<u>Turkey Eggs in Incubators on March 1</u>			
Heavy breeds	22,556	24,209	107
Light breeds	2,061	2,025	98
All breeds	24,617	26,234	107
<u>Chickens Tested for Pullorum-typhoid</u>			
Broiler-type :During February	1,962	1,523	78
Jan. thru February	4,158	3,360	81
Egg-type :During February	428	417	97
Jan. thru February	1,033	1,078	104
<u>Turkeys Tested for Pullorum-typhoid</u>			
Heavy breeds :During February	106	183	172
: July thru February:	2,439	2,672	110
Light breeds :During February	41	35	87
: July thru February	289	232	80
All breeds :During February	147	218	149
: July thru February:	2,729	2,904	106

1/ See page 6 footnotes 2 and 3.

February Egg Production

State	Number of layers		Eggs per 100 layers		Total eggs produced	
	on hand during Feb.		during Feb.		during Feb.	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Thousands		Number		Millions	
Alabama	12,813	13,200	1,736	1,728	223	228
Arkansas	15,888	15,913	1,798	1,800	286	286
California	34,368	36,808	1,702	1,658	585	610
Connecticut	4,308	3,973	1,725	1,716	74	68
Florida	12,064	12,392	1,809	1,820	218	226
Georgia	24,770	26,121	1,742	1,806	431	472
Illinois	7,348	6,895	1,744	1,652	128	114
Indiana	12,100	11,850	1,784	1,758	216	208
Iowa	9,923	9,200	1,772	1,786	176	164
Kansas	3,025	2,725	1,820	1,784	55	49
Kentucky	2,480	2,525	1,708	1,764	42	45
Louisiana	3,276	3,128	1,646	1,674	54	52
Maine	6,346	6,680	1,848	1,932	117	129
Massachusetts	2,383	2,127	1,758	1,795	43	38
Michigan	6,757	6,359	1,761	1,778	119	113
Minnesota	10,480	10,200	1,823	1,848	191	188
Mississippi	9,265	8,952	1,680	1,750	156	157
Missouri	6,410	5,300	1,750	1,722	112	91
Nebraska	3,688	3,600	1,702	1,638	63	59
New Jersey	3,446	3,403	1,666	1,610	57	55
New York	9,359	8,555	1,722	1,767	161	151
North Carolina	14,758	13,530	1,702	1,806	251	244
Ohio	9,716	9,044	1,775	1,800	172	163
Oklahoma	2,176	1,980	1,599	1,649	35	33
Oregon	2,373	2,275	1,834	1,744	44	40
Pennsylvania	15,780	15,232	1,800	1,803	284	275
South Carolina	5,660	5,605	1,700	1,870	96	105
South Dakota	3,663	3,584	1,728	1,770	63	63
Tennessee	4,785	4,565	1,778	1,792	85	82
Texas	11,388	11,334	1,616	1,607	184	182
Virginia	3,728	3,415	1,711	1,781	64	61
Washington	4,511	4,564	1,736	1,767	78	81
Wisconsin	5,748	5,424	1,789	1,758	103	95
Other 17 States 1/	13,419	13,573	1,714	1,708	230	232
United States total	298,222	294,031	1,742	1,755	5,196	5,159

1/ State estimates not available.

Layers on hand and eggs laid per 100 layers March 1 and total eggs
produced Dec. thru Feb. 1974

