



# Chickens and Eggs

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## September Egg Production Up 1 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.18 billion during September 2021, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.94 billion table eggs, and 1.24 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.17 billion were broiler-type and 71.2 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during September 2021 totaled 386 million, up slightly from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,379 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2020.

Total layers in the United States on October 1, 2021 totaled 387 million, up slightly from last year. The 387 million layers consisted of 322 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.89 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2021, averaged 79.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from October 1, 2020.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 2 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2021 totaled 49.2 million, down 2 percent from September 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 46.2 million on October 1, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 289 thousand during September 2021, up 44 percent from September 2020.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2021 totaled 802 million, down 1 percent from September 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 695 million on October 1, 2021, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.62 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2021, down 1 percent from September 2020.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2020-2021

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Month	2020		2021	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		403,445		391,780
January .....		401,419		393,284
February .....		396,916		393,963
March .....		395,613		393,176
April .....		392,770		390,020
May .....		387,045		385,575
June .....		383,152		384,240
July .....		381,014		384,930
August .....		382,184		384,961
September .....		384,655		385,831
October .....		386,660		
November .....		389,355		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2020-2021

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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,790.2	9,610.3	8,583.4	8,356.4	1,206.8	1,253.9
January .....	9,690.4	9,530.9	8,470.3	8,260.7	1,220.1	1,270.2
February .....	8,946.0	8,595.5	7,793.0	7,439.5	1,153.0	1,156.0
March .....	9,538.5	9,543.1	8,299.5	8,248.1	1,239.0	1,295.0
April .....	9,096.4	9,209.8	7,894.5	7,942.7	1,201.9	1,267.1
May .....	9,120.9	9,383.3	7,883.3	8,065.5	1,237.6	1,317.8
June .....	8,831.8	9,046.0	7,625.8	7,780.8	1,206.0	1,265.2
July .....	9,317.2	9,383.6	8,063.5	8,101.9	1,253.7	1,281.7
August .....	9,352.5	9,413.4	8,096.8	8,135.0	1,255.7	1,278.4
September .....	9,057.2	9,180.0	7,838.1	7,936.8	1,219.1	1,243.2
October .....	9,505.2		8,250.4		1,254.8	
November .....	9,327.0		8,119.4		1,207.6	

