



# Chickens and Eggs

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## December Egg Production Up 3 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.45 billion during December 2023, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 8.14 billion table eggs, and 1.31 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 97.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2023 averaged 384 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,462 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2022.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2024 totaled 379 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 379 million layers consisted of 312 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2024, averaged 79.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2023.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down Slightly

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2023 totaled 48.4 million, down slightly from December 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.0 million on January 1, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 219 thousand during December 2023, up 1 percent from December 2022.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2023 totaled 849 million, down 1 percent from December 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 718 million on January 1, 2024, down slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2023, down 4 percent from December 2022.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2023-2024

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Month	2023		2024	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		375,943		383,968
January .....		375,125		
February .....		379,145		
March .....		383,351		
April .....		386,213		
May .....		387,558		
June .....		385,538		
July .....		383,693		
August .....		384,448		
September .....		387,365		
October .....		390,142		
November .....		389,892		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2023-2024

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

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,148.9	9,453.4	7,859.7	8,143.3	1,289.2	1,310.1
January .....	9,052.5		7,756.9		1,295.6	
February .....	8,227.2		7,038.3		1,188.9	
March .....	9,227.7		7,896.2		1,331.5	
April .....	9,031.0		7,736.8		1,294.2	
May .....	9,370.2		8,025.1		1,345.1	
June .....	9,050.2		7,750.5		1,299.7	
July .....	9,361.8		8,032.7		1,329.1	
August .....	9,402.3		8,079.1		1,323.2	
September .....	9,175.1		7,893.4		1,281.7	
October .....	9,593.6		8,271.7		1,321.9	
November .....	9,304.3		8,027.3		1,277.0	

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

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2023-2024

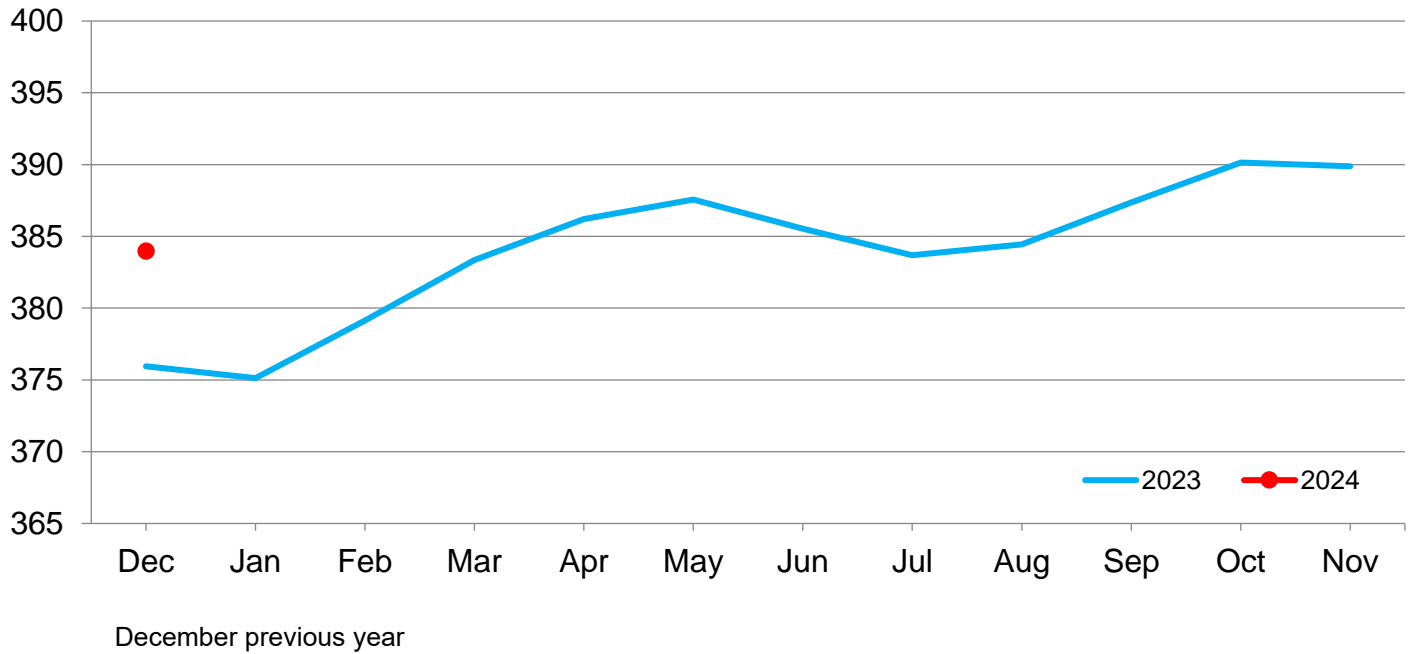
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	762,408.2	787,783.6	654,975.1	678,608.6	107,433.1	109,175.0
January .....	754,374.8		646,408.1		107,966.7	
February .....	685,600.1		586,525.0		99,075.1	
March .....	768,975.2		658,016.9		110,958.3	
April .....	752,583.6		644,733.4		107,850.2	
May .....	780,850.3		668,758.5		112,091.8	
June .....	754,183.3		645,874.8		108,308.5	
July .....	780,149.8		669,391.7		110,758.1	
August .....	783,524.5		673,258.3		110,266.2	
September .....	764,591.6		657,783.3		106,808.3	
October .....	799,466.5		689,308.2		110,158.3	
November .....	775,357.9		668,941.7		106,416.2	

