



Chickens and Eggs

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January Egg Production Up 2 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.20 billion during January 2026, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.88 billion table eggs, and 1.31 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 121 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2026 averaged 375 million, up 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,455 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2025.

All layers in the United States on February 1, 2026 totaled 373 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 373 million layers consisted of 308 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.95 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2026, averaged 78.9 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from February 1, 2025.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 6 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2026 totaled 53.5 million, down 6 percent from January 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 57.5 million on February 1, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 205 thousand during January 2026, up 3 percent from January 2025.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2026 totaled 889 million, up 2 percent from January 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 760 million on February 1, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.10 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2026, up 4 percent from January 2025.

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Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2025-2026

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Month	2025		2026	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December ¹		377,694		373,264
January		369,507		374,566
February		360,746		
March		356,956		
April		358,756		
May		359,620		
June		360,651		
July		363,669		
August		366,028		
September		368,338		
October		369,524		
November		370,049		

¹ December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2025-2026

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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December ¹	9,226.7	9,160.1	7,941.9	7,858.6	1,284.8	1,301.5
January	9,005.4	9,195.6	7,709.1	7,880.9	1,296.3	1,314.7
February	7,993.5		6,823.0		1,170.5	
March	8,774.2		7,492.6		1,281.6	
April	8,492.1		7,253.7		1,238.4	
May	8,785.1		7,503.6		1,281.5	
June	8,557.4		7,308.4		1,249.0	
July	8,933.7		7,633.3		1,300.4	
August	8,962.2		7,662.8		1,299.4	
September	8,704.1		7,448.6		1,255.5	
October	9,041.1		7,749.9		1,291.2	
November	8,771.0		7,523.6		1,247.4	

¹ December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2025-2026

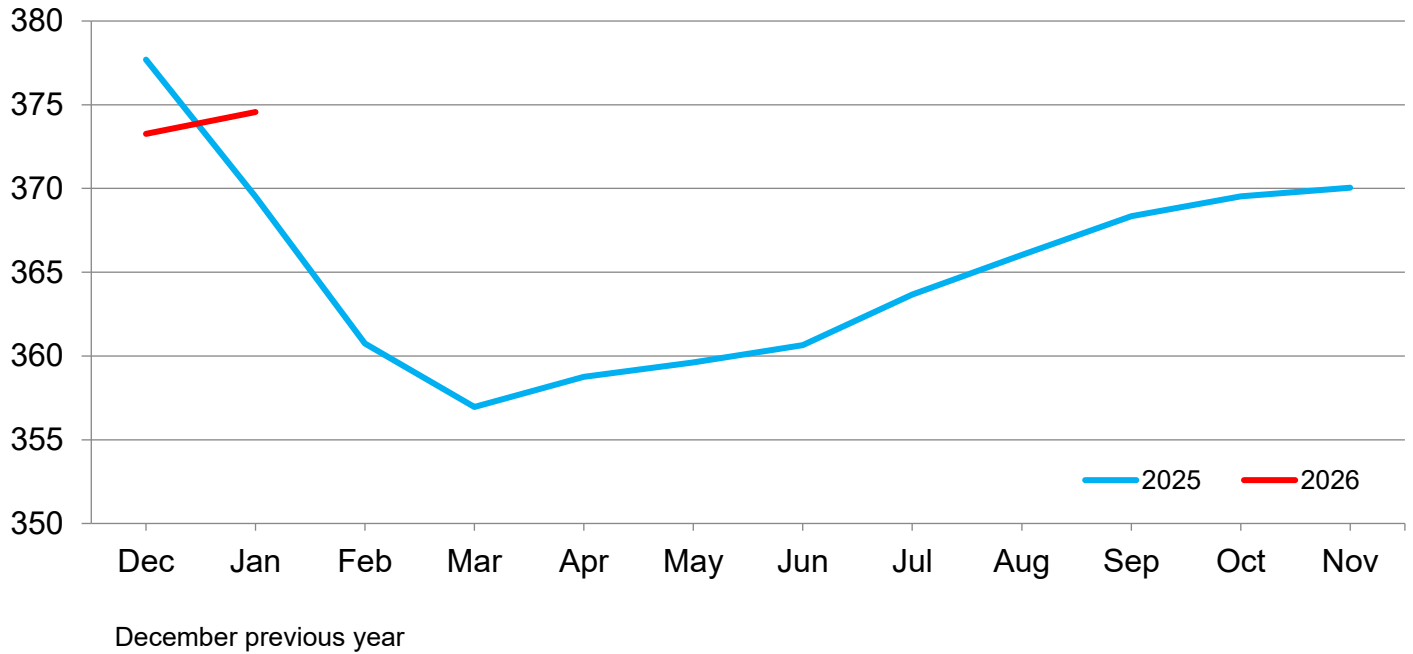
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December ¹	768,891.2	763,341.4	661,824.8	654,883.3	107,066.4	108,458.1
January	750,450.2	766,300.1	642,425.1	656,741.5	108,025.1	109,558.6
February	666,125.3		568,583.8		97,541.5	
March	731,183.9		624,383.7		106,800.2	
April	707,674.7		604,474.8		103,199.9	
May	732,091.7		625,300.2		106,791.5	
June	713,116.8		609,033.4		104,083.4	
July	744,475.4		636,108.7		108,366.7	
August	746,850.2		638,566.8		108,283.4	
September	725,341.6		620,716.7		104,624.9	
October	753,425.3		645,825.4		107,599.9	
November	730,917.0		626,967.0		103,950.0	