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

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2020-2021

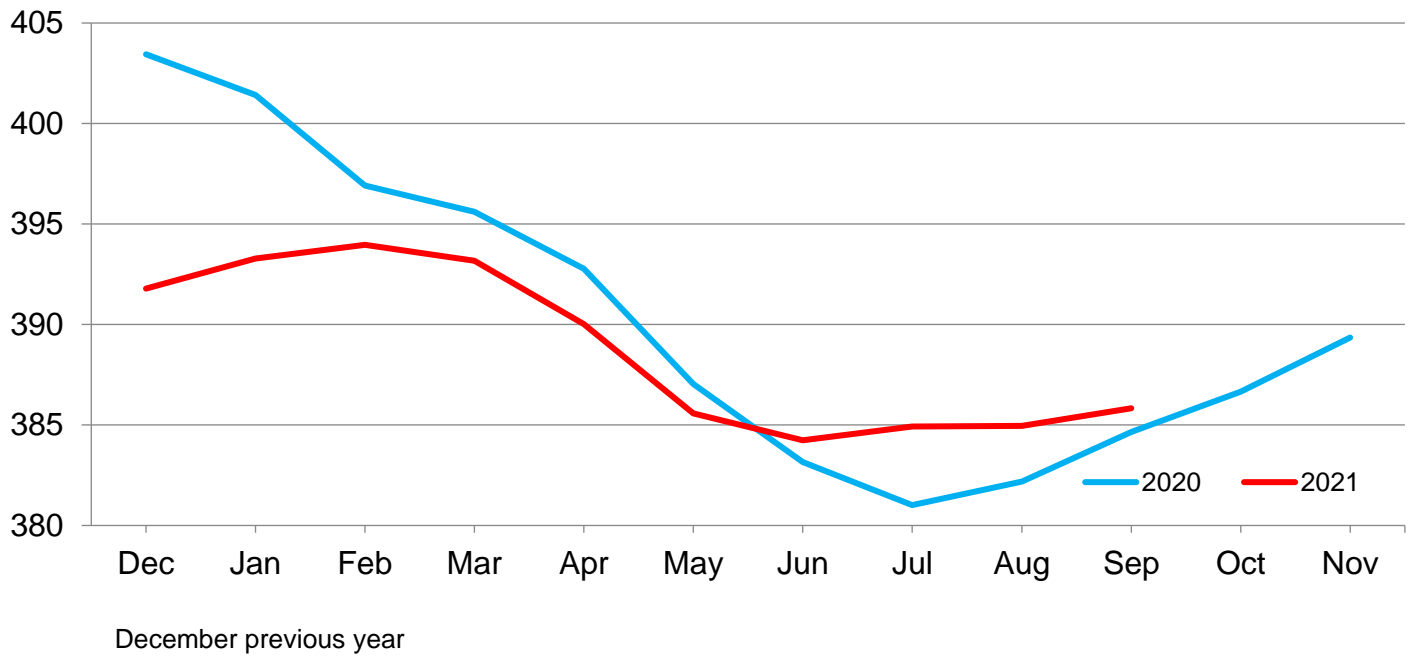
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	815,849.7	800,858.2	715,283.2	696,366.6	100,566.5	104,491.6
January .....	807,533.2	794,241.9	705,858.4	688,391.7	101,674.8	105,850.2
February .....	745,499.5	716,292.5	649,416.6	619,959.1	96,082.9	96,333.4
March .....	794,875.2	795,258.6	691,625.0	687,341.9	103,250.2	107,916.7
April .....	758,032.8	767,483.9	657,874.6	661,891.7	100,158.2	105,592.2
May .....	760,074.7	781,941.5	656,941.5	672,124.7	103,133.2	109,816.8
June .....	735,983.1	753,833.5	635,483.2	648,400.1	100,499.9	105,433.4
July .....	776,433.5	781,966.8	671,958.2	675,158.6	104,475.3	106,808.2
August .....	779,375.1	784,449.6	674,733.2	677,916.4	104,641.9	106,533.2
September .....	754,767.0	764,999.8	653,175.2	661,399.8	101,591.8	103,600.0
October .....	792,100.1		687,533.5		104,566.6	
November .....	777,250.0		676,616.6		100,633.4	

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

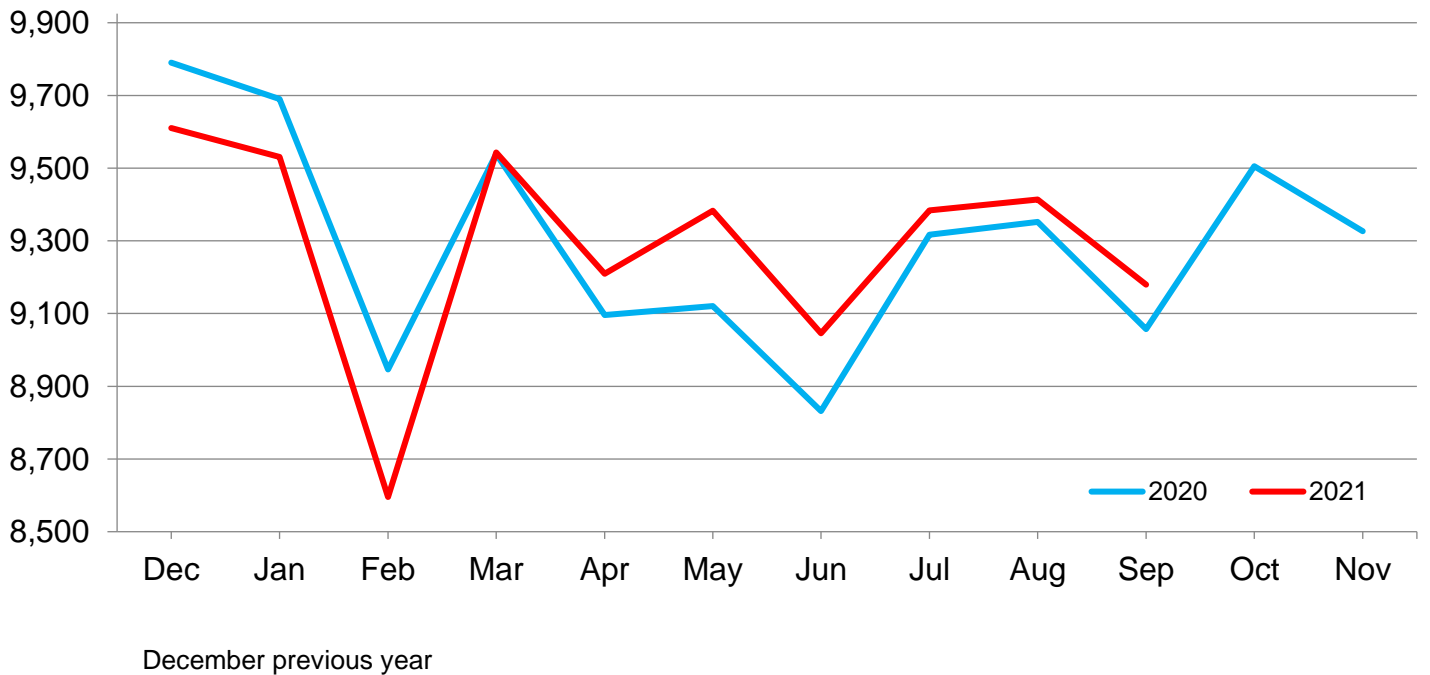
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
August-September 2020 and 2021**

