



# Chickens and Eggs

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## Special Note

Beginning with this publication, Chicken and Eggs Other States will also include Maryland, South Dakota, and Virginia. Broiler Hatchery Other States will also include Florida and Louisiana.

## December Egg Production Down 3 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.12 billion during December 2024, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.83 billion table eggs, and 1.29 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 95.9 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2024 averaged 373 million, down 3 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,448 eggs, down 1 percent from December 2023.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2025 totaled 369 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 369 million layers consisted of 304 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.91 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2025, averaged 78.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from January 1, 2024.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2024 totaled 48.4 million, down 1 percent from December 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 48.4 million on January 1, 2025, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 215 thousand during December 2024, down 2 percent from December 2023.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2024 totaled 879 million, up 3 percent from December 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 746 million on January 1, 2025, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.14 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2024, down 5 percent from December 2023.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	2024		2025	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		382,585		372,590
January .....		377,270		
February .....		377,126		
March .....		378,982		
April .....		375,661		
May .....		371,610		
June .....		370,792		
July .....		369,427		
August .....		370,333		
September .....		374,422		
October .....		376,518		
November .....		375,953		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,427.7	9,120.2	8,133.2	7,833.5	1,294.5	1,286.7
January .....	9,259.5		7,959.2		1,300.3	
February .....	8,624.6		7,406.4		1,218.2	
March .....	9,304.4		8,003.6		1,300.8	
April .....	8,937.6		7,681.2		1,256.4	
May .....	9,131.6		7,839.1		1,292.5	
June .....	8,816.8		7,566.6		1,250.2	
July .....	9,044.8		7,750.2		1,294.6	
August .....	9,083.0		7,776.3		1,306.7	
September .....	8,864.6		7,598.0		1,266.6	
October .....	9,202.9		7,906.3		1,296.6	
November .....	8,937.6		7,690.8		1,246.8	

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

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2024-2025

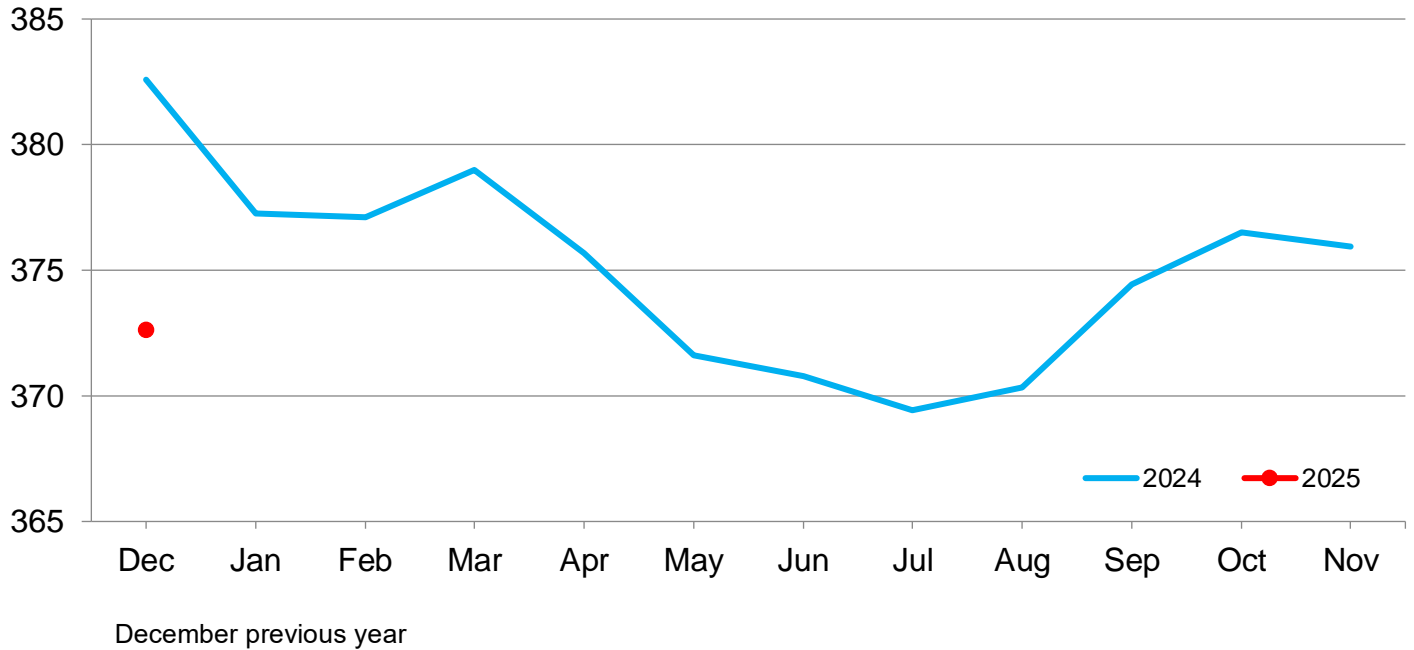
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	785,641.7	760,016.4	677,766.6	652,791.6	107,875.1	107,224.8
January .....	771,624.8		663,266.6		108,358.2	
February .....	718,716.6		617,200.2		101,516.4	
March .....	775,366.7		666,966.7		108,400.0	
April .....	744,800.1		640,100.2		104,699.9	
May .....	760,966.3		653,258.1		107,708.2	
June .....	734,733.3		630,550.0		104,183.3	
July .....	753,732.8		645,849.8		107,883.0	
August .....	756,916.4		648,025.1		108,891.3	
September .....	738,716.4		633,166.4		105,550.0	
October .....	766,908.2		658,858.3		108,049.9	
November .....	744,800.4		640,900.2		103,900.2	