State	Number of layers on		Eggs laid per 100		Total eggs produced	
	hand March 1		layers March 1		Dec. thru Feb.	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Thousands		Number		Millions	
Alabama	12,717	13,300	63.2	62.8	714	720
Alaska	32	37	51.3	52.3	1.7	1.8
Arizona	780	760	59.7	60.0	41	41
Arkansas	16,125	15,900	65.1	65.1	901	896
California	34,195	36,623	61.0	60.3	1,860	1,977
Colorado	1,326	1,702	57.4	59.6	68	88
Connecticut	4,345	3,930	60.6	60.5	242	220
Delaware	595	625	58.5	58.8	31	33
Florida	11,996	12,201	64.7	65.4	709	719
Georgia	24,574	25,936	63.0	64.9	1,364	1,510
Hawaii	1,003	1,023	58.9	55.1	51	50
Idaho	817	855	61.3	61.1	45	47
Illinois	7,274	6,860	62.2	58.5	411	372
Indiana	12,200	11,800	65.0	64.0	682	656
Iowa	9,773	9,200	63.5	63.1	562	523
Kansas	3,000	2,700	66.0	65.4	169	153
Kentucky	2,430	2,500	62.0	62.5	131	139
Louisiana	3,300	3,202	59.5	61.0	171	162
Maine	6,232	6,680	66.1	69.3	374	406
Maryland	1,480	1,490	62.0	62.0	79	81
Massachusetts	2,335	2,108	62.5	64.1	136	124
Michigan	6,800	6,327	63.2	64.0	378	360
Minnesota	10,427	10,100	64.3	68.6	622	603
Mississippi	9,285	8,925	60.1	62.4	504	494
Missouri	6,390	5,300	63.5	62.0	348	296
Montana	913	915	63.2	62.8	51	53
Nebraska	3,715	3,560	61.0	60.0	192	191
Nevada	18	28	50.8	45.5	.6	.9
New Hampshire	1,376	1,124	65.5	66.0	80	69
New Jersey	3,463	3,386	59.0	58.5	182	174
New Mexico	906	885	60.9	61.1	52	51
New York	9,168	8,640	62.5	62.0	532	501
North Carolina	14,948	13,479	59.7	65.1	807	787
North Dakota	732	660	60.0	59.0	38	34
Ohio	9,467	9,089	64.2	65.0	562	507
Oklahoma	2,130	1,940	60.2	59.6	112	101
Oregon	2,361	2,275	65.5	63.4	134	130
Pennsylvania	15,700	15,232	64.2	65.5	900	875
Rhode Island	231	253	66.3	63.5	13.6	13.8
South Carolina	5,520	5,600	59.3	66.8	322	332
South Dakota	3,626	3,502	62.0	66.3	201	199
Tennessee	4,510	4,595	66.4	65.0	265	265
Texas	11,402	11,457	61.0	57.2	584	582
Utah	1,331	1,354	63.1	61.8	72	77
Vermont	664	583	64.7	65.5	37	34
Virginia	3,700	3,439	61.5	63.5	214	194
Washington	4,533	4,552	62.0	63.7	256	266
West Virginia	1,090	1,020	64.5	67.0	62	60
Wisconsin	5,690	5,451	64.4	63.0	327	304
Wyoming	144	132	64.0	64.0	7	7
United States	296,769	293,235	62.7	63.3	16,598	16,480

Pullet chick placements for hatchery supply flocks 1/

Month	Placements by months				Cumulative placements relative to current supply flock		
	1972	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973	1972	1973	1974
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
<u>Egg-type</u>							
January	295	314	306	97		4,958	5,170
February	348	414	324	78		5,010	5,012
March	306	453			NA	5,073	
April	470	355				5,012	
May	533	511				5,007	
June	592	530			5,164	5,064	
July	385	423			5,248	5,183	
August	426	349			5,168	5,288	
September	409	268			5,186	5,337	
October	476	309			5,130	5,378	
November	236	302			5,240	5,375	
December	274	258			4,944	5,206	
Annual total	4,750	4,486					
<u>Broiler-type, domestic</u>							
January	2,540	2,390	2,372	99	26,475	24,309	23,481
February	2,228	2,170	2,354	108	26,078	24,013	23,885
March	2,676	3,056			25,871	23,948	
April	3,308	3,048			25,825	24,091	
May	2,786	2,958			25,606	23,664	
June	2,694	2,527			24,986	22,746	
July	2,753	2,495			24,018	22,130	
August	2,530	2,588			23,663	22,492	
September	2,498	2,653			24,130	22,787	
October	2,475	2,921			23,987	23,215	
November	2,371	2,306			24,122	23,244	
December	2,249	2,383			24,332	23,264	
Annual total	31,108	31,495					
<u>Broiler-type, total</u>							
January	3,145	2,894	2,842	98			
February	2,817	2,686	2,809	105			
March	3,074	3,494					
April	3,763	3,533					
May	3,139	3,340					
June	3,176	2,976					
July	3,176	3,083					
August	2,925	3,048					
September	2,873	3,074					
October	2,882	3,345					
November	2,726	2,685					
December	2,743	2,744					
Annual total	36,439	36,902					