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

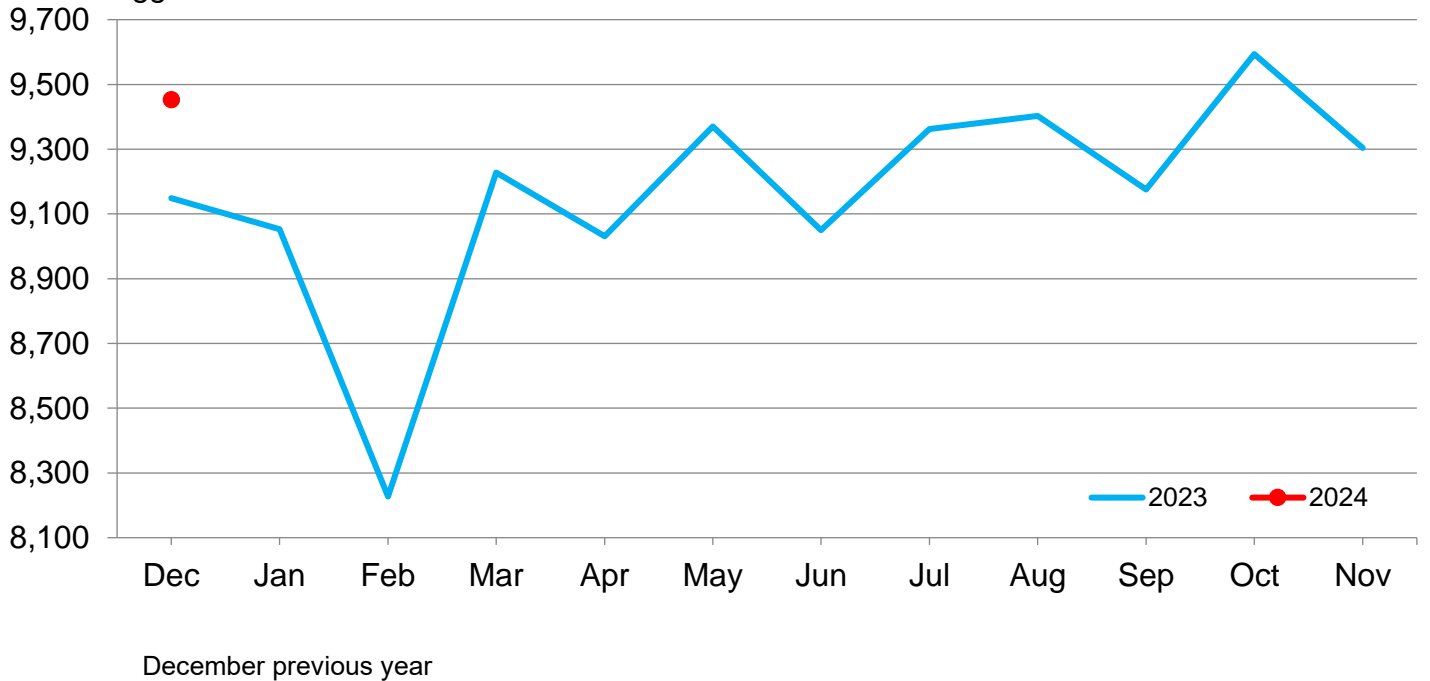
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
November-December 2022 and 2023**

