



# Chickens and Eggs

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## February Egg Production Up Slightly

United States egg production totaled 8.58 billion during February 2022, up slightly from last year. Production included 7.39 billion table eggs, and 1.19 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.11 billion were broiler-type and 82.3 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during February 2022 totaled 390 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,202 eggs, up 2 percent from February 2021.

Total layers in the United States on March 1, 2022 totaled 390 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 390 million layers consisted of 323 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.69 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2022, averaged 78.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from March 1, 2021.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 2 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2022 totaled 51.1 million, down 2 percent from February 2021. Eggs in incubators totaled 55.4 million on March 1, 2022, down 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 276 thousand during February 2022, up 37 percent from February 2021.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down Slightly

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2022 totaled 759 million, down slightly from February 2021. Eggs in incubators totaled 719 million on March 1, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.20 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2022, down 1 percent from February 2021.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2021-2022

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Month	2021		2022	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		391,887		392,761
January .....		393,527		390,906
February .....		394,594		389,678
March .....		393,354		
April .....		389,924		
May .....		385,222		
June .....		383,040		
July .....		383,616		
August .....		384,693		
September .....		386,681		
October .....		389,730		
November .....		392,242		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2021-2022

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

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,554.1	9,678.9	8,300.3	8,376.2	1,253.8	1,302.7
January .....	9,482.1	9,575.3	8,216.8	8,266.8	1,265.3	1,308.5
February .....	8,542.1	8,582.0	7,396.0	7,390.1	1,146.1	1,191.9
March .....	9,461.2		8,174.1		1,287.1	
April .....	9,121.3		7,855.1		1,266.2	
May .....	9,283.9		7,967.3		1,316.6	
June .....	8,921.5		7,655.7		1,265.8	
July .....	9,241.7		7,958.3		1,283.4	
August .....	9,284.5		8,003.0		1,281.5	
September .....	9,065.8		7,818.5		1,247.3	
October .....	9,469.1		8,177.8		1,291.3	
November .....	9,301.4		8,047.8		1,253.6	

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

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2021-2022

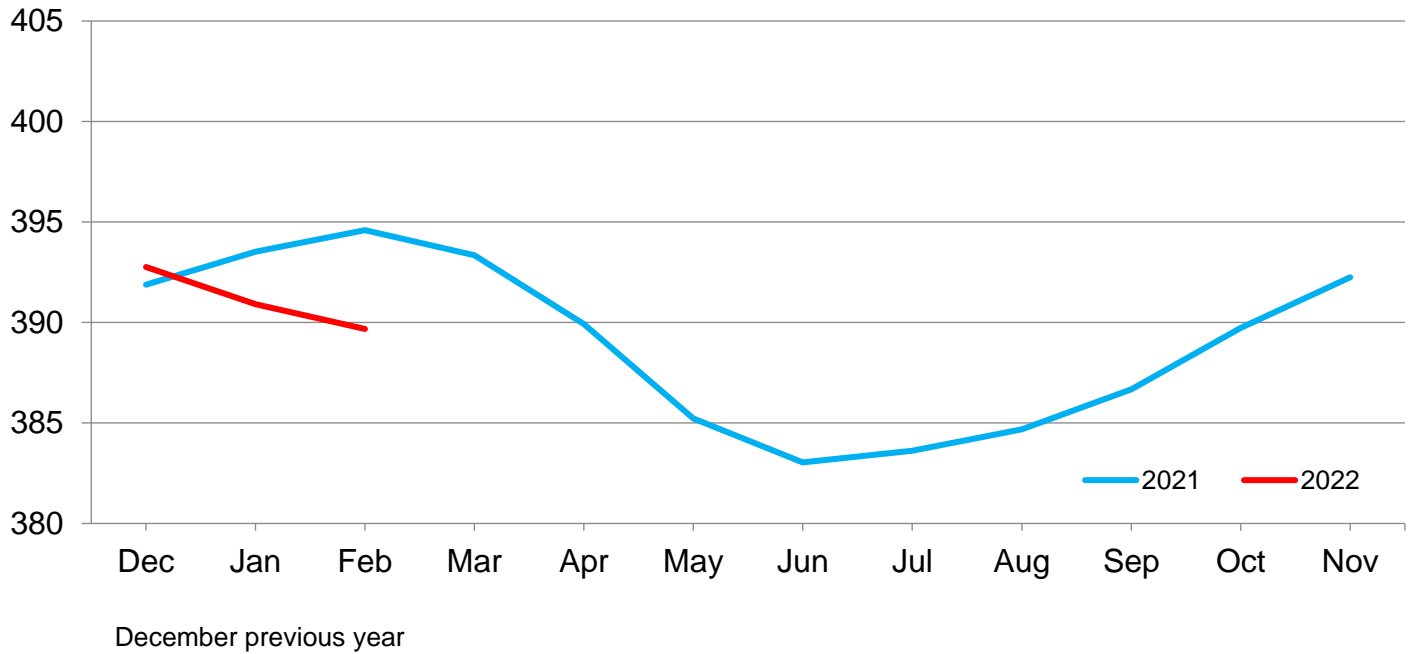
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	796,175.0	806,574.6	691,691.7	698,016.4	104,483.3	108,558.2
January .....	790,175.1	797,941.0	684,733.3	688,899.1	105,441.8	109,041.9
February .....	711,842.5	715,167.1	616,334.0	615,842.1	95,508.5	99,325.0
March .....	788,433.8		681,175.4		107,258.4	
April .....	760,109.0		654,591.7		105,517.3	
May .....	773,658.1		663,941.2		109,716.9	
June .....	743,458.6		637,975.2		105,483.4	
July .....	770,141.6		663,191.9		106,949.7	
August .....	773,708.2		666,916.7		106,791.5	
September .....	755,483.2		651,541.6		103,941.6	
October .....	789,092.0		681,483.6		107,608.4	
November .....	775,116.8		670,650.2		104,466.6	

