



# Chickens and Eggs

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## February Egg Production Up 5 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.36 billion during February 2026, up 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.17 billion table eggs, and 1.19 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.08 billion were broiler-type and 112 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during February 2026 totaled 379 million, up 5 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,208 eggs, down slightly from February 2025.

Total layers in the United States on March 1, 2026 totaled 382 million, up 7 percent from last year. The 382 million layers consisted of 316 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2026, averaged 79.1 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from March 1, 2025.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 5 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2026 totaled 54.3 million, down 5 percent from February 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 57.3 million on March 1, 2026, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 277 thousand during February 2026, up 23 percent from February 2025.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2026 totaled 798 million, up 2 percent from February 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 763 million on March 1, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.06 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2026, up 10 percent from February 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 <sup>1</sup> .....		377,694		373,264
January .....		369,507		375,661
February .....		360,746		378,559
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		

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

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

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

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 <sup>1</sup> .....	9,226.7	9,160.1	7,941.9	7,858.6	1,284.8	1,301.5
January .....	9,005.4	9,204.8	7,709.1	7,891.0	1,296.3	1,313.8
February .....	7,993.5	8,356.7	6,823.0	7,167.7	1,170.5	1,189.0
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	

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

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

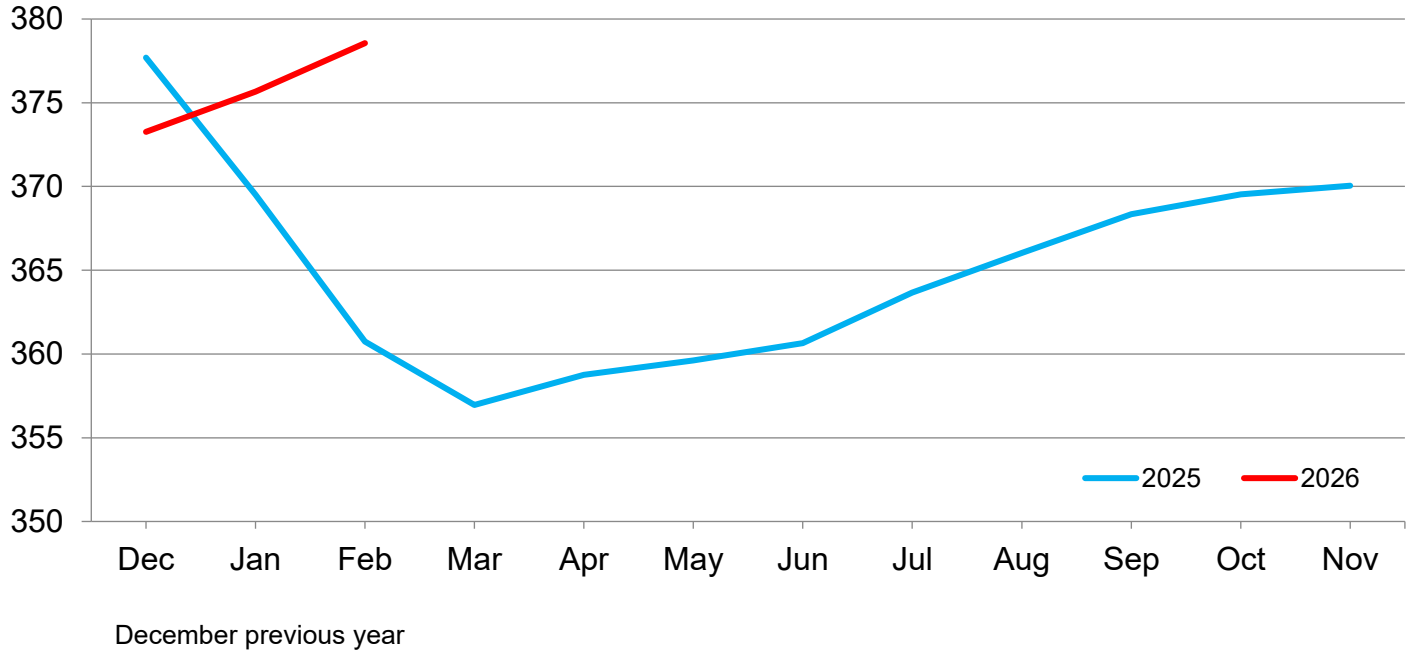
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	768,891.2	763,341.4	661,824.8	654,883.3	107,066.4	108,458.1
January .....	750,450.2	767,066.6	642,425.1	657,583.1	108,025.1	109,483.5
February .....	666,125.3	696,391.9	568,583.8	597,308.5	97,541.5	99,083.4
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	