<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 2023 and 2024**

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
<b>Layers during November</b>			
Total layers .....1,000	387,517	375,953	97
Table egg type .....1,000	321,150	311,281	97
Hatching egg type .....1,000	66,367	64,672	97
Broiler-type hatching .....1,000	62,679	61,029	97
Egg-type hatching .....1,000	3,688	3,643	99
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during November</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,387	2,377	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,489	2,471	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,896	1,928	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,859	1,897	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,535	2,443	96
<b>Eggs produced during November</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,250.5	8,937.6	97
Table egg type ..... million	7,992.1	7,690.8	96
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,258.4	1,246.8	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,164.9	1,157.8	99
Egg-type hatching ..... million	93.5	89.0	95
<b>Eggs produced during November</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	770,874.6	744,800.4	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	666,008.2	640,900.2	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	104,866.4	103,900.2	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	97,074.9	96,483.5	99
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,791.5	7,416.7	95
<b>Layers on December 1</b>			
Total layers .....1,000	386,408	375,700	97
Table egg type .....1,000	319,906	310,873	97
Hatching egg type .....1,000	66,502	64,827	97
Broiler-type hatching .....1,000	62,747	61,165	97
Egg-type hatching .....1,000	3,755	3,662	98
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on December 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	79.5	79.3	100
Table egg type ..... number	82.9	82.5	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.8	64.0	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	61.5	62.9	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.7	82.8	98
<b>Molted layers on December 1</b>			
Being molted .....percent	1.8	2.1	117
Molt completed .....percent	10.0	10.3	103
Layers sold for slaughter during November .....1,000	14,500.5	13,564.5	94
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during November .....1,000	14,110.3	14,157.8	100
Pullets on December 1 .....1,000	128,488	129,348	101
Pullets added during November <sup>1</sup> .....1,000	25,502.9	27,371.6	107