¹ December previous year.

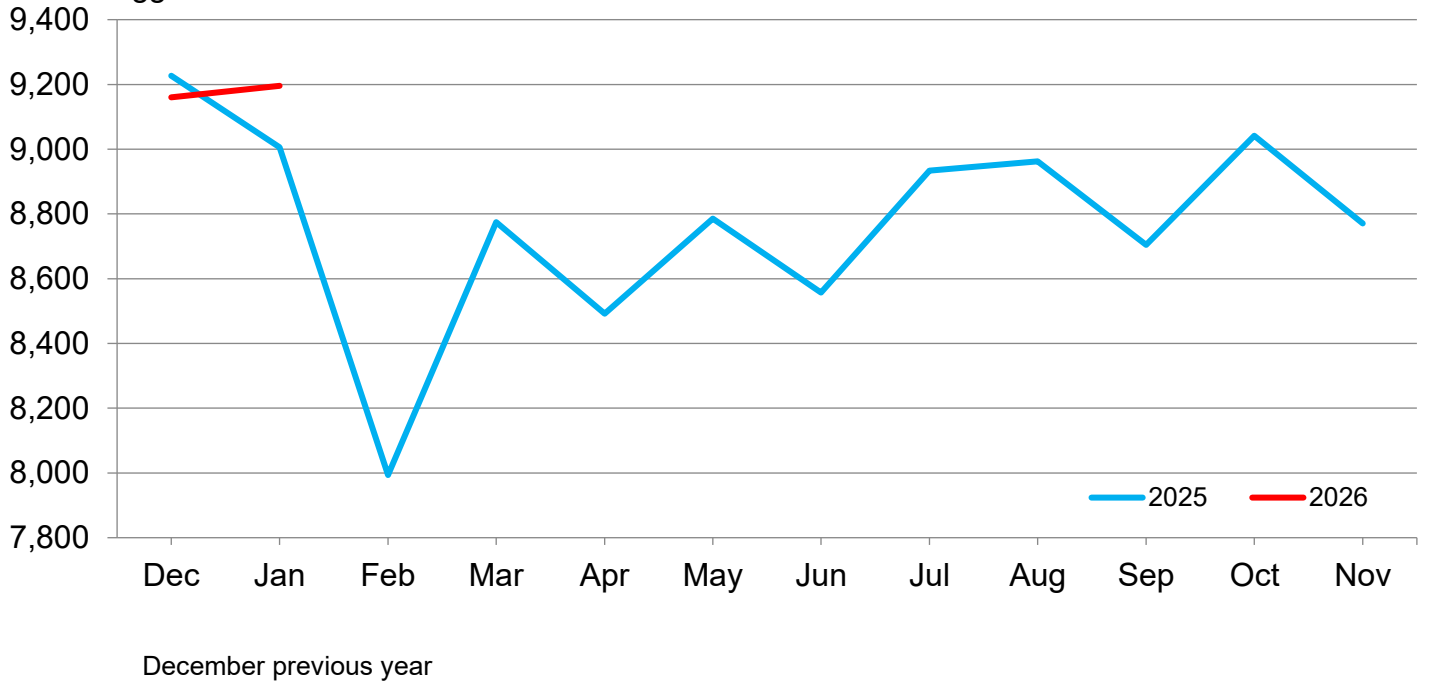
Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: December-January 2024-2026