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

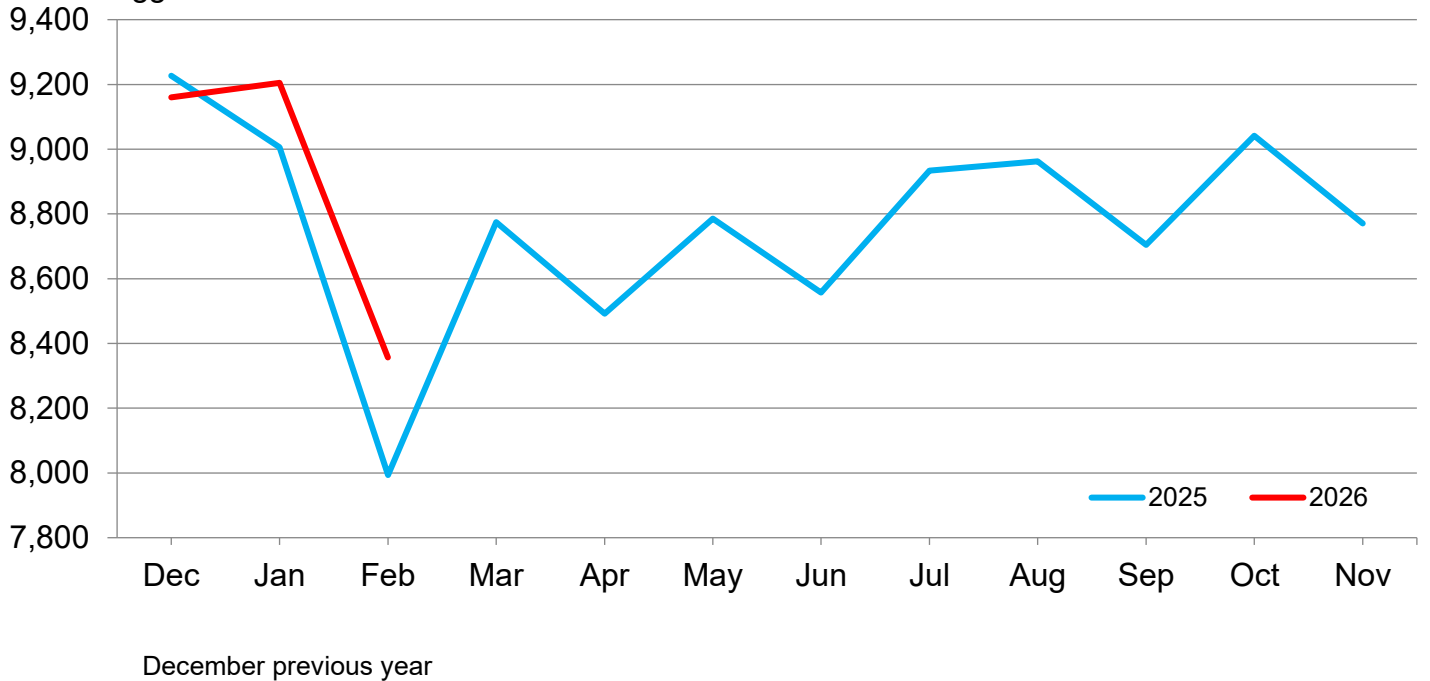
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