<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 2023-2025**

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
<b>Layers during December</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	382,585	372,590	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	315,674	307,616	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,911	64,974	97
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,100	61,181	97
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,811	3,793	100
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during December</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,464	2,448	99
Table egg type ..... number	2,576	2,547	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,935	1,980	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,896	1,946	103
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,579	2,528	98
<b>Eggs produced during December</b>			
All layers ..... million	9,427.7	9,120.2	97
Table egg type ..... million	8,133.2	7,833.5	96
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,294.5	1,286.7	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,196.2	1,190.8	100
Egg-type hatching ..... million	98.3	95.9	98
<b>Eggs produced during December</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000 dozen	785,641.7	760,016.4	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	677,766.6	652,791.6	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	107,875.1	107,224.8	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	99,683.4	99,233.3	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	8,191.7	7,991.5	98
	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
<b>Layers on January 1</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	378,726	369,439	98
Table egg type ..... 1,000	311,425	304,342	98
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	67,301	65,097	97
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	63,442	61,186	96
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,859	3,911	101
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on January 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	79.5	78.6	99
Table egg type ..... number	83.3	81.8	98
Hatching egg type ..... number	61.9	63.7	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	60.7	62.6	103
Egg-type hatching ..... number	81.7	80.7	99
<b>Molted layers on January 1</b>			
Percent being molted ..... percent	1.7	1.8	106
Percent with molt completed ..... percent	9.8	10.2	104
Layers sold for slaughter during December ..... 1,000	13,471	13,369	99
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during December ..... 1,000	18,792	18,502	98
Pullets on January 1 ..... 1,000	127,643	131,434	103
Pullets added during December <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	26,340	29,041	110

<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 2023 and 2024

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,367	1,318	11,503	10,529	1,834	1,868
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,006	15,512	2,140	2,084
California .....	10,675	6,862	11,039	7,253	2,305	2,307
Colorado .....	3,910	1,405	4,398	1,893	2,619	2,335
Georgia .....	9,552	9,757	19,983	19,451	2,179	2,209
Illinois .....	6,319	5,486	6,870	6,105	2,214	2,423
Indiana .....	34,573	36,667	35,605	37,636	2,430	2,409
Iowa .....	42,601	44,127	44,418	45,956	2,530	2,485
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,458	5,390	2,122	2,169
Maryland .....	2,138	2,222	2,348	2,435	2,560	2,595
Michigan .....	16,369	10,800	16,654	11,376	2,412	2,371
Minnesota .....	6,989	6,260	7,453	6,746	2,457	2,483
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,734	5,649	2,133	2,126
Missouri .....	7,247	7,551	13,751	13,754	2,550	2,502
Nebraska .....	7,551	7,809	8,152	8,473	2,521	2,457
New York .....	5,147	5,359	5,726	5,850	2,492	2,479
North Carolina .....	7,412	7,713	16,170	16,253	2,150	2,240
Ohio .....	40,387	42,081	41,592	43,294	2,492	2,518
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,249	2,296	2,010	2,156
Oregon .....	2,370	2,334	2,480	2,444	2,423	2,492
Pennsylvania .....	24,886	23,990	27,919	27,272	2,472	2,521
South Carolina .....	2,254	2,621	3,551	3,911	2,261	2,212
South Dakota .....	1,957	1,977	2,012	2,032	2,679	2,510
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,794	22,184	2,391	2,269
Utah .....	6,440	6,330	6,480	6,370	2,610	2,460
Virginia .....	914	920	2,654	2,586	2,359	2,254
Washington .....	5,445	5,039	5,609	5,141	2,566	2,393
Wisconsin .....	6,915	6,796	7,976	7,950	2,538	2,597
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,672	24,287	31,933	30,212	2,360	2,343
United States .....	305,476	295,569	387,517	375,953	2,387	2,377