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

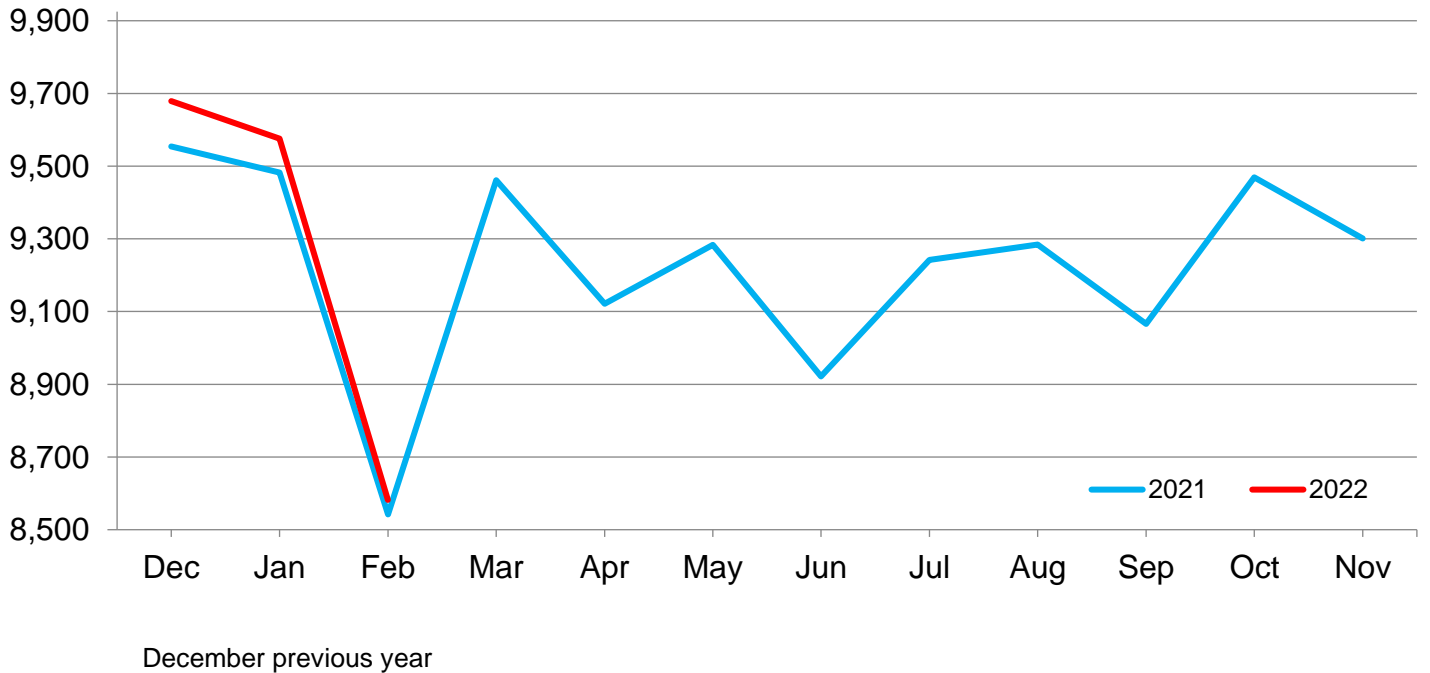
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
January-February 2021 and 2022**