Item	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
Layers during December			
All layers 1,000	377,694	373,264	99
Table egg type 1,000	312,779	308,908	99
Hatching egg type 1,000	64,915	64,356	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	61,114	59,891	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,801	4,465	117
Eggs per 100 layers during December			
All layers number	2,443	2,454	100
Table egg type number	2,539	2,544	100
Hatching egg type number	1,979	2,022	102
Broiler-type hatching number	1,946	1,985	102
Egg-type hatching number	2,507	2,517	100
Eggs produced during December			
All layers million	9,226.7	9,160.1	99
Table egg type million	7,941.9	7,858.6	99
Hatching egg type million	1,284.8	1,301.5	101
Broiler-type hatching million	1,189.5	1,189.1	100
Egg-type hatching million	95.3	112.4	118
Eggs produced during December			
All layers 1,000 dozen	768,891.2	763,341.4	99
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	661,824.8	654,883.3	99
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	107,066.4	108,458.1	101
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	99,124.9	99,091.6	100
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	7,941.5	9,366.5	118
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
Layers on January 1			
All layers 1,000	374,087	375,733	100
Table egg type 1,000	308,959	311,261	101
Hatching egg type 1,000	65,128	64,472	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	61,230	59,848	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,898	4,624	119
Eggs per 100 layers on January 1			
All layers number	78.5	79.5	101
Table egg type number	81.6	82.3	101
Hatching egg type number	63.7	65.6	103
Broiler-type hatching number	62.6	64.3	103
Egg-type hatching number	80.5	82.7	103
Molted layers on January 1			
Percent being molted percent	2.2	1.6	73
Percent with molt completed percent	10.3	10.7	104
Layers sold for slaughter during December ¹ 1,000	13,170.8	11,182.4	85
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during December ¹ 1,000	21,428.2	9,073.5	42
Pullets on January 1 1,000	137,948	141,163	102
Pullets added during December ^{1 2} 1,000	32,606.4	25,986.8	80

¹ December previous year.

² Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:
January-February 2025 and 2026**

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
Layers during January			
Total layers 1,000	369,507	374,566	101
Table egg type 1,000	304,034	309,576	102
Hatching egg type 1,000	65,473	64,990	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	61,586	60,202	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,887	4,788	123
Eggs per 100 layers during January			
Total layers number	2,437	2,455	101
Table egg type number	2,536	2,546	100
Hatching egg type number	1,980	2,023	102
Broiler-type hatching number	1,944	1,983	102
Egg-type hatching number	2,555	2,519	99
Eggs produced during January			
Total layers million	9,005.4	9,195.6	102
Table egg type million	7,709.1	7,880.9	102
Hatching egg type million	1,296.3	1,314.7	101
Broiler-type hatching million	1,197.0	1,194.1	100
Egg-type hatching million	99.3	120.6	121
Eggs produced during January			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	750,450.2	766,300.1	102
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	642,425.1	656,741.5	102
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	108,025.1	109,558.6	101
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	99,750.1	99,508.5	100
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	8,275.0	10,050.1	121
Layers on February 1			
Total layers 1,000	364,889	373,368	102
Table egg type 1,000	299,092	307,874	103
Hatching egg type 1,000	65,797	65,494	100
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	61,928	60,545	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,869	4,949	128
Eggs per 100 layers on February 1			
Total layers number	78.7	78.9	100
Table egg type number	82.0	81.8	100
Hatching egg type number	64.0	64.9	101
Broiler-type hatching number	62.7	63.7	102
Egg-type hatching number	84.5	79.9	95
Molted layers on February 1			
Being molted percent	2.2	2.6	118
Molt completed percent	10.6	10.6	100
Layers sold for slaughter during January 1,000	13,123.3	11,242.0	86
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during January 1,000	25,168.9	15,236.5	61
Pullets on February 1 1,000	135,101	145,466	108
Pullets added during January ¹ 1,000	28,215.3	30,401.0	108

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During December 2024 and 2025