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 February 1974 includes pullet chicks placed September 1972, through September 1973. 3/ For February 1974, includes pullets chicks placed January 1973, through September 1973.

POULTS HATCHED AND TURKEY EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Turkey poults hatched by commercial hatcheries, during February 1974

Geographic division	Total breeds					
	Heavy breeds 1/		Light breeds		All breeds	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Thousands					
North Atlantic	141	157	5	0	146	157
East North Central	1,202	1,467	7	161	1,209	1,628
West North Central	4,853	4,846	639	503	5,492	5,349
South Atlantic	1,688	2,004	264	278	1,952	2,282
South Central	1,324	1,498	0	18	1,324	1,516
West	2,812	2,755	222	250	3,034	3,005
United States	12,020	12,727	1,137	1,210	13,157	13,937
	Percent					
February 1974 as						
percent of February 1973		106		106		106

Turkey eggs in incubators, March 1, 1974

Geographic division	Total breeds					
	Heavy breeds 1/		Light breeds 2/		All breeds	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Thousands					
North Atlantic	341	371	75	0	416	371
East North Central	3,242	3,517	119	249	3,361	3,766
West North Central	8,927	8,750	977	950	9,904	9,700
South Atlantic	2,746	3,308	532	393	3,278	3,701
South Central	2,070	2,704	30	0	2,100	2,704
West	5,230	5,559	328	433	5,558	5,992
United States	22,556	24,209	2,061	2,025	24,617	26,234
	Percent					
March 1, 1974 as						
percent of March 1, 1973		107		98		107

1/ Birds for which the normal mature marketing weight is 12 pounds or over.

2/ Birds for which the normal mature marketing weight is less than 12 pounds.

Turkey poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By months				Cumulative			
	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	Percent of	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	Percent of
	3/			previous yr.	3/			previous yr.
	Thousands			Percent	Thousands			Percent
Heavy breeds 1/								
September	2,152	2,192	2,865	131	2,152	2,192	2,865	131
October	1,999	2,305	2,725	118	4,151	4,497	5,590	124
November	2,720	2,968	3,895	131	6,871	7,465	9,485	127
December	4,210	5,064	6,518	129	11,081	12,529	16,003	128
January	7,404	8,278	9,545	115	18,485	20,807	25,548	123
February	12,509	12,020	12,727	106	30,994	32,827	38,275	117
March	18,472	16,737			49,466	49,564		
April	20,330	19,357			69,796	68,921		
May	20,524	20,585			90,320	89,506		
June	17,667	17,947			107,987	107,453		
July	11,078	12,170			119,065	119,623		
August	4,999	5,809			124,064	125,432		
Light breeds 2/								
September	1,027	1,168	1,180	101	1,027	1,168	1,180	101
October	1,171	1,227	1,218	99	2,198	2,395	2,398	100
November	1,301	1,644	1,551	94	3,499	4,039	3,949	98
December	1,014	1,615	1,566	97	4,513	5,654	5,515	98
January	983	1,436	1,322	92	5,496	7,090	6,837	96
February	984	1,137	1,210	106	6,480	8,227	8,047	98
March	1,168	1,501			7,648	9,728		
April	1,266	1,276			8,914	11,004		
May	1,350	1,130			10,264	12,134		
June	1,398	1,536			11,662	13,670		
July	1,668	1,683			13,330	15,353		
August	1,596	1,465			14,926	16,818		
Total all breeds								
September	3,179	3,360	4,045	120	3,179	3,360	4,045	120
October	3,170	3,532	3,943	112	6,349	6,892	7,988	116
November	4,021	4,612	5,446	118	10,370	11,504	13,434	117
December	5,224	6,679	8,084	121	15,594	18,183	21,518	118
January	8,387	9,714	10,867	112	23,981	27,897	32,385	116
February	13,493	13,157	13,937	106	37,474	41,054	46,322	113
March	19,640	18,238			57,114	59,292		
April	21,596	20,633			78,710	79,925		
May	21,874	21,715			100,584	101,640		
June	19,065	19,483			119,649	121,123		
July	12,746	13,853			132,395	134,976		
August	6,595	7,274			138,990	142,250		