Item	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
<b>Layers during January</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	393,527	390,906	99
Table egg type ..... 1,000	327,577	324,235	99
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	65,950	66,671	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	62,604	63,140	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,346	3,531	106
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during January</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,410	2,450	102
Table egg type ..... number	2,508	2,550	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,919	1,963	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,880	1,931	103
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,648	2,529	96
<b>Eggs produced during January</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,482.1	9,575.3	101
Table egg type ..... million	8,216.8	8,266.8	101
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,265.3	1,308.5	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,176.7	1,219.2	104
Egg-type hatching ..... million	88.6	89.3	101
<b>Eggs produced during January</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	790,175.1	797,941.0	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	684,733.3	688,899.1	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	105,441.8	109,041.9	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	98,058.4	101,600.1	104
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,383.4	7,441.8	101
<b>Layers on February 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	394,810	389,365	99
Table egg type ..... 1,000	328,374	322,488	98
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,436	66,877	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,159	63,267	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,277	3,610	110
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on February 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	77.5	78.7	102
Table egg type ..... number	80.7	81.9	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	61.7	63.3	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	60.5	62.3	103
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.7	79.5	94
<b>Molted layers on February 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	1.9	1.8	95
Molt completed ..... percent	14.5	11.6	80
Layers sold for slaughter during January ..... 1,000	14,111.6	15,542.8	110
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during January ..... 1,000	10,420.6	12,773.0	123
Pullets on February 1 ..... 1,000	121,869	123,294	101
Pullets added during January <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	26,489.0	26,427.0	100

<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: February-March 2021 and 2022

Item	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
<b>Layers during February</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	394,594	389,678	99
Table egg type ..... 1,000	328,214	322,583	98
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,380	67,095	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,090	63,442	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,290	3,653	111
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during February</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,165	2,202	102
Table egg type ..... number	2,253	2,291	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,727	1,776	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,696	1,749	103
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,322	2,253	97
<b>Eggs produced during February</b>			
Total layers ..... million	8,542.1	8,582.0	100
Table egg type ..... million	7,396.0	7,390.1	100
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,146.1	1,191.9	104
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,069.7	1,109.6	104
Egg-type hatching ..... million	76.4	82.3	108
<b>Eggs produced during February</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	711,842.5	715,167.1	100
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	616,334.0	615,842.1	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	95,508.5	99,325.0	104
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	89,141.7	92,466.6	104
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	6,366.8	6,858.4	108
<b>Layers on March 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	394,342	389,953	99
Table egg type ..... 1,000	328,039	322,662	98
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,303	67,291	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,009	63,603	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,294	3,688	112
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on March 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	77.0	78.5	102
Table egg type ..... number	80.2	81.6	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	61.5	63.6	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	60.5	62.5	103
Egg-type hatching ..... number	82.0	81.3	99
<b>Molted layers on March 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	1.7	1.7	100
Molt completed ..... percent	14.8	12.1	82
Layers sold for slaughter during February ..... 1,000	14,718.3	13,090.7	89
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during February ..... 1,000	10,124.6	10,588.3	105
Pullets on March 1 ..... 1,000	122,842	123,259	100
Pullets added during February <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	29,857.1	25,977.4	87