Item	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
<b>Layers during November</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	377,842	389,892	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000	311,766	322,610	103
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,076	67,282	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	62,420	63,645	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,656	3,637	99
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during November</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,368	2,386	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,467	2,488	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,901	1,898	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,862	1,861	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,563	2,541	99
<b>Eggs produced during November</b>			
Total layers ..... million	8,947.2	9,304.3	104
Table egg type ..... million	7,691.3	8,027.3	104
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,255.9	1,277.0	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,162.2	1,184.6	102
Egg-type hatching ..... million	93.7	92.4	99
<b>Eggs produced during November</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	745,600.1	775,357.9	104
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	640,941.8	668,941.7	104
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	104,658.3	106,416.2	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	96,850.1	98,716.4	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,808.2	7,699.8	99
<b>Layers on December 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	377,606	388,700	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000	311,535	321,188	103
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,071	67,512	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	62,280	63,854	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,791	3,658	96
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on December 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	78.9	79.5	101
Table egg type ..... number	82.3	83.0	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.9	62.9	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	61.5	61.7	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	85.3	85.1	100
<b>Molted layers on December 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	0.8	1.9	238
Molt completed ..... percent	11.9	10.6	89
Layers sold for slaughter during November ..... 1,000	14,329.1	14,041.9	98
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during November ..... 1,000	10,033.1	14,044.3	140
Pullets on December 1 ..... 1,000	128,590	128,248	100
Pullets added during November <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	26,734.3	25,978.1	97

<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: December-January 2022-2024

Item	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
<b>Layers during December</b>			
All layers .....1,000	375,943	383,968	102
Table egg type .....1,000	309,457	316,489	102
Hatching egg type .....1,000	66,486	67,479	101
Broiler-type hatching .....1,000	62,667	63,731	102
Egg-type hatching .....1,000	3,819	3,748	98
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during December</b>			
All layers .....number	2,434	2,462	101
Table egg type .....number	2,540	2,573	101
Hatching egg type .....number	1,939	1,941	100
Broiler-type hatching .....number	1,896	1,903	100
Egg-type hatching .....number	2,639	2,588	98
<b>Eggs produced during December</b>			
All layers ..... million	9,148.9	9,453.4	103
Table egg type ..... million	7,859.7	8,143.3	104
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,289.2	1,310.1	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,188.4	1,213.1	102
Egg-type hatching ..... million	100.8	97.0	96
<b>Eggs produced during December</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000 dozen	762,408.2	787,783.6	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	654,975.1	678,608.6	104
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	107,433.1	109,175.0	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	99,033.2	101,091.6	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	8,399.9	8,083.4	96
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
<b>Layers on January 1</b>			
All layers .....1,000	374,244	379,205	101
Table egg type .....1,000	307,361	311,776	101
Hatching egg type .....1,000	66,883	67,429	101
Broiler-type hatching .....1,000	63,043	63,600	101
Egg-type hatching .....1,000	3,840	3,829	100
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on January 1</b>			
All layers .....number	78.0	79.3	102
Table egg type .....number	81.5	83.0	102
Hatching egg type .....number	62.2	62.3	100
Broiler-type hatching .....number	60.8	61.1	100
Egg-type hatching .....number	85.1	82.0	96
<b>Molted layers on January 1</b>			
Percent being molted .....percent	1.1	1.8	164
Percent with molt completed .....percent	10.8	10.3	95
Layers sold for slaughter during December .....1,000	13,088	13,519	103
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during December .....1,000	14,052	19,549	139
Pullets on January 1 .....1,000	126,467	126,890	100
Pullets added during December <sup>1</sup> .....1,000	23,349	24,275	104