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

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
<b>Layers during January</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	369,507	375,661	102
Table egg type ..... 1,000	304,034	310,645	102
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	65,473	65,016	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	61,586	60,262	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,887	4,754	122
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during January</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,437	2,450	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,536	2,540	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,980	2,021	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,944	1,981	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,555	2,520	99
<b>Eggs produced during January</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,005.4	9,204.8	102
Table egg type ..... million	7,709.1	7,891.0	102
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,296.3	1,313.8	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,197.0	1,194.0	100
Egg-type hatching ..... million	99.3	119.8	121
<b>Eggs produced during January</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	750,450.2	767,066.6	102
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	642,425.1	657,583.1	102
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	108,025.1	109,483.5	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	99,750.1	99,500.1	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	8,275.0	9,983.4	121
<b>Layers on February 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	364,889	375,563	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000	299,092	310,014	104
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	65,797	65,549	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	61,928	60,668	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,869	4,881	126
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on February 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	78.7	78.5	100
Table egg type ..... number	82.0	81.5	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	64.0	64.7	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.7	63.5	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.5	80.0	95
<b>Molted layers on February 1</b>			
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	10,931.2	83
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during January ..... 1,000	25,168.9	15,691.6	62
Pullets on February 1 ..... 1,000	135,101	144,948	107
Pullets added during January <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	28,215.3	31,597.0	112

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

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

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
<b>Layers during February</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	360,746	378,559	105
Table egg type ..... 1,000	295,489	312,917	106
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	65,257	65,642	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	61,372	60,778	99
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,885	4,864	125
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during February</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,216	2,208	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,309	2,291	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,794	1,811	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,757	1,772	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,368	2,307	97
<b>Eggs produced during February</b>			
Total layers ..... million	7,993.5	8,356.7	105
Table egg type ..... million	6,823.0	7,167.7	105
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,170.5	1,189.0	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,078.5	1,076.8	100
Egg-type hatching ..... million	92.0	112.2	122
<b>Eggs produced during February</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	666,125.3	696,391.9	105
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	568,583.8	597,308.5	105
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	97,541.5	99,083.4	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	89,874.9	89,733.3	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,666.6	9,350.1	122
<b>Layers on March 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	356,564	381,532	107
Table egg type ..... 1,000	291,871	315,811	108
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,693	65,721	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,801	60,877	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,892	4,844	124
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on March 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	79.5	79.1	99
Table egg type ..... number	83.0	82.1	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	64.1	64.6	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.8	63.0	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.8	84.6	100
<b>Molted layers on March 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.0	2.0	100
Molt completed ..... percent	10.3	10.2	99
Layers sold for slaughter during February ..... 1,000	13,376.2	11,357.3	85
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during February ..... 1,000	21,455.3	7,949.0	37
Pullets on March 1 ..... 1,000	136,346	143,868	106
Pullets added during February <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	28,781.3	25,714.9	89

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During January 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	1,101	10,795	10,936	1,949	1,913
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	16,130	15,602	2,129	2,164
California .....	1,942	7,013	2,312	7,376	2,180	2,427
Colorado .....	1,606	2,004	2,094	2,491	2,278	2,425
Georgia .....	9,783	9,624	19,864	19,276	2,268	2,304
Illinois .....	5,957	6,138	6,553	6,742	2,336	2,504
Indiana .....	38,350	35,700	39,284	36,613	2,556	2,496
Iowa .....	39,406	44,875	41,298	47,082	2,493	2,591
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,420	5,442	2,166	2,251
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	5,994	2,160	2,191
Missouri .....	11,968	12,757	16,191	17,016	2,551	2,524
Nebraska .....	8,029	8,379	8,751	9,057	2,521	2,465
New York .....	5,449	5,543	5,960	6,072	2,596	2,594
North Carolina .....	6,463	7,595	15,158	15,958	2,235	2,278
Ohio .....	39,995	39,810	41,240	41,096	2,549	2,501
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,115	2,092	2,099	2,079
Oregon .....	1,327	1,488	1,437	1,598	2,547	2,641
Pennsylvania .....	23,211	23,279	26,412	27,062	2,606	2,557
South Carolina .....	2,798	2,500	4,143	3,874	2,351	2,349
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	3,482	5,792	3,584	2,446	2,416
Wisconsin .....	6,785	4,452	7,961	5,643	2,658	2,509
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	56,996	54,806	37,245	33,993	2,433	2,500
United States .....	290,950	297,563	369,507	375,661	2,437	2,450