<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 January 2021 and 2022

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,393	1,342	10,433	10,848	1,934	1,952
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	16,950	16,823	2,063	2,232
California .....	13,648	12,671	14,393	13,265	2,380	2,394
Colorado .....	5,169	4,366	5,677	4,894	2,621	2,622
Georgia .....	9,563	9,000	20,106	19,446	2,176	2,213
Illinois .....	6,421	6,079	6,979	6,645	2,439	2,399
Indiana .....	33,785	34,323	35,120	35,611	2,529	2,468
Iowa .....	46,824	45,213	48,836	47,120	2,597	2,562
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,856	5,689	2,278	2,253
Maryland .....	2,365	2,153	2,557	2,341	2,562	2,486
Michigan .....	14,473	16,090	14,768	16,413	2,579	2,524
Minnesota .....	7,591	8,136	8,093	8,681	2,579	2,548
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,638	5,566	2,125	2,161
Missouri .....	7,774	7,509	13,689	13,501	2,496	2,515
Nebraska .....	7,561	7,758	8,199	8,430	2,482	2,496
New York .....	5,236	5,186	5,789	5,747	2,557	2,551
North Carolina .....	7,500	7,215	15,976	15,645	2,272	2,198
Ohio .....	34,130	35,076	35,351	36,406	2,493	2,537
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,624	2,443	1,986	1,993
Oregon .....	1,922	1,915	2,093	2,086	2,365	2,589
Pennsylvania .....	28,768	27,498	31,137	30,312	2,290	2,651
South Carolina .....	2,431	2,558	3,691	3,803	2,208	2,261
South Dakota .....	2,382	1,797	2,437	1,852	2,700	2,640
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,448	23,427	2,381	2,455
Utah .....	5,367	6,234	5,419	6,286	2,545	2,585
Virginia .....	835	780	2,728	2,626	2,276	2,357
Washington .....	6,618	6,481	6,783	6,645	2,546	2,644
Wisconsin .....	6,419	5,996	7,583	7,108	2,469	2,534
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,039	25,147	31,174	31,247	2,404	2,445
United States .....	310,923	307,530	393,527	390,906	2,410	2,450

(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 February 2021 and 2022

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,450	1,374	10,342	10,901	1,734	1,765
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	17,280	16,955	1,865	2,037
California .....	13,376	12,425	14,108	13,037	2,147	2,200
Colorado .....	5,076	4,434	5,584	4,962	2,394	2,289
Georgia .....	9,577	9,167	20,205	19,743	1,947	1,961
Illinois .....	6,772	5,952	7,326	6,506	2,112	2,095
Indiana .....	33,969	34,252	35,278	35,594	2,269	2,226
Iowa .....	46,437	44,350	48,440	46,257	2,322	2,310
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,900	5,656	2,083	2,086
Maryland .....	2,339	2,168	2,531	2,352	2,311	2,270
Michigan .....	14,721	16,504	15,016	16,827	2,340	2,295
Minnesota .....	7,594	8,204	8,119	8,742	2,275	2,305
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,620	5,521	1,923	1,965
Missouri .....	8,040	7,468	13,906	13,480	2,224	2,291
Nebraska .....	7,681	7,798	8,299	8,515	2,270	2,262
New York .....	5,270	5,127	5,823	5,687	2,351	2,337
North Carolina .....	7,319	7,248	15,897	15,723	2,015	1,957
Ohio .....	34,933	34,565	36,155	35,906	2,279	2,299
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,569	2,408	1,818	1,786
Oregon .....	1,832	1,888	2,003	2,059	2,132	2,356
Pennsylvania .....	28,245	27,175	30,608	30,001	2,061	2,377
South Carolina .....	2,425	2,443	3,732	3,686	1,991	1,970
South Dakota .....	2,400	1,716	2,455	1,771	2,285	2,462
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,389	23,637	2,096	2,156
Utah .....	5,479	6,506	5,531	6,558	2,376	2,222
Virginia .....	831	736	2,733	2,579	2,067	2,059
Washington .....	6,798	6,232	6,963	6,396	2,160	2,370
Wisconsin .....	6,422	5,972	7,602	7,100	2,272	2,301
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	24,894	25,025	31,180	31,119	2,162	2,185
United States .....	311,560	305,878	394,594	389,678	2,165	2,202