<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 November 2022 and 2023

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,443	1,367	11,166	11,645	1,887	1,831
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,653	15,692	2,083	2,130
California .....	12,497	10,675	13,110	11,264	2,342	2,305
Colorado .....	1,608	3,910	2,136	4,438	2,299	2,621
Georgia .....	9,920	9,552	20,159	19,973	2,147	2,183
Illinois .....	6,076	6,390	6,631	6,939	2,362	2,355
Indiana .....	35,793	34,958	37,096	36,184	2,439	2,430
Iowa .....	38,778	42,154	40,700	44,084	2,502	2,530
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,483	5,676	2,220	2,126
Maryland .....	2,037	1,933	2,241	2,143	2,610	2,557
Michigan .....	16,502	16,369	16,827	16,648	2,483	2,412
Minnesota .....	8,100	6,989	8,634	7,503	2,477	2,458
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,774	5,708	2,134	2,099
Missouri .....	7,465	7,311	13,763	13,614	2,534	2,547
Nebraska .....	6,618	7,551	7,228	8,172	2,277	2,521
New York .....	5,227	5,161	5,779	5,740	2,542	2,491
North Carolina .....	6,786	7,412	15,431	16,171	2,121	2,150
Ohio .....	37,084	40,446	38,409	41,757	2,404	2,492
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,384	2,245	1,951	2,045
Oregon .....	1,867	2,370	2,038	2,541	2,444	2,420
Pennsylvania .....	22,968	24,886	26,008	27,928	2,529	2,472
South Carolina .....	2,438	2,254	3,699	3,564	2,203	2,262
South Dakota .....	1,876	1,957	1,931	2,012	2,444	2,679
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,254	23,119	2,367	2,362
Utah .....	5,520	6,440	5,572	6,492	2,608	2,611
Virginia .....	884	914	2,706	2,785	2,203	2,370
Washington .....	6,327	5,445	6,491	5,609	2,568	2,566
Wisconsin .....	4,565	6,915	5,704	7,976	2,519	2,538
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,418	25,648	31,835	32,270	2,347	2,361
United States .....	294,859	305,593	377,842	389,892	2,368	2,386

(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 December 2022 and 2023

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,397	1,383	11,288	11,533	1,914	1,868
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,718	15,733	2,159	2,199
California .....	11,761	9,128	12,358	9,740	2,407	2,397
Colorado .....	1,488	4,002	2,016	4,530	2,540	2,731
Georgia .....	9,886	9,372	20,335	19,874	2,213	2,260
Illinois .....	6,337	6,477	6,898	7,058	2,375	2,479
Indiana .....	35,684	34,751	37,021	35,996	2,537	2,502
Iowa .....	39,133	40,677	41,083	42,607	2,546	2,582
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,504	5,562	2,307	2,247
Maryland .....	2,034	1,994	2,231	2,206	2,689	2,684
Michigan .....	16,397	16,235	16,726	16,533	2,568	2,484
Minnesota .....	8,098	6,590	8,640	7,129	2,523	2,601
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,584	5,680	2,196	2,190
Missouri .....	7,306	7,286	13,732	13,574	2,576	2,581
Nebraska .....	6,214	7,608	6,795	8,223	2,371	2,612
New York .....	5,198	5,052	5,752	5,621	2,636	2,555
North Carolina .....	6,995	7,435	15,723	16,249	2,201	2,237
Ohio .....	35,580	38,541	36,930	39,837	2,458	2,554
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,486	2,334	2,043	2,095
Oregon .....	1,894	2,380	2,065	2,551	2,620	2,430
Pennsylvania .....	22,819	24,840	25,924	27,920	2,603	2,590
South Carolina .....	2,577	2,304	3,868	3,619	2,272	2,288
South Dakota .....	1,378	2,014	1,433	2,069	2,505	2,769
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,598	23,312	2,403	2,434
Utah .....	5,856	6,650	5,908	6,702	2,602	2,716
Virginia .....	888	891	2,694	2,773	2,365	2,398
Washington .....	5,953	5,363	6,117	5,527	2,668	2,661
Wisconsin .....	4,641	6,752	5,753	7,808	2,560	2,681
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,464	25,055	31,763	31,668	2,425	2,430
United States .....	292,446	299,481	375,943	383,968	2,434	2,462