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,238	1,189	10,508	10,930	1,935	1,898
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	16,182	15,383	2,160	2,160
California	4,288	6,663	4,669	7,026	2,174	2,381
Colorado	1,344	2,667	1,832	3,155	2,298	2,263
Georgia	9,692	9,648	19,668	19,220	2,278	2,339
Illinois	5,740	6,137	6,352	6,741	2,272	2,552
Indiana	37,768	36,196	38,729	37,090	2,529	2,493
Iowa	41,759	44,615	43,615	46,751	2,514	2,606
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,298	5,351	2,218	2,248
Michigan	11,026	13,100	11,649	13,662	2,432	2,597
Minnesota	6,556	7,239	7,036	7,724	2,518	2,597
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,713	5,965	2,190	2,189
Missouri	12,477	13,827	17,663	18,173	2,610	2,537
Nebraska	7,914	8,343	8,588	8,995	2,495	2,547
New York	5,379	5,469	5,882	5,994	2,554	2,533
North Carolina	7,799	7,324	16,469	15,732	2,303	2,276
Ohio	42,218	38,195	43,435	39,481	2,559	2,526
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,171	2,114	2,188	2,100
Oregon	1,757	1,505	1,867	1,615	2,614	2,458
Pennsylvania	23,804	23,002	27,038	26,580	2,613	2,595
South Carolina	2,683	2,279	4,005	3,635	2,330	2,360
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,189	22,892	2,403	2,348
Utah	6,347	6,680	6,387	6,720	2,638	2,609
Washington	5,410	3,244	5,512	3,346	2,429	2,337
Wisconsin	6,808	4,095	7,974	5,267	2,669	2,438
Other States ¹	56,412	54,556	37,263	33,722	2,410	2,476
United States	298,419	295,973	377,694	373,264	2,443	2,454

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¹ Include State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During January 2025 and 2026

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,295	1,158	10,795	10,945	1,949	1,928
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	16,130	15,541	2,129	2,161
California	1,942	6,913	2,312	7,276	2,180	2,427
Colorado	1,606	2,004	2,094	2,491	2,278	2,425
Georgia	9,783	9,624	19,864	19,288	2,268	2,304
Illinois	5,957	6,158	6,553	6,762	2,336	2,507
Indiana	38,350	35,964	39,284	36,877	2,556	2,496
Iowa	39,406	44,774	41,298	46,984	2,493	2,603
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,420	5,453	2,166	2,250
Michigan	10,903	13,219	11,541	13,803	2,461	2,631
Minnesota	6,784	7,068	7,262	7,573	2,531	2,580
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,848	6,011	2,160	2,189
Missouri	11,968	12,757	16,191	17,050	2,551	2,523
Nebraska	8,029	8,289	8,751	8,937	2,521	2,468
New York	5,449	5,494	5,960	6,023	2,596	2,575
North Carolina	6,463	7,599	15,158	15,998	2,235	2,283
Ohio	39,995	38,950	41,240	40,236	2,549	2,495
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,115	2,092	2,099	2,036
Oregon	1,327	1,488	1,437	1,598	2,547	2,641
Pennsylvania	23,211	23,254	26,412	27,005	2,606	2,583
South Carolina	2,798	2,500	4,143	3,867	2,351	2,345
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,448	22,916	2,375	2,378
Utah	6,213	6,730	6,253	6,770	2,661	2,465
Washington	5,690	3,382	5,792	3,484	2,446	2,417
Wisconsin	6,785	4,382	7,961	5,573	2,658	2,647
Other States ¹	56,996	54,787	37,245	34,013	2,433	2,500
United States	290,950	296,494	369,507	374,566	2,437	2,455

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: December 2024 and 2025

[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	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	203.3	207.4	33.0	29.8	170.3	177.6
Arkansas	349.5	332.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	101.5	167.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	42.1	71.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	448.1	449.5	255.1	259.7	193.0	189.8
Illinois	144.3	172.0	139.0	166.8	5.3	5.2
Indiana	979.4	924.5	965.5	912.1	13.9	12.4
Iowa	1,096.4	1,218.4	1,073.8	1,189.3	22.6	29.1
Kentucky	117.5	120.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	283.3	354.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	177.2	200.6	169.9	192.9	7.3	7.7
Mississippi	125.1	130.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	461.0	461.1	423.5	417.6	37.5	43.5
Nebraska	214.3	229.1	201.0	216.7	13.3	12.4
New York	150.2	151.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	379.2	358.1	212.9	193.5	166.3	164.6
Ohio	1,111.6	997.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	47.5	44.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	48.8	39.7	48.8	39.7	-	-
Pennsylvania	706.6	689.8	659.1	635.0	47.5	54.8
South Carolina	93.3	85.8	69.3	61.3	24.0	24.5
Texas	533.1	537.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	168.5	175.3	168.5	175.3	-	-
Washington	133.9	78.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	212.8	128.4	207.1	122.5	5.7	5.9
Other States ¹	898.2	834.8	3,315.4	3,246.4	578.1	574.0
United States	9,226.7	9,160.1	7,941.9	7,858.6	1,284.8	1,301.5