(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: January 2021 and 2022

[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	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	201.8	211.7	35.8	35.9	166.0	175.8
Arkansas .....	349.6	375.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	342.5	317.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	148.8	128.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	437.6	430.3	244.8	234.3	192.8	196.0
Illinois .....	170.2	159.4	166.3	155.6	3.9	3.8
Indiana .....	888.3	878.8	869.6	862.7	18.7	16.1
Iowa .....	1,268.2	1,207.1	1,242.7	1,186.5	25.5	20.6
Kentucky .....	133.4	128.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	65.5	58.2	64.1	56.9	1.4	1.3
Michigan .....	380.8	414.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	208.7	221.2	203.2	213.4	5.5	7.8
Mississippi .....	119.8	120.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	341.7	339.6	301.0	299.8	40.7	39.8
Nebraska .....	203.5	210.4	192.1	198.7	11.4	11.7
New York .....	148.0	146.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	362.9	343.9	201.7	183.9	161.2	160.0
Ohio .....	881.4	923.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	52.1	48.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	49.5	54.0	49.5	54.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	713.1	803.6	687.7	767.5	25.4	36.1
South Carolina .....	81.5	86.0	59.1	63.7	22.4	22.3
South Dakota .....	65.8	48.9	65.8	48.9	-	-
Texas .....	558.2	575.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	137.9	162.5	137.9	162.5	-	-
Virginia .....	62.1	61.9	31.2	31.8	30.9	30.1
Washington .....	172.7	175.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	187.2	180.1	181.4	174.5	5.8	5.6
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	749.3	763.9	675.9	688.1	73.4	75.8
United States .....	9,482.1	9,575.3	8,216.8	8,266.8	1,265.3	1,308.5

- Represents zero.

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

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: February 2021 and 2022

[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	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	179.3	192.4	32.6	30.9	146.7	161.5
Arkansas .....	322.3	345.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	302.9	286.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	133.7	113.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	393.4	387.1	216.6	207.7	176.8	179.4
Illinois .....	154.7	136.3	151.2	133.0	3.5	3.3
Indiana .....	800.4	792.5	784.9	777.7	15.5	14.8
Iowa .....	1,124.9	1,068.7	1,102.8	1,051.7	22.1	17.0
Kentucky .....	122.9	118.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	58.5	53.4	57.3	52.3	1.2	1.1
Michigan .....	351.4	386.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	184.7	201.5	179.7	194.6	5.0	6.9
Mississippi .....	108.1	108.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	309.2	308.8	274.3	272.4	34.9	36.4
Nebraska .....	188.4	192.6	178.4	180.7	10.0	11.9
New York .....	136.9	132.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	320.3	307.7	172.2	162.4	148.1	145.3
Ohio .....	824.1	825.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	46.7	43.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	42.7	48.5	42.7	48.5	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	630.8	713.0	608.8	679.8	22.0	33.2
South Carolina .....	74.3	72.6	53.4	52.4	20.9	20.2
South Dakota .....	56.1	43.6	56.1	43.6	-	-
Texas .....	490.3	509.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	131.4	145.7	131.4	145.7	-	-
Virginia .....	56.5	53.1	28.6	25.3	27.9	27.8
Washington .....	150.4	151.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	172.7	163.4	167.4	158.4	5.3	5.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	674.1	680.1	606.1	613.2	68.0	66.9
United States .....	8,542.1	8,582.0	7,396.0	7,390.1	1,146.1	1,191.9