(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 2023 and 2024

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,383	1,305	11,441	10,775	1,869	1,937
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,169	15,277	2,204	2,190
California .....	9,144	4,351	9,540	4,732	2,389	2,413
Colorado .....	4,002	1,341	4,490	1,829	2,731	2,296
Georgia .....	9,372	9,692	19,884	19,606	2,247	2,279
Illinois .....	6,493	5,905	7,076	6,517	2,339	2,408
Indiana .....	34,680	37,008	35,731	37,987	2,505	2,529
Iowa .....	41,242	41,819	43,064	43,682	2,606	2,513
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,344	5,298	2,221	2,250
Maryland .....	2,074	(NA)	2,286	(NA)	2,686	(NA)
Michigan .....	16,235	10,816	16,538	11,439	2,485	2,432
Minnesota .....	6,590	6,556	7,081	7,038	2,601	2,519
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,720	5,778	2,220	2,229
Missouri .....	7,286	7,500	13,792	13,727	2,567	2,593
Nebraska .....	7,613	7,914	8,208	8,564	2,607	2,508
New York .....	5,039	5,429	5,608	5,932	2,553	2,552
North Carolina .....	7,435	7,799	16,298	16,364	2,238	2,306
Ohio .....	38,540	41,971	39,730	43,178	2,569	2,565
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,346	2,151	2,089	2,232
Oregon .....	2,380	2,219	2,490	2,329	2,430	2,615
Pennsylvania .....	24,940	23,919	28,011	27,153	2,589	2,613
South Carolina .....	2,304	2,733	3,606	4,055	2,288	2,330
South Dakota .....	2,014	(NA)	2,069	(NA)	2,769	(NA)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,953	22,578	2,457	2,382
Utah .....	6,650	6,347	6,690	6,387	2,716	2,588
Virginia .....	891	(NA)	2,642	(NA)	2,392	(NA)
Washington .....	5,361	5,110	5,494	5,212	2,665	2,429
Wisconsin .....	6,752	6,808	7,808	7,974	2,681	2,666
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,083	29,109	31,476	37,028	2,419	2,410
United States .....	299,970	291,904	382,585	372,590	2,464	2,448

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

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

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: November 2023 and 2024

[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	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	211.0	196.7	36.6	33.0	174.4	163.7
Arkansas .....	321.2	323.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	254.4	167.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	115.2	44.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	435.4	429.6	243.4	245.2	192.0	184.4
Illinois .....	152.1	147.9	148.3	142.6	3.8	5.3
Indiana .....	865.3	906.5	850.9	892.9	14.4	13.6
Iowa .....	1,123.7	1,141.9	1,100.1	1,120.0	23.6	21.9
Kentucky .....	115.8	116.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	60.1	63.2	58.7	61.6	1.4	1.6
Michigan .....	401.7	269.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	183.1	167.5	175.7	160.4	7.4	7.1
Mississippi .....	122.3	120.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	350.6	344.1	310.3	308.0	40.3	36.1
Nebraska .....	205.5	208.2	194.1	194.8	11.4	13.4
New York .....	142.7	145.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	347.6	364.0	183.7	203.6	163.9	160.4
Ohio .....	1,036.5	1,090.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	45.2	49.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	60.1	60.9	60.1	60.9	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	690.1	687.5	647.5	641.8	42.6	45.7
South Carolina .....	80.3	86.5	57.6	64.0	22.7	22.5
South Dakota .....	53.9	51.0	53.9	51.0	-	-
Texas .....	545.1	503.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	169.1	156.7	169.1	156.7	-	-
Virginia .....	62.6	58.3	32.9	31.2	29.7	27.1
Washington .....	143.9	123.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	202.4	206.5	197.2	200.9	5.2	5.6
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	753.6	707.9	678.4	630.6	75.2	77.3
United States .....	9,250.5	8,937.6	7,992.1	7,690.8	1,258.4	1,246.8