(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: November 2022 and 2023

[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	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	210.7	213.2	38.9	36.4	171.8	176.8
Arkansas .....	326.1	334.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	307.1	259.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	49.1	116.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	432.8	436.1	241.7	241.9	191.1	194.2
Illinois .....	156.6	163.4	152.9	159.6	3.7	3.8
Indiana .....	904.9	879.4	888.6	865.0	16.3	14.4
Iowa .....	1,018.4	1,115.2	994.2	1,091.6	24.2	23.6
Kentucky .....	121.7	120.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	58.5	54.8	57.0	53.4	1.5	1.4
Michigan .....	417.8	401.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	213.9	184.4	206.4	177.0	7.5	7.4
Mississippi .....	123.2	119.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	348.8	346.7	306.5	307.0	42.3	39.7
Nebraska .....	164.6	206.0	153.2	194.6	11.4	11.4
New York .....	146.9	143.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	327.3	347.7	168.1	183.8	159.2	163.9
Ohio .....	923.2	1,040.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	46.5	45.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	49.8	61.5	49.8	61.5	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	657.7	690.3	615.3	647.7	42.4	42.6
South Carolina .....	81.5	80.6	59.7	57.9	21.8	22.7
South Dakota .....	47.2	53.9	47.2	53.9	-	-
Texas .....	550.5	546.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	145.3	169.5	145.3	169.5	-	-
Virginia .....	59.6	66.0	30.8	35.4	28.8	30.6
Washington .....	166.7	143.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	143.7	202.4	137.6	197.2	6.1	5.2
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	747.1	761.8	671.6	685.3	75.5	76.5
United States .....	8,947.2	9,304.3	7,691.3	8,027.3	1,255.9	1,277.0

- 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: December 2022 and 2023

[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	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	216.0	215.4	38.4	37.8	177.6	177.6
Arkansas .....	339.4	345.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	297.4	233.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	51.2	123.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	450.0	449.1	252.4	250.1	197.6	199.0
Illinois .....	163.8	175.0	160.1	170.4	3.7	4.6
Indiana .....	939.2	900.6	921.1	885.3	18.1	15.3
Iowa .....	1,045.8	1,100.2	1,021.6	1,076.5	24.2	23.7
Kentucky .....	127.0	125.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	60.0	59.2	58.6	57.7	1.4	1.5
Michigan .....	429.5	410.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	218.0	185.4	210.2	177.8	7.8	7.6
Mississippi .....	122.6	124.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	353.8	350.3	310.5	309.7	43.3	40.6
Nebraska .....	161.1	214.8	150.2	203.3	10.9	11.5
New York .....	151.6	143.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	346.1	363.5	179.4	193.0	166.7	170.5
Ohio .....	907.6	1,017.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	50.8	48.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	54.1	62.0	54.1	62.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	674.7	723.0	628.1	677.8	46.6	45.2
South Carolina .....	87.9	82.8	65.3	59.5	22.6	23.3
South Dakota .....	35.9	57.3	35.9	57.3	-	-
Texas .....	567.1	567.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	153.7	182.0	153.7	182.0	-	-
Virginia .....	63.7	66.5	33.8	35.3	29.9	31.2
Washington .....	163.2	147.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	147.3	209.3	141.3	204.4	6.0	4.9
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	770.4	769.4	695.5	691.1	74.9	78.3
United States .....	9,148.9	9,453.4	7,859.7	8,143.3	1,289.2	1,310.1

- Represents zero.

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: November 2022 and 2023

[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	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(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 .....	17,558.4	17,766.6	3,241.7	3,033.3	14,316.7	14,733.3
Arkansas .....	27,174.9	27,849.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	25,591.7	21,633.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,091.7	9,691.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	36,066.7	36,341.7	20,141.7	20,158.4	15,925.0	16,183.3
Illinois .....	13,050.1	13,616.6	12,741.7	13,300.0	308.4	316.6
Indiana .....	75,408.4	73,283.3	74,050.0	72,083.3	1,358.4	1,200.0
Iowa .....	84,866.6	92,933.3	82,850.0	90,966.7	2,016.6	1,966.6
Kentucky .....	10,141.7	10,058.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	4,875.0	4,566.6	4,750.0	4,450.0	125.0	116.6
Michigan .....	34,816.7	33,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,825.0	15,366.6	17,200.0	14,750.0	625.0	616.6
Mississippi .....	10,266.6	9,983.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	29,066.7	28,891.6	25,541.7	25,583.3	3,525.0	3,308.3
Nebraska .....	13,716.7	17,166.6	12,766.7	16,216.6	950.0	950.0
New York .....	12,241.6	11,916.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	27,275.1	28,975.0	14,008.4	15,316.7	13,266.7	13,658.3
Ohio .....	76,933.3	86,708.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,875.0	3,825.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,150.0	5,125.0	4,150.0	5,125.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	54,808.3	57,525.0	51,275.0	53,975.0	3,533.3	3,550.0
South Carolina .....	6,791.7	6,716.7	4,975.0	4,825.0	1,816.7	1,891.7
South Dakota .....	3,933.3	4,491.7	3,933.3	4,491.7	-	-
Texas .....	45,875.0	45,500.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	12,108.4	14,125.0	12,108.4	14,125.0	-	-
Virginia .....	4,966.7	5,500.0	2,566.7	2,950.0	2,400.0	2,550.0
Washington .....	13,891.7	11,991.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	11,974.9	16,866.6	11,466.6	16,433.3	508.3	433.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	62,258.2	63,483.3	55,966.6	57,108.3	6,291.6	6,375.0
United States .....	745,600.1	775,357.9	640,941.8	668,941.7	104,658.3	106,416.2