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

<sup>1</sup> 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 February 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 .....	1,301	1,012	11,015	11,140	1,778	1,715
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,995	15,659	1,967	1,915
California .....	1,878	7,704	2,256	8,067	2,030	2,192
Colorado .....	1,861	1,330	2,349	1,817	2,188	2,345
Georgia .....	9,855	9,493	19,894	19,284	2,048	2,051
Illinois .....	6,030	6,446	6,625	7,044	2,214	2,270
Indiana .....	36,018	34,784	36,957	35,709	2,309	2,254
Iowa .....	40,209	45,463	42,087	47,736	2,291	2,347
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,450	5,407	1,950	1,984
Michigan .....	11,311	13,225	11,916	13,810	2,298	2,392
Minnesota .....	6,825	7,042	7,309	7,555	2,340	2,312
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,874	5,978	1,958	1,979
Missouri .....	10,944	11,641	15,152	15,845	2,295	2,264
Nebraska .....	7,909	8,461	8,621	9,166	2,350	2,261
New York .....	5,408	5,537	5,908	6,070	2,395	2,356
North Carolina .....	5,037	7,782	13,675	16,188	1,951	2,066
Ohio .....	34,764	41,426	36,026	42,712	2,326	2,292
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,124	2,010	1,911	1,925
Oregon .....	1,457	1,473	1,567	1,583	2,265	2,280
Pennsylvania .....	22,021	23,669	25,224	27,478	2,356	2,328
South Carolina .....	2,790	2,608	4,123	4,008	2,122	2,058
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,559	22,735	2,154	2,107
Utah .....	6,292	7,018	6,332	7,058	2,293	2,120
Washington .....	5,642	4,232	5,744	4,334	2,221	2,176
Wisconsin .....	7,056	4,943	8,242	6,155	2,428	2,073
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	57,797	54,546	37,722	34,011	2,214	2,248
United States .....	282,405	299,835	360,746	378,559	2,216	2,208

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

## 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	209.2	35.8	31.4	174.6	177.8
Arkansas .....	343.4	337.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	50.4	179.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	47.7	60.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	450.6	444.1	255.9	251.8	194.7	192.3
Illinois .....	153.1	168.8	148.1	163.6	5.0	5.2
Indiana .....	1,004.2	913.7	991.0	900.9	13.2	12.8
Iowa .....	1,029.6	1,219.9	1,005.6	1,189.0	24.0	30.9
Kentucky .....	117.4	122.5	(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	131.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	413.0	429.4	374.4	388.0	38.6	41.4
Nebraska .....	220.6	223.3	207.3	210.6	13.3	12.7
New York .....	154.7	157.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	338.8	363.5	172.8	201.5	166.0	162.0
Ohio .....	1,051.4	1,027.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	44.4	43.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	36.6	42.2	36.6	42.2	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	688.4	691.9	641.2	632.4	47.2	59.5
South Carolina .....	97.4	91.0	72.8	66.2	24.6	24.8
Texas .....	533.2	544.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	166.4	166.9	166.4	166.9	-	-
Washington .....	141.7	86.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	211.6	141.6	205.8	135.6	5.8	6.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	906.3	849.7	3,218.8	3,323.4	582.1	580.5
United States .....	9,005.4	9,204.8	7,709.1	7,891.0	1,296.3	1,313.8

- Represents zero.