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: January 2021 and 2022

[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	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(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 .....	16,816.6	17,641.6	2,983.3	2,991.6	13,833.3	14,650.0
Arkansas .....	29,133.3	31,291.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	28,541.6	26,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	12,399.9	10,691.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	36,466.7	35,858.3	20,400.0	19,525.0	16,066.7	16,333.3
Illinois .....	14,183.4	13,283.3	13,858.4	12,966.6	325.0	316.7
Indiana .....	74,025.1	73,233.4	72,466.7	71,891.7	1,558.4	1,341.7
Iowa .....	105,683.3	100,591.7	103,558.3	98,875.0	2,125.0	1,716.7
Kentucky .....	11,116.7	10,683.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,458.4	4,850.0	5,341.7	4,741.6	116.7	108.4
Michigan .....	31,733.3	34,516.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,391.7	18,433.3	16,933.4	17,783.3	458.3	650.0
Mississippi .....	9,983.3	10,024.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	28,475.1	28,300.0	25,083.4	24,983.3	3,391.7	3,316.7
Nebraska .....	16,958.3	17,533.3	16,008.3	16,558.3	950.0	975.0
New York .....	12,333.3	12,216.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	30,241.6	28,658.3	16,808.3	15,325.0	13,433.3	13,333.3
Ohio .....	73,450.1	76,966.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,341.7	4,058.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,125.0	4,500.0	4,125.0	4,500.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	59,425.0	66,966.7	57,308.3	63,958.3	2,116.7	3,008.4
South Carolina .....	6,791.7	7,166.6	4,925.0	5,308.3	1,866.7	1,858.3
South Dakota .....	5,483.3	4,075.0	5,483.3	4,075.0	-	-
Texas .....	46,516.7	47,933.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	11,491.6	13,541.6	11,491.6	13,541.6	-	-
Virginia .....	5,175.0	5,158.4	2,600.0	2,650.0	2,575.0	2,508.4
Washington .....	14,391.7	14,641.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	15,599.9	15,008.2	15,116.6	14,541.6	483.3	466.6
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	62,441.8	63,658.2	56,325.1	57,341.5	6,116.7	6,316.7
United States .....	790,175.1	797,941.0	684,733.3	688,899.1	105,441.8	109,041.9

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: February 2021 and 2022

[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	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(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 .....	14,941.7	16,033.3	2,716.7	2,575.0	12,225.0	13,458.3
Arkansas .....	26,858.4	28,783.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	25,241.7	23,900.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	11,141.7	9,466.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	32,783.3	32,258.3	18,050.0	17,308.3	14,733.3	14,950.0
Illinois .....	12,891.7	11,358.4	12,600.0	11,083.4	291.7	275.0
Indiana .....	66,700.0	66,041.6	65,408.3	64,808.3	1,291.7	1,233.3
Iowa .....	93,741.7	89,058.4	91,900.0	87,641.7	1,841.7	1,416.7
Kentucky .....	10,241.7	9,833.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	4,875.0	4,450.0	4,775.0	4,358.3	100.0	91.7
Michigan .....	29,283.3	32,183.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	15,391.7	16,791.7	14,975.0	16,216.7	416.7	575.0
Mississippi .....	9,008.4	9,041.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	25,766.6	25,733.3	22,858.3	22,700.0	2,908.3	3,033.3
Nebraska .....	15,700.0	16,050.1	14,866.7	15,058.4	833.3	991.7
New York .....	11,408.3	11,075.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	26,691.7	25,641.7	14,350.0	13,533.4	12,341.7	12,108.3
Ohio .....	68,675.0	68,791.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,891.7	3,583.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	3,558.3	4,041.6	3,558.3	4,041.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	52,566.8	59,416.7	50,733.4	56,650.0	1,833.4	2,766.7
South Carolina .....	6,191.7	6,050.0	4,450.0	4,366.7	1,741.7	1,683.3
South Dakota .....	4,675.0	3,633.4	4,675.0	3,633.4	-	-
Texas .....	40,858.4	42,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	10,950.0	12,141.7	10,950.0	12,141.7	-	-
Virginia .....	4,708.4	4,425.0	2,383.4	2,108.3	2,325.0	2,316.7
Washington .....	12,533.4	12,633.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	14,391.6	13,616.6	13,950.0	13,200.0	441.6	416.6
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	56,175.3	56,675.4	50,508.6	51,100.3	5,666.7	5,575.1
United States .....	711,842.5	715,167.1	616,334.0	615,842.1	95,508.5	99,325.0

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## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2021-2022