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: December 2022 and 2023

[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	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(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 .....	18,000.0	17,950.0	3,200.0	3,150.0	14,800.0	14,800.0
Arkansas .....	28,283.4	28,825.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	24,783.4	19,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,266.6	10,308.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	37,500.0	37,424.9	21,033.4	20,841.6	16,466.6	16,583.3
Illinois .....	13,650.0	14,583.4	13,341.6	14,200.0	308.4	383.4
Indiana .....	78,266.6	75,050.0	76,758.3	73,775.0	1,508.3	1,275.0
Iowa .....	87,150.0	91,683.4	85,133.3	89,708.4	2,016.7	1,975.0
Kentucky .....	10,583.3	10,416.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,000.0	4,933.3	4,883.3	4,808.3	116.7	125.0
Michigan .....	35,791.7	34,225.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	18,166.6	15,450.0	17,516.6	14,816.7	650.0	633.3
Mississippi .....	10,216.6	10,366.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	29,483.4	29,191.7	25,875.0	25,808.3	3,608.4	3,383.4
Nebraska .....	13,425.0	17,900.1	12,516.7	16,941.7	908.3	958.4
New York .....	12,633.3	11,966.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,841.7	30,291.6	14,950.0	16,083.3	13,891.7	14,208.3
Ohio .....	75,633.3	84,783.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,233.4	4,075.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,508.3	5,166.7	4,508.3	5,166.7	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	56,225.0	60,250.0	52,341.7	56,483.3	3,883.3	3,766.7
South Carolina .....	7,324.9	6,900.0	5,441.6	4,958.3	1,883.3	1,941.7
South Dakota .....	2,991.7	4,775.0	2,991.7	4,775.0	-	-
Texas .....	47,258.3	47,283.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	12,808.4	15,166.7	12,808.4	15,166.7	-	-
Virginia .....	5,308.4	5,541.7	2,816.7	2,941.7	2,491.7	2,600.0
Washington .....	13,600.0	12,258.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	12,275.0	17,441.6	11,775.0	17,033.3	500.0	408.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	64,199.9	64,116.9	57,958.4	57,591.9	6,241.5	6,525.0
United States .....	762,408.2	787,783.6	654,975.1	678,608.6	107,433.1	109,175.0

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

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2023-2024

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	1.1	1.8	10.8	10.3
February .....	1.9		10.6	
March .....	2.5		10.3	
April .....	2.5		10.8	
May .....	2.3		10.8	
June .....	2.3		10.6	
July .....	1.7		11.4	
August .....	2.1		11.0	
September .....	2.4		10.8	
October .....	2.3		10.8	
November .....	1.8		11.0	
December .....	1.9		10.6	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: December 1 and January 1, 2022-2024