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## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: February 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 .....	195.8	191.1	32.9	26.5	162.9	164.6
Arkansas .....	314.6	299.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	45.8	176.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	51.4	42.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	407.4	395.5	231.1	220.4	176.3	175.1
Illinois .....	146.7	159.9	142.3	155.3	4.4	4.6
Indiana .....	853.2	805.0	841.2	793.0	12.0	12.0
Iowa .....	964.1	1,120.5	942.5	1,090.4	21.6	30.1
Kentucky .....	106.3	107.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	273.8	330.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	171.0	174.7	164.2	167.3	6.8	7.4
Mississippi .....	115.0	118.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	347.8	358.8	313.1	322.6	34.7	36.2
Nebraska .....	202.6	207.2	190.4	195.4	12.2	11.8
New York .....	141.5	143.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	266.8	334.5	120.9	188.1	145.9	146.4
Ohio .....	838.0	979.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	40.6	38.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	35.5	36.1	35.5	36.1	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	594.2	639.6	550.9	584.5	43.3	55.1
South Carolina .....	87.5	82.5	65.5	59.9	22.0	22.6
Texas .....	485.9	479.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	145.2	149.6	145.2	149.6	-	-
Washington .....	127.6	94.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	200.1	127.6	194.5	122.1	5.6	5.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	835.1	764.7	2,852.8	3,056.5	522.8	517.6
United States .....	7,993.5	8,356.7	6,823.0	7,167.7	1,170.5	1,189.0

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## 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	17,433.4	2,983.4	2,616.7	14,550.0	14,816.7
Arkansas .....	28,616.7	28,133.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	4,200.0	14,916.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	3,974.9	5,033.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	37,550.0	37,008.3	21,325.0	20,983.3	16,225.0	16,025.0
Illinois .....	12,758.4	14,066.6	12,341.7	13,633.3	416.7	433.3
Indiana .....	83,683.3	76,141.7	82,583.3	75,075.0	1,100.0	1,066.7
Iowa .....	85,800.0	101,658.4	83,800.0	99,083.4	2,000.0	2,575.0
Kentucky .....	9,783.4	10,208.3	(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	10,941.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	34,416.7	35,783.3	31,200.0	32,333.3	3,216.7	3,450.0
Nebraska .....	18,383.4	18,608.3	17,275.0	17,550.0	1,108.4	1,058.3
New York .....	12,891.7	13,125.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,233.3	30,291.7	14,400.0	16,791.7	13,833.3	13,500.0
Ohio .....	87,616.7	85,650.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,700.0	3,625.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	3,050.0	3,516.7	3,050.0	3,516.7	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	57,366.6	57,658.4	53,433.3	52,700.0	3,933.3	4,958.4
South Carolina .....	8,116.7	7,583.4	6,066.7	5,516.7	2,050.0	2,066.7
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	7,216.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	17,633.3	11,800.0	17,150.0	11,300.0	483.3	500.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	75,525.0	70,808.0	268,233.3	276,949.7	48,508.4	48,375.0
United States .....	750,450.2	767,066.6	642,425.1	657,583.1	108,025.1	109,483.5