- Represents zero.

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: January 2025 and 2026

[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	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	210.4	211.0	35.8	32.6	174.6	178.4
Arkansas	343.4	335.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	50.4	176.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	47.7	60.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	450.6	444.3	255.9	251.8	194.7	192.5
Illinois	153.1	169.5	148.1	164.3	5.0	5.2
Indiana	1,004.2	920.3	991.0	907.5	13.2	12.8
Iowa	1,029.6	1,222.9	1,005.6	1,192.1	24.0	30.8
Kentucky	117.4	122.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	284.0	363.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	183.8	195.4	176.6	187.5	7.2	7.9
Mississippi	126.3	131.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	413.0	430.2	374.4	388.0	38.6	42.2
Nebraska	220.6	220.6	207.3	208.3	13.3	12.3
New York	154.7	155.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	338.8	365.3	172.8	201.6	166.0	163.7
Ohio	1,051.4	1,003.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	44.4	42.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	36.6	42.2	36.6	42.2	-	-
Pennsylvania	688.4	697.5	641.2	638.5	47.2	59.0
South Carolina	97.4	90.7	72.8	66.2	24.6	24.5
Texas	533.2	544.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	166.4	166.9	166.4	166.9	-	-
Washington	141.7	84.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	211.6	147.5	205.8	141.5	5.8	6.0
Other States ¹	906.3	850.4	3,218.8	3,291.9	582.1	579.4
United States	9,005.4	9,195.6	7,709.1	7,880.9	1,296.3	1,314.7

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Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: December 2024 and 2025

[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	
	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)
Alabama	16,941.7	17,283.3	2,750.0	2,483.3	14,191.7	14,800.0
Arkansas	29,125.0	27,691.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	8,458.4	13,941.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	3,508.3	5,949.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	37,341.6	37,458.2	21,258.3	21,641.6	16,083.3	15,816.6
Illinois	12,025.0	14,333.3	11,583.3	13,900.0	441.7	433.3
Indiana	81,616.7	77,041.6	80,458.4	76,008.3	1,158.3	1,033.3
Iowa	91,366.6	101,533.3	89,483.3	99,108.3	1,883.3	2,425.0
Kentucky	9,791.7	10,025.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	23,608.3	29,566.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	14,766.6	16,716.7	14,158.3	16,075.0	608.3	641.7
Mississippi	10,424.9	10,883.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	38,416.7	38,425.0	35,291.7	34,800.0	3,125.0	3,625.0
Nebraska	17,858.3	19,091.7	16,750.0	18,058.4	1,108.3	1,033.3
New York	12,516.7	12,650.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	31,599.9	29,841.7	17,741.6	16,125.0	13,858.3	13,716.7
Ohio	92,633.3	83,091.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,958.3	3,699.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4,066.7	3,308.4	4,066.7	3,308.4	-	-
Pennsylvania	58,883.3	57,483.3	54,925.0	52,916.6	3,958.3	4,566.7
South Carolina	7,775.0	7,150.0	5,775.0	5,108.3	2,000.0	2,041.7
Texas	44,425.0	44,783.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,041.7	14,608.4	14,041.7	14,608.4	-	-
Washington	11,158.3	6,516.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	17,733.4	10,699.9	17,258.4	10,208.3	475.0	491.6
Other States ¹	74,849.8	69,566.7	276,283.1	270,533.4	48,174.9	47,833.2
United States	768,891.2	763,341.4	661,824.8	654,883.3	107,066.4	108,458.1

- Represents zero.