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
<b>Layers during August</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	382,184	384,961	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000	318,028	319,645	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,156	65,316	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,845	62,460	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,311	2,856	86
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during August</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,447	2,445	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,546	2,545	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,957	1,957	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,923	1,929	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,582	2,584	100
<b>Eggs produced during August</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,352.5	9,413.4	101
Table egg type ..... million	8,096.8	8,135.0	100
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,255.7	1,278.4	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,170.2	1,204.6	103
Egg-type hatching ..... million	85.5	73.8	86
<b>Eggs produced during August</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	779,375.1	784,449.6	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	674,733.2	677,916.4	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	104,641.9	106,533.2	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	97,516.8	100,383.3	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,125.1	6,149.9	86
<b>Layers on September 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	383,643	384,943	100
Table egg type ..... 1,000	319,529	319,947	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,114	64,996	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,793	62,166	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,321	2,830	85
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on September 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	77.7	79.0	102
Table egg type ..... number	80.6	82.1	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.5	63.6	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.4	62.7	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	83.5	83.5	100
<b>Molted layers on September 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.3	1.8	78
Molt completed ..... percent	14.0	13.6	97
Layers sold for slaughter during August ..... 1,000	14,791.9	14,230.6	96
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during August ..... 1,000	9,853.2	11,930.4	121
Pullets on September 1 ..... 1,000	120,379	124,826	104
Pullets added during August <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,419.2	26,745.1	98

<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:  
September-October 2020 and 2021**

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
<b>Layers during September</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	384,655	385,831	100
Table egg type ..... 1,000	320,714	320,914	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,941	64,917	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,719	62,053	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,222	2,864	89
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during September</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,355	2,379	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,444	2,473	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,907	1,915	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,874	1,889	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,514	2,486	99
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,057.2	9,180.0	101
Table egg type ..... million	7,838.1	7,936.8	101
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,219.1	1,243.2	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,138.1	1,172.0	103
Egg-type hatching ..... million	81.0	71.2	88
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	754,767.0	764,999.8	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	653,175.2	661,399.8	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	101,591.8	103,600.0	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	94,841.5	97,666.8	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	6,750.3	5,933.2	88
<b>Layers on October 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	385,628	386,676	100
Table egg type ..... 1,000	321,884	321,865	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,744	64,811	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,630	61,922	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,114	2,889	93
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on October 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	78.7	79.5	101
Table egg type ..... number	81.8	82.7	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.6	64.0	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.6	63.1	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.2	82.8	98
<b>Molted layers on October 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.3	1.8	78
Molt completed ..... percent	14.7	13.9	95
Layers sold for slaughter during September ..... 1,000	12,365.4	12,509.2	101
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during September ..... 1,000	9,833.4	10,973.6	112
Pullets on October 1 ..... 1,000	120,619	124,984	104
Pullets added during September <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,052.4	27,294.3	101