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: February 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 .....	16,316.7	15,925.0	2,741.7	2,208.3	13,575.0	13,716.7
Arkansas .....	26,216.7	24,991.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	3,816.7	14,733.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,283.3	3,549.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	33,950.1	32,958.3	19,258.4	18,366.7	14,691.7	14,591.6
Illinois .....	12,225.0	13,325.0	11,858.3	12,941.7	366.7	383.3
Indiana .....	71,100.0	67,083.3	70,100.0	66,083.3	1,000.0	1,000.0
Iowa .....	80,341.6	93,375.0	78,541.6	90,866.7	1,800.0	2,508.3
Kentucky .....	8,858.4	8,941.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	22,816.7	27,533.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	14,249.9	14,558.4	13,683.3	13,941.7	566.6	616.7
Mississippi .....	9,583.4	9,858.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	28,983.3	29,900.0	26,091.7	26,883.3	2,891.6	3,016.7
Nebraska .....	16,883.2	17,266.7	15,866.6	16,283.3	1,016.6	983.4
New York .....	11,791.7	11,916.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	22,233.3	27,875.0	10,075.0	15,675.0	12,158.3	12,200.0
Ohio .....	69,833.3	81,591.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,383.4	3,225.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,958.3	3,008.3	2,958.3	3,008.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	49,516.6	53,300.1	45,908.3	48,708.4	3,608.3	4,591.7
South Carolina .....	7,291.7	6,875.0	5,458.4	4,991.7	1,833.3	1,883.3
Texas .....	40,491.7	39,916.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	12,100.0	12,466.7	12,100.0	12,466.7	-	-
Washington .....	10,633.3	7,858.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	16,675.0	10,633.3	16,208.4	10,175.0	466.6	458.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	69,592.0	63,725.1	237,733.8	254,708.4	43,566.8	43,133.4
United States .....	666,125.3	696,391.9	568,583.8	597,308.5	97,541.5	99,083.4

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

## 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	2.0	10.3	10.2
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: February 1 and March 1, 2025-2026

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	February 1		March 1		February 1		March 1	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	2.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.5
Arkansas .....	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.5	13.0	7.5	14.0	8.5
California .....	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	5.5	3.0
Colorado .....	1.0	1.5	-	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.5
Georgia .....	1.0	4.5	1.0	3.0	12.0	9.0	9.0	8.0
Illinois .....	6.0	2.0	6.0	3.0	32.0	21.0	29.0	18.5
Indiana .....	1.5	2.0	1.0	0.5	8.0	9.0	7.5	10.5
Iowa .....	4.0	2.0	4.0	1.5	8.5	8.0	9.0	6.5
Kentucky .....	5.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	22.5	18.0	25.0	18.0
Michigan .....	1.5	1.0	-	0.5	2.5	2.5	0.5	2.0
Minnesota .....	1.5	3.0	2.0	4.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	2.0
Mississippi .....	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.5	13.5	16.0	14.0	18.5
Missouri .....	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0	5.0	3.5	6.0	4.0
Nebraska .....	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0
New York .....	2.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	7.0	2.5	7.0
North Carolina .....	3.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	6.5	5.0	4.5	4.5
Ohio .....	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	7.5	4.0	7.5	4.0
Oklahoma .....	6.5	7.5	6.0	6.0	13.0	23.0	18.5	12.0
Oregon .....	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Pennsylvania .....	1.5	2.5	1.0	1.0	3.5	8.0	3.0	8.5
South Carolina .....	3.0	6.5	2.0	6.5	13.0	11.5	10.0	11.5
Texas .....	1.5	6.5	2.5	6.5	36.5	48.5	35.0	46.0
Utah .....	1.0	9.0	4.5	4.5	8.0	20.0	1.5	22.0
Washington .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	4.0	-	2.0	0.5
Wisconsin .....	8.5	3.0	-	6.0	1.0	4.5	10.5	6.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	3.1	1.7	2.5	16.7	16.0	16.6	16.1
United States .....	2.2	2.6	2.0	2.0	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.2

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on March 1 .....	57,939	57,259	99
Chicks hatched during February .....	57,191	54,264	95
Chicks hatched January through February .....	113,866	107,714	95
<b>Pullets hatched during February for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	226	277	123
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,757	2,737	99
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on March 1 .....	748,226	763,142	102
Chicks hatched during February .....	782,831	797,890	102
Chicks hatched January through February .....	1,652,162	1,685,837	102
<b>Pullets hatched during February for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	8,223	9,056	110
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	76,843	77,408	101

<sup>1</sup> 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2024 through July 2025.