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	2.3	1.1	13.9	12.6
February .....	1.9	1.8	14.5	11.6
March .....	1.7	1.7	14.8	12.1
April .....	1.4		14.1	
May .....	2.6		12.9	
June .....	2.4		12.9	
July .....	2.1		13.7	
August .....	2.1		13.2	
September .....	1.9		13.8	
October .....	1.9		14.0	
November .....	1.8		13.8	
December .....	1.0		13.6	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: February 1 and March 1, 2021-2022

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	February 1		March 1		February 1		March 1	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.5
Arkansas .....	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	14.0	8.0	13.5	8.5
California .....	3.0	-	2.0	-	8.5	3.0	11.5	3.0
Colorado .....	1.0	-	1.0	-	6.0	10.5	7.0	8.0
Georgia .....	0.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	12.5	8.5	11.0	9.5
Illinois .....	5.0	4.5	5.5	2.5	7.0	30.5	7.0	29.0
Indiana .....	1.5	0.5	1.0	-	13.0	9.5	13.5	9.5
Iowa .....	1.0	3.5	0.5	2.5	12.0	6.0	12.0	9.5
Kentucky .....	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.5	10.5	-	9.5	1.5
Maryland .....	-	1.0	-	1.0	-	1.5	-	1.5
Michigan .....	-	1.0	-	0.5	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.5
Minnesota .....	0.5	0.5	-	0.5	13.0	8.0	11.5	8.0
Mississippi .....	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	16.5	20.5	19.5	20.0
Missouri .....	-	5.0	-	1.5	6.0	3.0	5.0	6.5
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	20.0	2.0	17.0	-
New York .....	1.5	-	-	-	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.5
North Carolina .....	0.5	3.0	-	-	11.0	10.0	11.0	11.5
Ohio .....	3.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	16.5	14.0	19.0	13.5
Oklahoma .....	-	6.5	-	7.0	17.0	15.5	15.5	18.0
Oregon .....	-	0.5	-	1.0	-	1.5	-	1.5
Pennsylvania .....	4.0	1.0	5.0	1.5	8.5	0.5	8.0	0.5
South Carolina .....	-	3.0	-	3.0	22.0	19.0	18.5	20.0
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	-
Texas .....	6.0	2.5	4.5	5.5	48.0	54.0	48.0	52.0
Utah .....	1.5	3.0	-	7.5	22.0	32.5	24.0	31.0
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	2.5	0.5	1.0	-	10.5	6.0	12.5	6.0
Wisconsin .....	-	-	-	-	23.0	8.0	23.0	7.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.8	2.6	3.1	3.1	23.1	20.1	23.6	19.8
United States .....	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	14.5	11.6	14.8	12.1

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2021 and 2022

Item	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on March 1 .....	59,970	55,388	92
Chicks hatched during February .....	52,273	51,066	98
Chicks hatched January through February .....	103,155	100,114	97
<b>Pullets hatched during February for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	202	276	137
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	3,391	3,265	96
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on March 1 .....	710,502	718,830	101
Chicks hatched during February .....	759,210	758,889	100
Chicks hatched January through February .....	1,609,175	1,598,154	99
<b>Pullets hatched during February for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	8,245	8,198	99
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	73,590	75,156	102

<sup>1</sup> 2022 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2020 through July 2021.

<sup>2</sup> 2022 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2020 through July 2021.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2021-2022

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

Item	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	50,735	46,378	91
February .....	53,521	51,822	97
March .....	59,970	55,388	92
April .....	55,684		
May .....	53,802		
June .....	51,073		
July .....	50,532		
August .....	44,203		
September .....	44,634		
October .....	46,226		
November .....	45,806		
December .....	48,107		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2021-2022

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	50,882	49,048	96	50,882	49,048	96
February .....	52,273	51,066	98	103,155	100,114	97
March .....	62,319			165,474		
April .....	59,877			225,351		
May .....	57,332			282,683		
June .....	53,799			336,482		
July .....	50,284			386,766		
August .....	49,005			435,771		
September .....	49,236			485,007		
October .....	45,629			530,636		
November .....	45,718			576,354		
December .....	48,209			624,563		