<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 August 2020 and 2021

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,339	1,420	10,626	10,827	1,954	1,941
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,940	16,673	2,102	2,121
California .....	12,579	13,316	13,289	13,959	2,402	2,491
Colorado .....	4,351	4,206	4,859	4,714	2,661	2,660
Georgia .....	9,753	9,019	20,124	19,414	2,213	2,133
Illinois .....	5,768	6,429	6,324	6,992	2,609	2,554
Indiana .....	32,554	34,315	33,888	35,567	2,574	2,542
Iowa .....	45,092	47,286	47,002	49,185	2,639	2,604
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,861	5,389	2,303	2,238
Maryland .....	2,437	2,256	2,636	2,453	2,519	2,540
Michigan .....	14,349	14,804	14,644	15,099	2,492	2,498
Minnesota .....	7,801	7,597	8,296	8,115	2,578	2,568
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,413	5,323	2,167	2,170
Missouri .....	7,703	7,261	12,775	12,894	2,542	2,516
Nebraska .....	8,007	7,526	8,569	8,166	2,502	2,509
New York .....	5,119	5,119	5,680	5,685	2,625	2,612
North Carolina .....	7,051	6,888	15,487	15,237	2,235	2,221
Ohio .....	32,558	33,497	33,782	34,804	2,526	2,514
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,606	2,546	1,915	1,834
Oregon .....	1,980	1,801	2,151	1,972	2,506	2,688
Pennsylvania .....	27,639	28,091	30,192	30,487	2,578	2,627
South Carolina .....	2,445	2,265	3,693	3,505	2,234	2,140
South Dakota .....	2,626	1,885	2,681	1,940	2,686	2,716
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,816	22,569	2,290	2,351
Utah .....	4,602	5,700	4,654	5,752	2,581	2,632
Virginia .....	798	596	2,579	2,385	2,129	2,348
Washington .....	6,499	6,324	6,664	6,488	2,638	2,585
Wisconsin .....	6,585	5,554	7,657	6,677	2,509	2,554
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,429	24,065	31,296	30,144	2,399	2,387
United States .....	302,343	303,279	382,184	384,961	2,447	2,445

(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 September 2020 and 2021

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,408	1,421	10,634	10,868	1,885	1,893
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	16,185	16,502	2,049	2,128
California .....	12,722	13,141	13,449	13,801	2,321	2,367
Colorado .....	4,651	4,162	5,159	4,670	2,504	2,490
Georgia .....	9,805	9,080	20,107	19,416	2,136	2,079
Illinois .....	6,190	6,309	6,757	6,868	2,383	2,410
Indiana .....	33,120	34,873	34,430	36,150	2,445	2,453
Iowa .....	45,558	46,728	47,438	48,612	2,526	2,531
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,996	5,492	2,215	2,210
Maryland .....	2,434	2,246	2,641	2,455	2,412	2,452
Michigan .....	14,247	15,157	14,542	15,452	2,456	2,457
Minnesota .....	7,793	7,679	8,286	8,220	2,583	2,466
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,257	5,305	2,115	2,083
Missouri .....	7,946	7,376	12,973	13,047	2,390	2,443
Nebraska .....	8,051	7,538	8,589	8,178	2,473	2,447
New York .....	5,218	5,153	5,779	5,710	2,523	2,525
North Carolina .....	6,891	6,717	15,272	14,925	2,182	2,165
Ohio .....	32,763	34,105	33,987	35,426	2,380	2,456
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,627	2,506	1,823	1,856
Oregon .....	2,041	1,855	2,212	2,026	2,423	2,512
Pennsylvania .....	27,046	28,079	29,571	30,506	2,520	2,563
South Carolina .....	2,450	2,266	3,716	3,515	2,131	2,102
South Dakota .....	2,627	2,039	2,682	2,094	2,599	2,564
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,081	22,702	2,225	2,292
Utah .....	4,865	5,706	4,917	5,758	2,430	2,586
Virginia .....	901	597	2,668	2,363	2,073	2,213
Washington .....	6,494	6,420	6,659	6,584	2,550	2,517
Wisconsin .....	6,530	5,533	7,616	6,665	2,384	2,441
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,575	24,003	31,425	30,015	2,319	2,351
United States .....	305,029	304,548	384,655	385,831	2,355	2,379