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

¹ Include State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: January 2025 and 2026

[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	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(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	17,533.4	17,583.4	2,983.4	2,716.7	14,550.0	14,866.7
Arkansas	28,616.7	27,991.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	4,200.0	14,716.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	3,974.9	5,033.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	37,550.0	37,025.0	21,325.0	20,983.3	16,225.0	16,041.7
Illinois	12,758.4	14,125.0	12,341.7	13,691.7	416.7	433.3
Indiana	83,683.3	76,691.7	82,583.3	75,625.0	1,100.0	1,066.7
Iowa	85,800.0	101,908.3	83,800.0	99,341.6	2,000.0	2,566.7
Kentucky	9,783.4	10,225.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	23,666.6	30,258.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	15,316.7	16,283.4	14,716.7	15,625.0	600.0	658.4
Mississippi	10,525.0	10,966.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	34,416.7	35,850.0	31,200.0	32,333.3	3,216.7	3,516.7
Nebraska	18,383.4	18,383.4	17,275.0	17,358.4	1,108.4	1,025.0
New York	12,891.7	12,924.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	28,233.3	30,441.7	14,400.0	16,800.0	13,833.3	13,641.7
Ohio	87,616.7	83,650.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,700.0	3,550.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	3,050.0	3,516.7	3,050.0	3,516.7	-	-
Pennsylvania	57,366.6	58,125.1	53,433.3	53,208.4	3,933.3	4,916.7
South Carolina	8,116.7	7,558.4	6,066.7	5,516.7	2,050.0	2,041.7
Texas	44,433.4	45,408.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	13,866.7	13,908.3	13,866.7	13,908.3	-	-
Washington	11,808.3	7,016.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	17,633.3	12,291.7	17,150.0	11,791.7	483.3	500.0
Other States ¹	75,525.0	70,866.3	268,233.3	274,324.7	48,508.4	48,283.3
United States	750,450.2	766,300.1	642,425.1	656,741.5	108,025.1	109,558.6

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Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	2.2	1.6	10.3	10.7
February	2.2	2.6	10.6	10.6
March	2.0		10.3	
April	2.3		10.3	
May	2.5		10.3	
June	2.4		9.7	
July	2.0		10.1	
August	2.5		10.1	
September	2.5		10.2	
October	2.3		10.6	
November	2.1		10.9	
December	1.9		11.1	

Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: January 1 and February 1, 2025-2026

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	January 1		February 1		January 1		February 1	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	5.5	6.0	5.5	5.5
Arkansas	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.5	12.5	8.5	13.0	7.5
California	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	6.5	3.5	4.0	3.0
Colorado	1.0	3.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
Georgia	1.5	1.0	1.0	4.5	11.5	9.0	12.0	9.0
Illinois	23.0	4.5	6.0	2.0	23.0	19.0	32.0	21.0
Indiana	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	8.5	8.5	8.0	9.0
Iowa	2.0	1.5	4.0	2.0	8.0	7.0	8.5	8.0
Kentucky	3.5	-	5.5	3.5	24.5	21.5	22.5	18.0
Michigan	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.0	4.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Minnesota	1.5	2.0	1.5	3.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	5.5
Mississippi	1.5	0.5	2.0	3.0	15.5	17.0	13.5	16.0
Missouri	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	3.5
Nebraska	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0
New York	1.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	7.0	2.0	7.0
North Carolina	4.0	1.0	3.5	1.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	5.0
Ohio	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	5.5	5.0	7.5	4.5
Oklahoma	2.0	7.0	6.5	7.5	13.0	26.0	13.0	23.0
Oregon	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
Pennsylvania	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	3.5	7.5	3.5	7.5
South Carolina	3.5	2.5	3.0	6.5	10.0	10.0	13.0	11.5
Texas	2.0	2.5	1.5	6.5	39.0	49.0	36.5	46.5
Utah	1.0	2.5	1.0	9.0	10.0	20.5	8.0	20.0
Washington	1.0	-	1.0	-	3.5	-	4.0	-
Wisconsin	-	2.0	8.5	1.0	4.0	4.5	1.0	4.5
Other States ¹	3.3	1.6	2.0	3.3	17.4	16.4	16.7	16.0
United States	2.2	1.6	2.2	2.6	10.3	10.7	10.6	10.6

- Represents zero.

¹ Include State estimates not shown.