1/ Birds for which the normal mature marketing weight is 12 pounds or over.

2/ Birds for which the normal mature marketing weight is less than 12 pounds.

3/ Revised.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries, United States

Month	By months				Cumulative			
	1972	1973 ^{2/}	1974	1974 as % of 1973	1972	1973 ^{2/}	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Broiler-type								
January	273,903	261,668	277,281	106	273,903	261,668	277,281	106
February	269,427	241,909	254,050	105	543,330	503,577	531,331	106
March	297,287	287,359			840,617	790,936		
April	293,856	289,423			1,134,473	1,080,359		
May	303,014	297,989			1,437,487	1,378,348		
June	286,178	282,673			1,723,665	1,661,021		
July	273,061	258,372			1,996,726	1,919,393		
August	272,229	270,358			2,268,955	2,189,751		
September	239,660	246,306			2,508,615	2,436,057		
October	246,983	249,477			2,755,598	2,685,534		
November	251,151	253,911			3,006,749	2,939,445		
December	260,708	267,541			3,267,457	3,206,986		
Egg-type								
January	39,110	38,600	35,547	92	39,110	38,600	35,547	92
February	41,645	41,535	38,018	92	80,755	80,135	73,565	92
March	47,979	52,001			128,734	132,136		
April	53,002	53,962			181,736	186,098		
May	51,989	55,362			233,725	241,469		
June	42,888	44,729			276,613	286,189		
July	38,569	41,159			315,182	327,348		
August	37,493	42,476			352,675	369,824		
September	35,985	42,858			388,660	412,682		
October	37,890	45,974			426,550	458,656		
November	32,426	40,335			458,976	498,991		
December	32,378	35,265			491,354	534,256		

Chicken eggs in incubators, March 1, 1974

Geographic division	Broiler-type		Egg-type	
	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Thousands			
North Atlantic	14,234	13,697	6,184	5,884
East North Central	3,060	3,565	6,743	7,026
West North Central	2,270	2,653	6,719	6,495
South Atlantic	94,680	99,167	9,508	7,401
South Central	110,669	112,893	9,001	7,828
West ^{1/}	9,617	9,729	7,690	5,025
United States	234,530	241,704	45,845	39,659
	Percent			
March 1, 1974 as percent of March 1, 1973		103		87

^{1/} Includes Hawaii.