(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: August 2020 and 2021

[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	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	207.6	210.1	35.6	35.8	172.0	174.3
Arkansas .....	335.1	353.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	319.2	347.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	129.3	125.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	445.3	414.1	247.8	215.8	197.5	198.3
Illinois .....	165.0	178.6	161.0	174.6	4.0	4.0
Indiana .....	872.4	904.2	854.9	888.5	17.5	15.7
Iowa .....	1,240.2	1,280.6	1,215.8	1,256.6	24.4	24.0
Kentucky .....	135.0	120.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	66.4	62.3	64.8	61.0	1.6	1.3
Michigan .....	364.9	377.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	213.9	208.4	206.8	200.0	7.1	8.4
Mississippi .....	117.3	115.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	324.8	324.4	287.0	286.4	37.8	38.0
Nebraska .....	214.4	204.9	203.8	193.3	10.6	11.6
New York .....	149.1	148.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	346.1	338.4	186.0	181.2	160.1	157.2
Ohio .....	853.5	874.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	49.9	46.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	53.9	53.0	53.9	53.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	778.4	801.0	749.4	775.2	29.0	25.8
South Carolina .....	82.5	75.0	59.5	52.1	23.0	22.9
South Dakota .....	72.0	52.7	72.0	52.7	-	-
Texas .....	522.6	530.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	120.1	151.4	120.1	151.4	-	-
Virginia .....	54.9	56.0	24.2	26.4	30.7	29.6
Washington .....	175.8	167.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	192.1	170.5	186.4	164.6	5.7	5.9
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	750.8	719.4	678.3	643.4	72.5	76.0
United States .....	9,352.5	9,413.4	8,096.8	8,135.0	1,255.7	1,278.4

- 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: September 2020 and 2021

[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	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	200.4	205.7	34.2	36.0	166.2	169.7
Arkansas .....	331.6	351.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	312.1	326.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	129.2	116.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	429.5	403.7	237.4	210.5	192.1	193.2
Illinois .....	161.0	165.5	157.2	161.9	3.8	3.6
Indiana .....	841.7	886.7	825.3	871.4	16.4	15.3
Iowa .....	1,198.5	1,230.6	1,174.6	1,207.8	23.9	22.8
Kentucky .....	132.8	121.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	63.7	60.2	62.2	58.8	1.5	1.4
Michigan .....	357.2	379.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	214.0	202.7	207.1	194.7	6.9	8.0
Mississippi .....	111.2	110.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	310.1	318.7	274.5	281.3	35.6	37.4
Nebraska .....	212.4	200.1	202.5	188.5	9.9	11.6
New York .....	145.8	144.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	333.2	323.2	177.3	172.8	155.9	150.4
Ohio .....	808.9	870.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	47.9	46.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	53.6	50.9	53.6	50.9	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	745.1	782.0	717.1	756.8	28.0	25.2
South Carolina .....	79.2	73.9	56.4	51.7	22.8	22.2
South Dakota .....	69.7	53.7	69.7	53.7	-	-
Texas .....	513.6	520.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	119.5	148.9	119.5	148.9	-	-
Virginia .....	55.3	52.3	25.7	24.7	29.6	27.6
Washington .....	169.8	165.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	181.6	162.7	176.3	157.0	5.3	5.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	728.6	705.8	657.7	631.5	70.9	74.3
United States .....	9,057.2	9,180.0	7,838.1	7,936.8	1,219.1	1,243.2