Hatchery Production – United States: 2025 and 2026

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on February 1	56,430	57,466	102
Chicks hatched during January	56,675	53,450	94
Pullets hatched during January for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	200	205	103
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,753	2,721	99
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on February 1	746,009	760,098	102
Chicks hatched during January	869,331	888,620	102
Pullets hatched during January for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	7,774	8,102	104
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	77,087	77,166	100

¹ 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2024 through June 2025.

² 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2024 through June 2025.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	52,411	53,109	101
February	56,430	57,466	102
March	57,939		
April	61,895		
May	60,738		
June	59,828		
July	56,016		
August	56,077		
September	55,017		
October	55,812		
November	52,425		
December	52,517		

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	56,675	53,450	94	56,675	53,450	94
February	57,191			113,866		
March	60,769			174,635		
April	61,286			235,921		
May	60,389			296,310		
June	59,587			355,897		
July	58,236			414,133		
August	57,386			471,519		
September	55,639			527,158		
October	56,240			583,398		
November	52,468			635,866		
December	52,845			688,711		

Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2026 as percent of 2025	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ¹	
	2025	2026		2025	2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January	200	205	103	2,753	2,721
February	226			2,757	2,737
March	197			2,765	2,732
April	235			2,771	2,728
May	246			2,767	2,719
June	227			2,759	2,721
July	216			2,755	2,724
August	258			2,749	2,729
September	272			2,739	
October	236			2,738	
November	193			2,724	
December	218			2,713	
Total	2,724				

¹ For January 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched July 2024 through June 2025. 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: 2025-2026

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

Month	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	745,127	757,666	102
February	746,009	760,098	102
March	748,226		
April	747,273		
May	751,247		
June	756,917		
July	752,197		
August	748,407		
September	748,295		
October	726,279		
November	728,593		
December	756,871		

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: January 2025 and 2026

State	During January			January-January		
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	124,830	123,660	99	124,830	123,660	99
Arkansas	91,229	95,398	105	91,229	95,398	105
Delaware	19,491	20,911	107	19,491	20,911	107
Georgia	121,403	122,747	101	121,403	122,747	101
Kentucky	26,947	28,865	107	26,947	28,865	107
Maryland	28,480	29,195	103	28,480	29,195	103
Mississippi	64,404	64,883	101	64,404	64,883	101
Missouri	32,222	32,650	101	32,222	32,650	101
North Carolina	90,115	91,923	102	90,115	91,923	102
Oklahoma	19,751	20,358	103	19,751	20,358	103
Pennsylvania	30,658	32,310	105	30,658	32,310	105
South Carolina	20,381	21,427	105	20,381	21,427	105
Texas	68,057	69,714	102	68,057	69,714	102
Virginia	19,610	20,077	102	19,610	20,077	102
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	53,538	55,455	104	53,538	55,455	104
Other States ¹	58,215	59,047	101	58,215	59,047	101
United States	869,331	888,620	102	869,331	888,620	102

¹ Includes State estimates not shown.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	869,331	888,620	102	869,331	888,620	102
February	782,831			1,652,162		
March	867,475			2,519,637		
April	841,745			3,361,382		
May	876,136			4,237,518		
June	856,689			5,094,207		
July	880,557			5,974,764		
August	878,352			6,853,116		
September	847,392			7,700,508		
October	851,174			8,551,682		
November	832,545			9,384,227		
December	889,445			10,273,672		

Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2025-2026

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2026 as percent of 2025	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ¹	
	2025	2026		2025	2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January	7,774	8,102	104	77,087	77,166
February	8,223			76,843	77,408
March	9,408			77,337	77,384
April	8,873			77,528	77,007
May	8,051			78,150	77,021
June	9,379			78,216	76,874
July	8,300			77,934	76,283
August	8,239			77,556	75,512
September	8,760			77,547	
October	7,788			77,171	
November	8,076			78,277	
December	8,817			77,627	
Annual total	101,688				
Total placements ²					
January	9,698	9,871	102		
February	10,431				
March	11,681				
April	10,805				
May	9,948				
June	11,767				
July	10,149				
August	9,950				
September	11,049				
October	9,619				
November	9,814				
December	10,827				
Annual total	123,299				

¹ For January 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched October 2024 through June 2025.

² 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 1.2 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 375 million layers by more than 1.2 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.0 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) 1.2	(percent) 2.0	(1,000) 3,396	(1,000) 361	(1,000) 8,645	(number) 23	(number) 1
Eggs	1.2	2.1	(million) 84	(million) 1	(million) 232	23	1

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