^{2/} Revised

Broiler-type chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State.	February		January through February	
	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Thousands			
Alabama	33,700	33,655	69,874	69,396
Arkansas	42,031	44,556	86,667	91,823
California	7,225	7,360	14,831	15,237
Connecticut	307	237	648	493
Delaware	10,112	11,003	20,644	22,757
Florida	5,503	6,776	11,500	14,109
Georgia	32,479	36,070	69,228	76,346
Illinois	4	12	4	12
Indiana	1,257	1,221	2,495	2,538
Kansas	33	24	53	41
Louisiana	3,621	3,505	7,578	7,464
Maine	6,375	6,370	12,610	13,448
Maryland	17,739	17,093	36,986	36,347
Mass. & R. I.	498	387	937	846
Minnesota	994	766	1,752	1,728
Mississippi	17,434	18,445	37,378	39,031
Missouri	809	730	1,503	1,454
Nebraska	88	80	93	83
N. H. & Vermont	591	724	1,154	1,396
North Carolina	24,799	25,705	53,016	54,578
Ohio	895	1,050	1,645	2,100
Oregon	1,369	1,189	2,645	2,474
Pennsylvania	5,857	6,162	12,114	13,054
South Carolina	1,972	2,262	3,949	4,648
Tennessee	2,045	2,189	4,360	4,581
Texas	13,785	14,680	28,013	30,430
Utah	-	2	-	2
Virginia	6,600	6,803	14,092	14,548
Washington	1,155	1,348	2,280	2,633
Wisconsin	902	861	1,878	1,762
Other States ^{1/}	1,730	2,785	3,650	5,972
United States	241,909	254,050	503,577	531,331

^{1/} New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Egg-type chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State	February		January through February	
	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Thousands			
Alabama	990	508	1,904	1,242
Arkansas	2,321	1,943	4,243	3,365
California	4,908	3,998	9,585	8,815
Connecticut	163	263	263	382
Florida	3,147	2,462	6,200	5,605
Georgia	3,632	2,434	7,207	4,876
Illinois	1,411	1,250	2,553	2,515
Indiana	2,414	2,382	4,742	4,199
Iowa	1,120	1,850	2,585	3,700
Kansas	399	399	760	819
Louisiana	192	316	538	417
Maine	696	913	1,480	1,843
Massachusetts	732	416	1,328	651
Michigan	570	800	1,290	1,680
Minnesota	1,745	1,514	3,064	2,746
Mississippi	1,214	1,199	2,387	2,118
Missouri	1,105	1,009	2,067	1,744
Nebraska	76	330	258	610
New Hampshire, Vt. & R. I.	209	269	437	545
New York	2,190	1,750	4,020	3,580
North Carolina	929	611	1,613	1,202
Ohio	1,630	1,200	3,055	2,350
Oklahoma	217	276	324	388
Oregon	877	947	1,740	1,687
Pennsylvania	1,744	2,004	3,822	3,919
South Carolina	721	660	1,335	1,384
Tennessee	1,016	665	1,832	1,211
Texas	1,512	1,731	2,692	3,279
Utah	142	151	206	190
Virginia	663	536	1,183	1,078
Washington	516	466	982	749
Wisconsin	541	988	1,062	1,476
Other States ^{1/}	1,793	1,778	3,378	3,200
United States	41,535	38,018	80,135	73,565

^{1/} New Jersey, North Dakota, South Dakota, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Chickens in flocks tested for pullorum-typhoid by official State agencies - United States

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	Number		Percent	Number		Percent
<u>For Broiler Production</u>						
January	2,196,034	1,836,792	84	2,196,034	1,836,792	84
February	1,962,287	1,523,132	78	4,158,321	3,359,924	81
March	1,991,911			6,150,232		
April	1,994,519			8,144,751		
May	1,586,606			9,731,357		
June	1,710,115			11,441,472		
July	1,508,702			12,950,174		
August	1,600,642			14,550,816		
September	1,793,487			16,344,303		
October	1,943,409			18,287,712		
November	1,585,628			19,873,340		
December	1,703,384			21,576,724		
<u>Egg-Type Chickens</u>						
January	605,065	1/660,782	109	605,065	1/660,782	109
February	428,201	417,445	97	1,033,266	1,078,227	104
March	503,438			1,536,704		
April	411,330			1,948,034		
May	445,041			2,393,975		
June	200,230			2,593,305		
July	357,459			2,950,764		
August	365,856			3,316,620		
September	395,443			3,712,063		
October	378,547			4,090,610		
November	452,608			4,543,218		
December	353,481			4,896,699		