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: August 2020 and 2021

[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	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(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 .....	17,299.9	17,508.3	2,966.6	2,983.3	14,333.3	14,525.0
Arkansas .....	27,924.9	29,475.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	26,600.0	28,975.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	10,775.0	10,450.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	37,108.4	34,508.3	20,650.0	17,983.3	16,458.4	16,525.0
Illinois .....	13,749.9	14,883.3	13,416.6	14,550.0	333.3	333.3
Indiana .....	72,700.0	75,350.0	71,241.7	74,041.6	1,458.3	1,308.4
Iowa .....	103,350.1	106,716.6	101,316.7	104,716.6	2,033.4	2,000.0
Kentucky .....	11,250.0	10,049.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,533.3	5,191.8	5,400.0	5,083.4	133.3	108.4
Michigan .....	30,408.3	31,433.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,825.1	17,366.6	17,233.4	16,666.6	591.7	700.0
Mississippi .....	9,775.0	9,625.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	27,066.7	27,033.3	23,916.7	23,866.6	3,150.0	3,166.7
Nebraska .....	17,866.6	17,074.9	16,983.3	16,108.3	883.3	966.6
New York .....	12,425.0	12,375.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,841.7	28,200.0	15,500.0	15,100.0	13,341.7	13,100.0
Ohio .....	71,125.1	72,908.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,158.4	3,891.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,491.6	4,416.6	4,491.6	4,416.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	64,866.7	66,750.0	62,450.0	64,600.0	2,416.7	2,150.0
South Carolina .....	6,875.0	6,249.9	4,958.3	4,341.6	1,916.7	1,908.3
South Dakota .....	6,000.0	4,391.7	6,000.0	4,391.7	-	-
Texas .....	43,550.0	44,208.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	10,008.3	12,616.7	10,008.3	12,616.7	-	-
Virginia .....	4,575.0	4,666.6	2,016.6	2,200.0	2,558.4	2,466.6
Washington .....	14,650.0	13,975.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	16,008.3	14,208.3	15,533.3	13,716.7	475.0	491.6
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	62,566.8	59,950.1	56,525.1	53,616.8	6,041.7	6,333.3
United States .....	779,375.1	784,449.6	674,733.2	677,916.4	104,641.9	106,533.2

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: September 2020 and 2021

[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	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(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 .....	16,700.0	17,141.7	2,850.0	3,000.0	13,850.0	14,141.7
Arkansas .....	27,633.4	29,266.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	26,008.3	27,225.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	10,766.7	9,691.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	35,791.6	33,641.7	19,783.3	17,541.7	16,008.3	16,100.0
Illinois .....	13,416.7	13,791.6	13,100.0	13,491.6	316.7	300.0
Indiana .....	70,141.7	73,891.7	68,775.0	72,616.7	1,366.7	1,275.0
Iowa .....	99,875.1	102,550.0	97,883.4	100,650.0	1,991.7	1,900.0
Kentucky .....	11,066.6	10,116.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,308.3	5,016.7	5,183.3	4,900.0	125.0	116.7
Michigan .....	29,766.7	31,633.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,833.4	16,891.6	17,258.4	16,225.0	575.0	666.6
Mississippi .....	9,266.7	9,208.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	25,841.7	26,558.3	22,875.0	23,441.6	2,966.7	3,116.7
Nebraska .....	17,700.0	16,675.0	16,875.0	15,708.3	825.0	966.7
New York .....	12,150.0	12,016.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	27,766.7	26,933.3	14,775.0	14,400.0	12,991.7	12,533.3
Ohio .....	67,408.4	72,516.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,991.6	3,874.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,466.7	4,241.6	4,466.7	4,241.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	62,091.6	65,166.6	59,758.3	63,066.6	2,333.3	2,100.0
South Carolina .....	6,600.0	6,158.3	4,700.0	4,308.3	1,900.0	1,850.0
South Dakota .....	5,808.4	4,475.0	5,808.4	4,475.0	-	-
Texas .....	42,800.0	43,366.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	9,958.3	12,408.3	9,958.3	12,408.3	-	-
Virginia .....	4,608.4	4,358.3	2,141.7	2,058.3	2,466.7	2,300.0
Washington .....	14,150.0	13,808.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	15,133.4	13,558.3	14,691.7	13,083.3	441.7	475.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	60,716.6	58,816.9	54,808.3	52,625.2	5,908.3	6,191.7
United States .....	754,767.0	764,999.8	653,175.2	661,399.8	101,591.8	103,600.0

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## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2020-2021

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	1.7	2.2	11.9	14.0
February .....	2.3	1.8	12.0	14.4
March .....	1.7	1.6	12.3	14.7
April .....	1.3	1.4	12.1	14.1
May .....	3.5	2.5	11.0	12.8
June .....	4.6	2.3	11.8	12.8
July .....	2.4	2.0	13.8	13.5
August .....	1.6	2.0	14.7	13.2
September .....	2.3	1.8	14.0	13.6
October .....	2.3	1.8	14.7	13.9
November .....	1.2		15.4	
December .....	1.1		14.9	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: September 1 and October 1, 2020-2021