- 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 2023 and 2024

[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	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	213.8	208.7	37.8	34.7	176.0	174.0
Arkansas .....	334.3	334.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	227.9	114.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	122.6	42.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	446.8	446.9	250.1	255.1	196.7	191.8
Illinois .....	165.5	156.9	160.9	151.5	4.6	5.4
Indiana .....	895.0	960.6	879.7	946.3	15.3	14.3
Iowa .....	1,122.4	1,097.8	1,098.7	1,075.4	23.7	22.4
Kentucky .....	118.7	119.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	61.4	(NA)	59.9	(NA)	1.5	(NA)
Michigan .....	410.9	278.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	184.2	177.3	176.6	170.0	7.6	7.3
Mississippi .....	127.0	128.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	354.0	356.0	312.6	318.7	41.4	37.3
Nebraska .....	214.0	214.8	202.5	201.7	11.5	13.1
New York .....	143.2	151.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	364.7	377.4	193.0	213.2	171.7	164.2
Ohio .....	1,020.7	1,107.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	49.0	48.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	60.5	60.9	60.5	60.9	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	725.3	709.6	680.1	662.1	45.2	47.5
South Carolina .....	82.5	94.5	59.2	70.5	23.3	24.0
South Dakota .....	57.3	(NA)	57.3	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas .....	564.0	537.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	181.7	165.3	181.7	165.3	-	-
Virginia .....	63.2	(NA)	32.8	(NA)	30.4	(NA)
Washington .....	146.4	126.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	209.3	212.6	204.4	206.9	4.9	5.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	761.4	892.4	684.8	782.7	76.6	109.7
United States .....	9,427.7	9,120.2	8,133.2	7,833.5	1,294.5	1,286.7

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: November 2023 and 2024

[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	
	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)
Alabama .....	17,583.3	16,391.7	3,050.0	2,750.0	14,533.3	13,641.7
Arkansas .....	26,766.7	26,941.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	21,200.0	13,941.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	9,600.1	3,683.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	36,283.4	35,799.9	20,283.4	20,433.3	16,000.0	15,366.6
Illinois .....	12,674.9	12,325.0	12,358.3	11,883.3	316.6	441.7
Indiana .....	72,108.3	75,541.6	70,908.3	74,408.3	1,200.0	1,133.3
Iowa .....	93,641.6	95,158.4	91,675.0	93,333.4	1,966.6	1,825.0
Kentucky .....	9,650.0	9,741.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,008.3	5,266.6	4,891.7	5,133.3	116.6	133.3
Michigan .....	33,475.0	22,475.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	15,258.3	13,958.4	14,641.7	13,366.7	616.6	591.7
Mississippi .....	10,191.6	10,008.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	29,216.6	28,675.0	25,858.3	25,666.7	3,358.3	3,008.3
Nebraska .....	17,125.0	17,350.1	16,175.0	16,233.4	950.0	1,116.7
New York .....	11,891.6	12,083.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,966.7	30,333.3	15,308.4	16,966.6	13,658.3	13,366.7
Ohio .....	86,375.0	90,858.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,766.7	4,125.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,008.3	5,075.0	5,008.3	5,075.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	57,508.4	57,291.7	53,958.4	53,483.3	3,550.0	3,808.4
South Carolina .....	6,691.7	7,208.3	4,800.0	5,333.3	1,891.7	1,875.0
South Dakota .....	4,491.7	4,250.0	4,491.7	4,250.0	-	-
Texas .....	45,425.1	41,949.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	14,091.6	13,058.3	14,091.6	13,058.3	-	-
Virginia .....	5,216.6	4,858.4	2,741.6	2,600.0	2,475.0	2,258.4
Washington .....	11,991.7	10,250.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	16,866.6	17,208.3	16,433.3	16,741.7	433.3	466.6
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	62,799.8	58,991.9	56,533.1	52,550.2	6,266.7	6,441.7
United States .....	770,874.6	744,800.4	666,008.2	640,900.2	104,866.4	103,900.2

