

## April Layers and Egg Production

**Iowa:** Egg production in Iowa for April 2005 was 1,103 million eggs, up 18 percent from the same period a year earlier. The total number of layers on hand during April was 49.0 million, up 15 percent from April 2004. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of April was 2,249, up from 2,183 the previous year.

**United States:** U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during April 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.29 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, unchanged from April 2004

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2005, totaled 343 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2005, averaged 71.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

April 2005 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays compared to 22 weekdays and four Saturdays in April 2004.

### All Layers and Egg Production, April 2004 and 2005<sup>1</sup>

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All layers on hand <sup>2</sup>		Eggs per 100 layers <sup>2</sup>		Egg production by type					
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	Total production		Table eggs <sup>3</sup>		Hatching eggs <sup>3</sup>	
	-----Thousands-----				-----Number-----		-----Million eggs-----					
AR	4,733	3,964	16,077	14,578	1,928	1,907	310	278	112	88	198	190
CA	19,585	19,753	20,110	20,328	2,138	2,155	430	438				
GA	11,065	10,318	20,233	19,656	2,031	2,015	411	396	244	222	167	174
IN	22,716	22,914	23,512	23,635	2,203	2,171	518	513	505	501	13	12
<b>IA</b>	<b>42,056</b>	<b>48,300</b>	<b>42,730</b>	<b>49,038</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>1,103</b>				
MN	10,328	10,403	10,841	10,954	2,269	2,227	246	244	239	236	7	8
NE	11,654	11,943	11,729	12,018	2,208	2,188	259	263	259	263	0	0
NC	3,399	3,350	11,054	11,136	1,900	1,904	210	212	80	77	130	135
OH	27,384	27,494	27,874	27,978	2,174	2,234	606	625				
PA	22,183	22,142	23,949	23,943	2,238	2,301	536	551	519	533	17	18
TX	14,243	12,919	18,744	17,397	2,193	2,127	411	370				
30 Sts <sup>4</sup>	259,923	262,683	319,583	322,310	2,158	2,167	6,898	6,986	5,882	5,919	986	1,004
U.S.	276,731	278,215	341,612	343,975	2,148	2,148	7,358	7,388	6,284	6,290	1,074	1,099

<sup>1</sup>2005 preliminary, 2004 revised. <sup>2</sup>Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. <sup>3</sup>Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations. <sup>4</sup>The 30 States are those listed as well as AL, CO, CT, FL, HI, IL, ME, MD, MI, MS, MO, NY, OK, OR, SC, SD, VA, WA, and WI.

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