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	September 1		October 1		September 1		October 1	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	4.5	4.0	5.0	4.0
Arkansas .....	1.5	0.5	2.0	1.0	12.0	12.5	13.0	12.0
California .....	2.0	0.5	1.0	-	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.0
Colorado .....	1.5	-	2.0	8.0	3.5	8.5	5.0	8.0
Georgia .....	0.5	4.5	2.5	0.5	9.5	9.0	9.5	12.5
Illinois .....	-	2.0	3.0	1.5	3.0	2.5	2.5	4.5
Indiana .....	1.0	1.5	1.0	2.5	13.0	12.0	13.5	12.0
Iowa .....	0.5	2.0	1.5	1.5	14.5	11.0	14.0	11.5
Kentucky .....	3.0	-	1.5	3.5	7.0	3.0	9.0	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	-	-	1.5	-	1.5	3.0	1.0	2.0
Minnesota .....	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.0	19.0	7.0	20.5	8.5
Mississippi .....	3.0	0.5	2.5	2.5	24.0	18.5	24.0	17.0
Missouri .....	0.5	-	2.0	-	4.5	11.0	5.0	9.5
Nebraska .....	-	-	1.0	-	40.0	3.0	38.5	2.5
New York .....	-	-	-	-	3.5	4.5	2.5	3.5
North Carolina .....	2.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	9.0	12.0	10.0	12.0
Ohio .....	3.5	1.0	3.0	1.5	18.5	14.5	20.0	15.0
Oklahoma .....	9.0	5.5	3.5	-	5.5	5.0	14.5	10.0
Oregon .....	-	2.0	-	1.5	-	2.0	-	1.5
Pennsylvania .....	5.5	2.5	4.5	2.5	1.0	2.0	1.5	2.5
South Carolina .....	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.0	21.0	19.0	21.5	20.5
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	6.5	4.5	6.5	7.5	46.5	57.5	49.0	57.5
Utah .....	7.0	8.5	3.0	2.5	14.5	30.5	17.0	34.5
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	1.0	3.5	-	0.5	12.0	16.0	12.5	18.0
Wisconsin .....	-	-	-	-	24.0	16.5	23.5	12.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	2.1	3.9	1.6	19.6	25.4	22.0	24.9
United States .....	2.3	1.8	2.3	1.8	14.0	13.6	14.7	13.9

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2020 and 2021

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on October 1 .....	46,624	46,211	99
Chicks hatched during September .....	49,989	49,236	98
Chicks hatched January through September .....	472,565	485,007	103
<b>Pullets hatched during September for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	201	289	144
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	3,150	3,344	106
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on October 1 .....	665,148	694,714	104
Chicks hatched during September .....	809,563	801,735	99
Chicks hatched January through September .....	7,434,452	7,433,166	100
<b>Pullets hatched during September for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	9,708	9,618	99
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	73,852	74,237	101

<sup>1</sup> 2021 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2020 through February 2021.

<sup>2</sup> 2021 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2020 through February 2021.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2020-2021

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

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	47,563	50,735	107
February .....	50,382	53,521	106
March .....	49,101	59,970	122
April .....	57,435	55,684	97
May .....	49,502	53,802	109
June .....	50,029	51,073	102
July .....	46,093	50,532	110
August .....	46,242	44,203	96
September .....	47,296	44,634	94
October .....	46,624	46,211	99
November .....	44,601		
December .....	53,170		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2020-2021

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

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	52,727	50,882	97	52,727	50,882	97
February .....	48,148	52,273	109	100,875	103,155	102
March .....	56,212	62,319	111	157,087	165,474	105
April .....	61,015	59,877	98	218,102	225,351	103
May .....	52,790	57,332	109	270,892	282,683	104
June .....	55,537	53,799	97	326,429	336,482	103
July .....	46,140	50,284	109	372,569	386,766	104
August .....	50,007	49,005	98	422,576	435,771	103
September .....	49,989	49,236	98	472,565	485,007	103
October .....	50,597			523,162		
November .....	48,042			571,204		
December .....	51,765			622,969		



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2020-2022

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2021 as percent of 2020	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2020	2021		2021	2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	265	279	105	3,352	3,360
February .....	482	202	42	3,391	3,265
March .....	322	327	102	3,567	3,225
April .....	243	266	109	3,482	3,313
May .....	233	306	131	3,480	
June .....	373	288	77	3,451	
July .....	294	199	68	3,610	
August .....	370	330	89	3,624	
September .....	201	289	144	3,344	
October .....	197			3,349	
November .....	169			3,372	
December .....	461			3,445	
Annual total .....	3,610				