1/ Revised

Turkeys in flocks tested for pullorum-typhoid by official State agencies - United States

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	1972-73	1973-74	Percent of year earlier	1972-73	1973-74	Percent of year earlier
	Number		Percent	Number		Percent
<u>Heavy breeds</u>						
July	159,345	159,843	100	159,345	159,843	100
August	176,102	241,147	137	335,447	400,990	120
September	304,379	403,280	132	639,826	804,270	126
October	574,563	504,086	88	1,214,389	1,308,356	108
November	491,855	519,045	106	1,706,244	1,827,401	107
December	400,209	419,646	105	2,106,453	2,247,047	107
January	227,016	242,448	107	2,333,469	2,489,495	107
February	105,879	182,552	172	2,439,348	2,672,047	110
March	93,244			2,532,592		
April	30,780			2,563,372		
May	75,552			2,638,924		
June	87,801			2,726,725		
<u>Light breeds</u>						
July	27,373	26,792	98	27,373	26,792	98
August	33,968	17,708	52	61,341	44,500	73
September	13,568	43,596	321	74,909	88,096	118
October	73,606	29,908	41	148,515	118,004	79
November	28,054	22,659	81	176,569	140,663	80
December	27,668	45,507	164	204,237	186,170	91
January	44,459	9,996	22	248,696	196,166	79
February	40,694	35,360	87	289,390	231,526	80
March	17,761			307,151		
April	19,968			327,119		
May	27,649			354,768		
June	51,875			406,643		
<u>Total all breeds</u>						
July	186,718	186,635	100	186,718	186,635	100
August	210,070	258,855	123	396,788	445,490	112
September	317,947	446,876	141	714,735	892,366	125
October	648,169	533,994	82	1,362,904	1,426,360	105
November	519,909	541,704	104	1,882,813	1,968,064	105
December	427,877	465,153	109	2,310,690	2,433,217	105
January	271,475	252,444	93	2,582,165	2,685,661	104
February	146,573	217,912	149	2,728,738	2,903,573	106
March	111,005			2,839,743		
April	50,748			2,890,491		
May	103,201			2,993,692		
June	139,676			3,133,368		

Turkeys in flocks tested for pullorum-typhoid by official State agencies

State	During February				July through February			
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Heavy breeds		Light breeds	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973-1974	1973-1974	1973-1974	1973-1974
	Number							
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	-	2,113	-	-	39,650	19,713	4,500	-
California	16,618	37,449	-	11,800	578,927	605,071	45,896	58,095
Colorado	-	-	-	-	48,200	51,000	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	2,202	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	3,400	-	-	-	4,530	345	-	-
Georgia	4,400	-	-	-	27,400	19,230	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	-	-	-	33,880	40,162	-	-
Indiana	-	1,100	-	-	11,489	1,100	-	-
Iowa	12,452	9,275	-	-	149,658	161,519	-	-
Kansas	-	3,100	-	-	17,212	21,330	-	-
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	350	-	650	1,250	350	-
Massachusetts	1,139	1,072	-	-	1,139	1,118	-	-
Michigan	478	4,275	-	-	77,743	59,076	-	-
Minn. & Wisc. 1/	5,030	16,844	9,718	6,785	437,693	493,287	128,381	108,841
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	23,200	11,537	-	-	93,789	135,205	-	-
Montana	49	-	-	-	49	-	-	-
Nebraska	4,100	-	-	-	33,259	17,433	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	701	1,398	9,769	-	2,854	2,660	9,769	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	735	1,189	-	-	6,173	5,658	-	-
North Carolina	7,649	27,550	-	-	187,153	280,477	-	-
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	12,600	21,900	1,200	4,000	114,197	132,068	5,200	5,000
Oklahoma	243	-	-	-	243	-	5,849	23
Oregon	2,457	6,927	2,948	2,811	92,002	78,125	34,708	14,967
Pennsylvania	880	1,490	94	-	3,972	4,839	94	328
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	269	223	-	-
South Carolina	1,450	-	-	-	13,364	13,096	-	3,749
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	6,497	12,867	-	-	366,323	386,685	-	6,821
Utah	-	-	-	-	34,300	50,000	-	-
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	1,801	3,513	16,615	9,964	55,129	72,424	54,306	33,702
Washington	-	18,953	-	-	5,500	18,953	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	399	-	337	-
United States	105,879	182,552	40,694	35,360	2,439,348	2,672,047	289,390	231,526