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2021-2022

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2022 as percent of 2021	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2021	2022		2021	2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	279	261	94	3,352	3,360
February .....	202	276	137	3,391	3,265
March .....	327			3,567	3,225
April .....	266			3,482	3,313
May .....	306			3,480	3,368
June .....	288			3,451	3,403
July .....	199			3,610	3,156
August .....	330			3,624	3,138
September .....	289			3,344	3,212
October .....	252			3,349	
November .....	204			3,372	
December .....	214			3,445	
Annual total .....	3,156				

<sup>1</sup> For February 2022, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched August 2020 through July 2021. 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: 2021-2022

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

Item	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	712,232	712,702	100
February .....	703,515	715,910	102
March .....	710,502	718,830	101
April .....	717,361		
May .....	717,718		
June .....	720,441		
July .....	714,769		
August .....	715,722		
September .....	709,848		
October .....	693,894		
November .....	702,903		
December .....	723,999		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: February 2021 and 2022

State	During February			January-February		
	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	109,307	109,644	100	229,572	230,608	100
Arkansas .....	78,178	78,788	101	165,130	167,054	101
Delaware .....	16,225	16,152	100	33,097	34,090	103
Florida .....	3,978	3,901	98	8,170	8,262	101
Georgia .....	106,368	109,623	103	228,338	230,809	101
Kentucky .....	24,494	16,836	69	51,153	34,563	68
Louisiana .....	10,698	10,140	95	22,931	21,146	92
Maryland .....	25,430	25,897	102	53,264	54,883	103
Mississippi .....	55,848	54,247	97	121,983	114,132	94
Missouri .....	30,014	30,774	103	63,324	64,686	102
North Carolina .....	80,318	81,203	101	167,563	170,828	102
Oklahoma .....	21,852	23,333	107	46,125	49,960	108
Pennsylvania .....	20,943	20,457	98	43,801	44,266	101
South Carolina .....	18,523	16,086	87	38,788	33,985	88
Texas .....	58,053	59,127	102	123,529	123,727	100
Virginia .....	20,827	21,458	103	44,121	44,475	101
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	41,566	42,242	102	88,169	88,698	101
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	36,588	38,981	107	80,117	81,982	102
United States .....	759,210	758,889	100	1,609,175	1,598,154	99

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

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2021-2022

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	849,965	839,265	99	849,965	839,265	99
February .....	759,210	758,889	100	1,609,175	1,598,154	99
March .....	841,946			2,451,121		
April .....	821,223			3,272,344		
May .....	850,810			4,123,154		
June .....	823,588			4,946,742		
July .....	844,228			5,790,970		
August .....	840,461			6,631,431		
September .....	801,003			7,432,434		
October .....	810,633			8,243,067		
November .....	798,600			9,041,667		
December .....	846,240			9,887,907		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2021-2022

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2022 as percent of 2021	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2021	2022		2021	2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	8,095	7,880	97	72,886	74,605
February .....	8,245	8,198	99	73,590	75,156
March .....	8,232			73,660	76,097
April .....	8,110			74,741	77,914
May .....	8,708			75,331	78,385
June .....	9,546			74,992	78,126
July .....	8,623			74,246	78,880
August .....	8,737			74,180	78,650
September .....	9,618			74,237	78,140
October .....	8,566			74,395	
November .....	7,986			74,270	
December .....	8,986			74,767	
Annual total .....	103,452				
Total placements <sup>2</sup>					
January .....	9,811	9,370	96		
February .....	9,954	9,784	98		
March .....	9,996				
April .....	9,908				
May .....	10,148				
June .....	11,179				
July .....	10,079				
August .....	10,585				
September .....	11,250				
October .....	10,401				
November .....	9,226				
December .....	10,587				
Annual total .....	123,124				

<sup>1</sup> For February 2022, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched November 2020 through July 2021.

<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 0.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 390 million layers by more than 0.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.9 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) 0.5	(percent) 0.9	(1,000) 1,311	(1,000) 54	(1,000) 5,414	(number) 19	(number) 5
Eggs .....	0.8	1.4	(million) 66	(million) 13	(million) 147	8	16

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