<sup>1</sup> For September 2021, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched March 2020 through February 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: 2020-2021

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

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	714,799	712,232	100
February .....	716,942	703,515	98
March .....	718,746	710,502	99
April .....	692,345	717,361	104
May .....	662,186	717,718	108
June .....	701,760	720,441	103
July .....	700,673	714,769	102
August .....	687,521	715,722	104
September .....	691,508	709,848	103
October .....	665,148	694,714	104
November .....	664,550		
December .....	706,563		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: September 2020 and 2021

State	During September			January-September		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	114,937	115,519	101	1,053,601	1,050,517	100
Arkansas .....	82,921	80,908	98	745,680	752,275	101
Delaware .....	15,891	14,039	88	152,661	148,841	97
Florida .....	4,088	3,983	97	38,149	37,003	97
Georgia .....	117,356	116,329	99	1,089,134	1,060,050	97
Kentucky .....	26,253	24,458	93	238,593	236,825	99
Louisiana .....	11,676	10,875	93	108,360	103,832	96
Maryland .....	28,290	27,519	97	257,583	252,180	98
Mississippi .....	60,408	59,368	98	570,468	552,275	97
Missouri .....	32,182	32,995	103	286,786	296,134	103
North Carolina .....	82,914	82,849	100	769,281	782,161	102
Oklahoma .....	24,952	21,978	88	229,145	219,055	96
Pennsylvania .....	22,787	23,250	102	201,152	207,381	103
South Carolina .....	19,543	18,309	94	176,695	176,542	100
Texas .....	60,831	61,030	100	559,833	564,705	101
Virginia .....	22,190	23,281	105	198,762	206,921	104
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	42,832	42,417	99	396,260	396,833	100
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	39,512	42,628	108	362,309	389,636	108
United States .....	809,563	801,735	99	7,434,452	7,433,166	100

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

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2020-2021

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

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	860,517	849,965	99	860,517	849,965	99
February .....	806,947	759,210	94	1,667,464	1,609,175	97
March .....	861,074	841,946	98	2,528,538	2,451,121	97
April .....	771,589	821,223	106	3,300,127	3,272,344	99
May .....	807,648	850,810	105	4,107,775	4,123,154	100
June .....	828,490	823,588	99	4,936,265	4,946,742	100
July .....	850,772	844,228	99	5,787,037	5,790,970	100
August .....	837,852	840,461	100	6,624,889	6,631,431	100
September .....	809,563	801,735	99	7,434,452	7,433,166	100
October .....	805,553			8,240,005		
November .....	783,152			9,023,157		
December .....	848,536			9,871,693		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2020-2022

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2021 as percent of 2020	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2020	2021		2021	2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	7,482	8,095	108	72,886	74,605
February .....	8,135	8,245	101	73,590	75,156
March .....	8,547	8,232	96	73,660	76,097
April .....	8,161	8,110	99	74,741	77,914
May .....	8,188	8,708	106	75,331	
June .....	8,074	9,546	118	74,992	
July .....	8,235	8,623	105	74,246	
August .....	8,211	8,737	106	74,180	
September .....	9,708	9,618	99	74,237	
October .....	8,072			74,395	
November .....	7,796			74,270	
December .....	7,801			74,767	
Annual total .....	98,410				
Total placements <sup>2</sup>					
January .....	9,022	9,811	109		
February .....	9,581	9,954	104		
March .....	10,183	9,996	98		
April .....	9,700	9,908	102		
May .....	9,860	10,148	103		
June .....	9,713	11,179	115		
July .....	9,726	10,079	104		
August .....	9,902	10,585	107		
September .....	11,729	11,250	96		
October .....	9,975				
November .....	9,324				
December .....	9,177				
Annual total .....	117,892				

<sup>1</sup> For September 2021, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched June 2020 through February 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 0.2 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 386 million layers by more than 0.2 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.4 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) 0.2	(percent) 0.4	(1,000) 632	(1,000) 34	(1,000) 2,273	(number) 18	(number) 6
Eggs .....	0.3	0.4	(million) 18.4	(million) 0	(million) 65	18	6

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