1/ Minnesota & Wisconsin combine to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Forced molt layers as a percent of hens and pullets of laying age,
first of month, 17 States

Month	By months					
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	Percent being molted			Percent with molt completed		
January	2.7	3.9	2.5	11.3	14.5	9.2
February	3.5	2.6	3.0	12.3	10.6	8.8
March	3.1	3.5	2.6	10.7	10.2	7.9
April	3.6	2.6		11.4	9.7	
May	5.1	3.0		10.4	9.2	
June	5.6	3.8		11.8	7.2	
July	3.7	3.5		13.4	8.1	
August	3.4	2.8		13.3	8.5	
September	3.3	3.0		13.4	8.1	
October	3.7	2.8		13.1	8.3	
November	3.8	3.4		13.9	8.6	
December	3.3	2.4		14.4	10.2	

Forced molt layers as a percent of hens and pullets of laying age,
first of month, selected States 1973-74

State	March		March	
	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Percent being molted		Percent with molt completed	
Alabama	3.5	1.0	10.0	7.5
Arkansas	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5
California	8.0	7.5	17.0	19.0
Florida	2.0	.5	8.5	6.5
Georgia	2.0	2.0	18.0	7.0
Indiana	1.0	.5	3.0	1.5
Iowa	.5	.5	2.0	1.5
Mississippi	1.0	.5	2.0	1.5
New York	4.0	1.0	13.0	7.5
North Carolina	6.0	1.5	9.5	5.0
Ohio	.5	.5	6.0	2.5
Oregon	3.5	10.5	20.5	25.5
Pennsylvania	2.0	1.5	6.5	6.5
South Carolina	4.0	1.5	12.0	6.0
Tennessee	3.5	2.0	10.0	5.0
Texas	4.5	2.5	4.5	3.0
Washington	6.0	7.0	34.5	23.0
17 States	3.5	2.6	10.2	7.9

Hens and Pullets of Laying Age, Potential Layers, March 1

Year	North Atlantic	E. North Central	W. North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	Western	Alaska and Hawaii	United States
<u>Hens and Pullets of Laying Age</u>								
Thousands								
1972	43,116	44,009	40,711	66,240	65,214	55,189	979	315,458
1973	43,514	41,431	37,663	63,903	61,899	47,324	1,035	296,769
1974	41,936	39,527	35,022	63,790	61,819	50,081	1,060	293,235
<u>Pullets 3 Months Old and Older Not of Laying Age</u>								
1972	5,200	5,900	3,900	10,600	10,900	6,200	180	42,880
1973	5,100	5,500	4,250	10,900	10,150	8,000	200	44,100
1974	5,900	6,500	5,100	14,300	12,300	8,200	160	52,460
<u>Potential Layers 1/</u>								
1972	48,316	49,909	44,611	76,840	76,114	61,389	1,159	358,338
1973	48,614	46,931	41,913	74,803	72,049	55,324	1,235	340,869
1974	47,836	46,027	40,122	78,090	74,119	58,281	1,220	345,695

1/ Hens and pullets of laying age plus pullets 3 months old and older not of laying age.