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: December 2023 and 2024

[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	
	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)
Alabama .....	17,816.7	17,391.6	3,150.0	2,891.6	14,666.7	14,500.0
Arkansas .....	27,858.4	27,883.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	18,991.6	9,516.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	10,216.7	3,500.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	37,233.3	37,241.6	20,841.6	21,258.3	16,391.7	15,983.3
Illinois .....	13,791.7	13,075.0	13,408.3	12,625.0	383.4	450.0
Indiana .....	74,583.3	80,050.1	73,308.3	78,858.4	1,275.0	1,191.7
Iowa .....	93,533.3	91,483.3	91,558.3	89,616.6	1,975.0	1,866.7
Kentucky .....	9,891.6	9,933.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,116.6	(NA)	4,991.6	(NA)	125.0	(NA)
Michigan .....	34,241.6	23,183.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	15,350.0	14,774.9	14,716.7	14,166.6	633.3	608.3
Mississippi .....	10,583.4	10,733.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	29,500.0	29,666.8	26,050.0	26,558.4	3,450.0	3,108.4
Nebraska .....	17,833.4	17,900.0	16,875.0	16,808.4	958.4	1,091.6
New York .....	11,933.4	12,616.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	30,391.6	31,449.9	16,083.3	17,766.6	14,308.3	13,683.3
Ohio .....	85,058.3	92,300.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,083.4	4,000.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,041.7	5,075.0	5,041.7	5,075.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	60,441.7	59,133.3	56,675.0	55,175.0	3,766.7	3,958.3
South Carolina .....	6,875.0	7,875.0	4,933.3	5,875.0	1,941.7	2,000.0
South Dakota .....	4,775.0	(NA)	4,775.0	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas .....	47,000.0	44,825.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	15,141.7	13,775.0	15,141.7	13,775.0	-	-
Virginia .....	5,266.7	(NA)	2,733.4	(NA)	2,533.3	(NA)
Washington .....	12,200.0	10,550.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	17,441.6	17,716.7	17,033.3	17,241.7	408.3	475.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	63,450.0	74,366.5	57,066.7	65,224.9	6,383.3	9,141.6
United States .....	785,641.7	760,016.4	677,766.6	652,791.6	107,875.1	107,224.8

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## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	1.7	1.8	9.8	10.2
February .....	2.1		9.4	
March .....	1.9		9.3	
April .....	1.8		9.2	
May .....	2.4		8.8	
June .....	1.9		9.0	
July .....	1.7		9.3	
August .....	2.5		9.2	
September .....	1.8		9.8	
October .....	2.5		9.7	
November .....	2.3		10.3	
December .....	2.1		10.3	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: December 1 and January 1, 2023-2025

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	December 1		January 1		December 1		January 1	
	2023	2024	2024	2025	2023	2024	2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.5	2.5	0.5	2.0	5.0	5.5	4.5	5.5
Arkansas .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	11.0	13.0	11.0	12.0
California .....	0.5	2.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	5.0	2.5	6.5
Colorado .....	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	2.0
Georgia .....	2.5	2.0	0.5	1.5	14.0	11.5	14.0	11.5
Illinois .....	10.5	6.5	10.0	6.5	16.0	15.0	18.5	19.5
Indiana .....	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	6.0	7.0	5.5	7.5
Iowa .....	2.0	1.5	0.5	2.0	6.5	6.5	8.5	8.0
Kentucky .....	3.0	3.5	2.5	3.5	10.5	23.5	11.0	24.0
Maryland .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	(NA)	0.5	1.5	1.0	(NA)
Michigan .....	1.0	1.5	0.5	-	3.0	8.5	3.0	2.5
Minnesota .....	1.0	2.0	1.0	-	7.0	5.5	5.5	7.0
Mississippi .....	1.0	0.5	1.5	1.0	13.5	15.5	14.5	14.5
Missouri .....	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.5	4.0
Nebraska .....	3.5	1.5	3.5	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
New York .....	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
North Carolina .....	0.5	4.0	0.5	2.5	5.0	6.0	5.0	6.5
Ohio .....	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	6.0	6.5	5.0	6.0
Oklahoma .....	2.0	3.5	1.5	2.5	19.0	14.0	12.0	13.5
Oregon .....	-	2.0	13.0	2.0	3.5	-	-	1.0
Pennsylvania .....	0.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	3.0	1.0	3.5
South Carolina .....	-	3.0	1.5	3.0	2.0	8.5	1.5	10.0
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	(NA)	1.5	2.0	1.0	(NA)
Texas .....	2.5	4.0	1.0	2.0	46.0	41.5	43.0	38.0
Utah .....	3.0	2.0	3.5	1.0	24.0	11.5	21.5	10.0
Virginia .....	-	-	-	(NA)	-	-	-	(NA)
Washington .....	-	1.0	3.5	1.0	6.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Wisconsin .....	1.0	1.0	7.5	-	4.0	5.0	2.0	4.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	3.8	2.1	3.1	21.8	22.4	20.9	17.9
United States .....	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.8	10.0	10.3	9.8	10.2