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	December 1		January 1		December 1		January 1	
	2022	2023	2023	2024	2022	2023	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.5
Arkansas .....	-	1.0	3.0	1.0	7.5	10.5	6.5	11.0
California .....	-	0.5	-	1.5	4.5	1.5	4.0	2.0
Colorado .....	-	2.0	-	1.5	-	5.0	-	5.0
Georgia .....	1.0	2.5	1.0	0.5	9.0	14.0	5.0	14.0
Illinois .....	8.0	10.0	2.5	10.0	27.0	29.0	30.5	27.0
Indiana .....	1.0	1.5	-	1.5	8.0	6.0	7.5	5.5
Iowa .....	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.5	9.0	6.5	8.0	8.0
Kentucky .....	-	3.0	-	3.0	6.5	13.5	2.0	14.5
Maryland .....	-	1.0	-	1.0	-	0.5	-	1.0
Michigan .....	0.5	1.0	-	0.5	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0
Minnesota .....	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	5.0	7.0	4.5	5.5
Mississippi .....	-	1.5	1.0	1.5	25.0	13.5	24.5	15.0
Missouri .....	-	2.0	0.5	2.0	3.5	5.0	0.5	5.5
Nebraska .....	-	3.5	-	3.5	1.0	2.0	-	1.5
New York .....	-	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5
North Carolina .....	-	1.0	-	1.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	6.0
Ohio .....	0.5	2.0	2.5	1.5	10.5	6.0	8.5	4.0
Oklahoma .....	-	3.5	-	2.5	25.0	13.5	23.0	12.0
Oregon .....	-	-	-	13.0	-	3.5	-	0.5
Pennsylvania .....	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.5	1.5	2.5	1.0
South Carolina .....	2.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	24.0	1.5	24.0	2.0
South Dakota .....	-	1.0	-	-	-	1.5	-	1.0
Texas .....	-	3.0	2.5	2.5	54.0	50.5	51.0	48.0
Utah .....	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	23.5	24.0	20.5	21.5
Virginia .....	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	-	-	-	3.5	8.5	6.5	8.5	5.5
Wisconsin .....	-	1.0	-	7.5	8.5	4.0	8.0	2.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.1	21.1	22.0	20.7	20.9
United States .....	0.8	1.9	1.1	1.8	11.9	10.6	10.8	10.3

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2023 and 2024

[December preceding year]

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on January 1 .....	47,370	49,011	103
Chicks hatched during December .....	48,438	48,415	100
Chicks hatched January through December .....	630,678	636,649	101
<b>Pullets hatched during December for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	217	219	101
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,989	2,686	90
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on January 1 .....	719,036	718,170	100
Chicks hatched during December .....	853,712	849,400	99
Chicks hatched January through December .....	10,028,808	9,920,486	99
<b>Pullets hatched during December for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	9,158	8,747	96
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	77,234	73,732	95

<sup>1</sup> 2024 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2022 through May 2023.

<sup>2</sup> 2024 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2022 through May 2023.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2023-2024

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

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	47,370	49,011	103
February .....	50,031		
March .....	54,004		
April .....	55,511		
May .....	55,306		
June .....	55,584		
July .....	49,521		
August .....	48,823		
September .....	49,908		
October .....	50,263		
November .....	46,844		
December .....	50,232		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2022-2023

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	49,048	50,748	103	49,048	50,748	103
February .....	51,796	52,009	100	100,844	102,757	102
March .....	60,099	58,971	98	160,943	161,728	100
April .....	50,636	55,713	110	211,579	217,441	103
May .....	57,802	58,888	102	269,381	276,329	103
June .....	56,816	58,209	102	326,197	334,538	103
July .....	49,915	50,433	101	376,112	384,971	102
August .....	55,991	52,677	94	432,103	437,648	101
September .....	53,242	51,036	96	485,345	488,684	101
October .....	50,330	51,082	101	535,675	539,766	101
November .....	46,565	48,468	104	582,240	588,234	101
December .....	48,438	48,415	100	630,678	636,649	101



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2022-2024

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2023 as percent of 2022	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2022	2023		2023	2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	261	197	75	2,919	2,667
February .....	276	230	83	2,886	2,697
March .....	199	201	101	2,805	2,703
April .....	208	234	113	2,779	2,710
May .....	269	260	97	2,778	2,708
June .....	218	199	91	2,774	2,707
July .....	166	196	118	2,777	2,709
August .....	249	255	102	2,713	
September .....	263	270	103	2,667	
October .....	251	249	99	2,669	
November .....	200	199	100	2,695	
December .....	217	219	101	2,686	
Annual total .....	2,777	2,709	98		

<sup>1</sup> For December 2023, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched June 2022 through May 2023. 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: 2023-2024