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2024 and 2025

[December preceding year]

Item	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on January 1 .....	49,087	48,395	99
Chicks hatched during December .....	48,753	48,377	99
Chicks hatched January through December .....	638,220	658,983	103
<b>Pullets hatched during December for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	219	215	98
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,686	2,733	102
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on January 1 .....	717,762	746,019	104
Chicks hatched during December .....	849,463	879,050	103
Chicks hatched January through December .....	9,920,549	10,135,731	102
<b>Pullets hatched during December for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	9,649	9,137	95
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	73,732	76,213	103

<sup>1</sup> 2025 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2023 through May 2024.

<sup>2</sup> 2025 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2023 through May 2024.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	49,087	48,395	99
February .....	52,490		
March .....	56,378		
April .....	55,417		
May .....	54,357		
June .....	56,709		
July .....	53,046		
August .....	54,679		
September .....	52,046		
October .....	52,219		
November .....	49,252		
December .....	50,281		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2024

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	50,776	53,237	105	50,776	53,237	105
February .....	52,233	54,920	105	103,009	108,157	105
March .....	58,764	56,618	96	161,773	164,775	102
April .....	55,737	57,551	103	217,510	222,326	102
May .....	59,081	58,762	99	276,591	281,088	102
June .....	58,377	56,880	97	334,968	337,968	101
July .....	50,918	57,715	113	385,886	395,683	103
August .....	52,791	56,976	108	438,677	452,659	103
September .....	51,149	53,157	104	489,826	505,816	103
October .....	51,173	55,646	109	540,999	561,462	104
November .....	48,468	49,144	101	589,467	610,606	104
December .....	48,753	48,377	99	638,220	658,983	103



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2023-2025

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2024 as percent of 2023	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2023	2024		2024	2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	197	206	105	2,667	2,753
February .....	230	236	103	2,697	2,757
March .....	201	198	99	2,703	2,765
April .....	234	249	106	2,710	2,771
May .....	260	257	99	2,708	2,767
June .....	199	219	110	2,707	2,759
July .....	196	200	102	2,709	2,755
August .....	255	263	103	2,718	
September .....	270	276	102	2,724	
October .....	249	245	98	2,721	
November .....	199	191	96	2,736	
December .....	219	215	98	2,733	
Annual total .....	2,709	2,755	102		

<sup>1</sup> For December 2024, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched June 2023 through May 2024. 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: 2024-2025

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

Month	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	717,762	746,019	104
February .....	720,254		
March .....	731,745		
April .....	738,053		
May .....	737,569		
June .....	738,090		
July .....	735,952		
August .....	745,918		
September .....	741,852		
October .....	720,439		
November .....	722,187		
December .....	747,193		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: December 2023 and 2024

State	During December			January-December		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	121,603	125,801	103	1,429,542	1,454,514	102
Arkansas .....	86,099	91,974	107	1,004,622	1,054,448	105
Delaware .....	17,846	19,079	107	224,605	220,475	98
Florida .....	4,183	4,033	96	47,990	48,053	100
Georgia .....	126,658	121,350	96	1,461,823	1,461,540	100
Kentucky .....	23,747	27,258	115	266,488	319,068	120
Louisiana .....	11,899	12,822	108	139,963	146,556	105
Maryland .....	28,241	27,887	99	338,140	327,787	97
Mississippi .....	60,646	64,719	107	708,817	734,492	104
Missouri .....	31,393	33,609	107	392,084	374,664	96
North Carolina .....	89,665	91,287	102	1,021,143	1,052,223	103
Oklahoma .....	23,715	19,826	84	290,013	239,343	83
Pennsylvania .....	26,640	30,976	116	295,084	335,524	114
South Carolina .....	20,973	20,867	99	237,216	243,668	103
Texas .....	65,397	69,401	106	755,747	796,432	105
Virginia .....	20,072	20,297	101	248,526	233,970	94
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	48,334	55,614	115	543,116	598,314	110
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	42,352	42,250	100	515,630	494,660	96
United States .....	849,463	879,050	103	9,920,549	10,135,731	102

<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: 2023-2024

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	845,295	844,298	100	845,295	844,298	100
February .....	763,358	788,774	103	1,608,653	1,633,072	102
March .....	846,834	854,181	101	2,455,487	2,487,253	101
April .....	819,250	833,753	102	3,274,737	3,321,006	101
May .....	848,804	859,653	101	4,123,541	4,180,659	101
June .....	830,427	833,371	100	4,953,968	5,014,030	101
July .....	848,539	862,319	102	5,802,507	5,876,349	101
August .....	853,148	874,595	103	6,655,655	6,750,944	101
September .....	816,558	839,698	103	7,472,213	7,590,642	102
October .....	817,285	844,735	103	8,289,498	8,435,377	102
November .....	789,700	821,304	104	9,079,198	9,256,681	102
December .....	849,463	879,050	103	9,920,549	10,135,731	102

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2023-2025

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2024 as percent of 2023	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2023 (1,000 chicks)	2024 (1,000 chicks)		2024 (1,000 chicks)	2025 (1,000 chicks)
<b>United States placements</b>					
January .....	8,010	7,436	93	75,299	77,087
February .....	7,706	8,197	106	76,516	76,843
March .....	8,991	9,419	105	77,096	77,337
April .....	8,117	8,152	100	76,848	77,528
May .....	8,643	8,232	95	76,849	78,150
June .....	9,710	9,784	101	77,350	78,216
July .....	8,519	7,767	91	78,008	77,934
August .....	8,242	8,701	106	77,327	
September .....	8,910	9,840	110	76,881	
October .....	8,011	8,058	101	76,590	
November .....	8,207	8,263	101	76,223	
December .....	9,649	9,137	95	76,213	
<b>Annual total .....</b>	<b>102,715</b>	<b>102,986</b>	<b>100</b>		
<b>Total placements <sup>2</sup> .....</b>					
January .....	9,320	8,968	96		
February .....	9,298	9,620	103		
March .....	10,625	11,042	104		
April .....	9,776	9,823	100		
May .....	10,040	10,115	101		
June .....	11,427	11,439	100		
July .....	9,887	9,714	98		
August .....	9,993	10,373	104		
September .....	10,515	11,896	113		
October .....	9,426	9,670	103		
November .....	9,489	10,153	107		
December .....	11,061	10,448	94		
<b>Annual total .....</b>	<b>120,857</b>	<b>123,261</b>	<b>102</b>		

<sup>1</sup> For December 2024, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched September 2023 through May 2024.

<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 373 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) 1,405	(1,000) 54	(1,000) 5,209	(number) 9	(number) 15
Eggs .....	0.5	1.0	(million) 34	(million) 2	(million) 130	11	13

## 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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