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

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	719,036	718,170	100
February .....	718,730		
March .....	723,102		
April .....	724,258		
May .....	723,876		
June .....	730,839		
July .....	725,245		
August .....	724,115		
September .....	712,980		
October .....	690,388		
November .....	684,782		
December .....	719,608		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: December 2022 and 2023

State	During December			January-December		
	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	124,777	121,597	97	1,450,054	1,429,536	99
Arkansas .....	86,214	86,099	100	1,029,795	1,004,622	98
Delaware .....	19,344	17,846	92	209,879	224,605	107
Florida .....	4,291	4,183	97	49,727	47,990	97
Georgia .....	125,160	126,658	101	1,443,271	1,461,823	101
Kentucky .....	22,667	23,747	105	250,690	266,488	106
Louisiana .....	12,197	11,899	98	137,887	139,963	102
Maryland .....	28,746	28,241	98	337,306	338,140	100
Mississippi .....	60,137	60,646	101	713,624	708,817	99
Missouri .....	35,708	31,393	88	407,031	392,084	96
North Carolina .....	88,252	89,665	102	1,072,860	1,021,143	95
Oklahoma .....	25,561	23,715	93	306,397	290,013	95
Pennsylvania .....	24,617	26,640	108	280,974	295,084	105
South Carolina .....	20,610	20,973	102	226,623	237,216	105
Texas .....	64,398	65,397	102	776,847	755,747	97
Virginia .....	20,051	20,072	100	274,471	248,526	91
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	46,345	48,334	104	544,958	543,116	100
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	44,637	42,295	95	516,414	515,573	100
United States .....	853,712	849,400	99	10,028,808	9,920,486	99

<sup>1</sup> States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

<sup>2</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2022-2023

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	838,875	846,059	101	838,875	846,059	101
February .....	759,012	763,303	101	1,597,887	1,609,362	101
March .....	844,750	846,425	100	2,442,637	2,455,787	101
April .....	821,935	818,761	100	3,264,572	3,274,548	100
May .....	854,325	847,497	99	4,118,897	4,122,045	100
June .....	835,072	830,003	99	4,953,969	4,952,048	100
July .....	859,263	848,323	99	5,813,232	5,800,371	100
August .....	865,459	852,223	98	6,678,691	6,652,594	100
September .....	839,366	813,388	97	7,518,057	7,465,982	99
October .....	847,410	815,921	96	8,365,467	8,281,903	99
November .....	809,629	789,183	97	9,175,096	9,071,086	99
December .....	853,712	849,400	99	10,028,808	9,920,486	99

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2022-2024

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2023 as percent of 2022	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2022	2023		2023	2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
<b>United States placements</b>					
January .....	7,880	8,010	102	76,325	75,299
February .....	8,499	7,706	91	75,295	76,516
March .....	9,296	8,991	97	74,989	77,096
April .....	7,935	8,117	102	74,146	76,848
May .....	8,468	8,643	102	73,568	76,849
June .....	8,709	9,710	111	72,731	77,350
July .....	7,536	8,519	113	72,593	77,106
August .....	7,680	8,242	107	72,668	
September .....	8,143	8,910	109	71,906	
October .....	7,302	8,011	110	72,188	
November .....	7,662	8,207	107	72,769	
December .....	9,158	8,747	96	73,732	
Annual total .....	98,268	101,813	104		
<b>Total placements <sup>2</sup></b>					
January .....	9,370	9,320	99		
February .....	10,423	9,298	89		
March .....	11,023	10,625	96		
April .....	9,212	9,776	106		
May .....	9,962	10,040	101		
June .....	10,338	11,427	111		
July .....	8,847	9,887	112		
August .....	9,053	9,993	110		
September .....	9,621	10,515	109		
October .....	8,793	9,426	107		
November .....	9,069	9,489	105		
December .....	10,522	10,063	96		
Annual total .....	116,233	119,859	103		

<sup>1</sup> For December 2023, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched September 2022 through May 2023.

<sup>2</sup> United States production of intended placements worldwide.

## 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 0.6 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 384 million layers by more than 0.6 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.0 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) 0.6	(percent) 1.0	(1,000) 1,770	(1,000) 48	(1,000) 4,445	(number) 19	(number) 5
Eggs .....	0.6	1.0	(million) 45	(million) 2	(million) 114	20	4

## 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.

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