<sup>2</sup> 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2024 through July 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	57,766	102
March .....	57,939	57,259	99
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	54,264	95	113,866	107,714	95
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 and Total – 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 <sup>1</sup>	
	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	277	123	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	2,780
October .....	236			2,738	
November .....	193			2,724	
December .....	218			2,713	
Annual total .....	2,724				

<sup>1</sup> For February 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched August 2024 through July 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	759,294	102
March .....	748,226	763,142	102
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: February 2025 and 2026

State	During February			January-February		
	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 .....	110,676	112,072	101	235,506	235,692	100
Arkansas .....	82,496	85,377	103	173,725	180,775	104
Delaware .....	18,269	18,781	103	37,760	39,692	105
Georgia .....	108,361	112,488	104	229,764	235,157	102
Kentucky .....	24,767	26,195	106	51,714	54,996	106
Maryland .....	26,723	26,367	99	55,203	55,562	101
Mississippi .....	57,531	58,351	101	121,935	123,234	101
Missouri .....	28,520	29,471	103	60,742	62,121	102
North Carolina .....	80,135	81,917	102	170,250	173,533	102
Oklahoma .....	18,118	17,547	97	37,869	37,901	100
Pennsylvania .....	27,526	29,033	105	58,184	61,424	106
South Carolina .....	18,529	19,211	104	38,910	40,516	104
Texas .....	61,130	61,281	100	129,187	130,995	101
Virginia .....	17,802	16,977	95	37,412	37,054	99
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	50,259	49,879	99	103,797	105,242	101
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	51,989	52,943	102	110,204	111,943	102
United States .....	782,831	797,890	102	1,652,162	1,685,837	102

<sup>1</sup> 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	887,947	102	869,331	887,947	102
February .....	782,831	797,890	102	1,652,162	1,685,837	102
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 <sup>1</sup>	
	2025	2026		2025	2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
<b>United States placements</b>					
January .....	7,774	8,553	110	77,087	77,166
February .....	8,223	9,056	110	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	75,963
September .....	8,760			77,547	76,968
October .....	7,788			77,171	
November .....	8,076			78,277	
December .....	8,817			77,627	
Annual total .....	101,688				
<b>Total placements <sup>2</sup></b>					
January .....	9,698	10,758	111		
February .....	10,431	11,053	106		
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 .....	125,738				

<sup>1</sup> For February 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched November 2024 through July 2025.

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

### Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

**Total Layers** includes both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

**Intended Placements** are reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per case of 30 dozen eggs.

**Molted Layers** is the same data series as the previously published Forced Molt Layers. Nomenclature changed as of January 2015.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Primary data for the *Chickens and Eggs* report are from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for layer and egg estimates from each known contractor and independent producer who has at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 500 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Data for egg-type hatchery estimates are collected monthly from all egg-type hatcheries that hatch at least 50,000 chicks a year.

**Estimating Procedures:** Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

For chicken hatcheries, chicks hatched consist of all chicks of domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. Eggs set are eggs in incubators for the purpose of hatching. The relationship of egg-type chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings are carefully monitored. The disposition of egg-type chicks hatched prior to placement into the laying flock can vary significantly, which can make comparisons to changes in layer inventory inconsistent over time. Broiler chicks placed are specifically for meat production. Intended placement data reported by leading breeders include pullet chicks expected from eggs sold the preceding month. The breeders in this report account for a large percentage of replacement pullets for hatchery supply flocks. Production of replacement pullets by these breeders indicates the number of pullets available to hatchery supply layer flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the laying flocks. "Hatchery Supply Flocks" include all generations of layers which could lay eggs to supply a hatchery. This includes the generations of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, pedigree, etc. Also included are research flocks, vaccine flocks, and specific pathogen-free flocks. The broiler cumulative potential placements are a moving total of the intended placements 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months earlier represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

**Revision Policy:** The previous month's estimates are subject to revision if late reports or corrected data indicates a different level. Additionally, revisions after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the annual reports of *Chickens and Eggs Summary* and *Hatchery Production Summary*. Estimates will also be reviewed for chickens and eggs after data from the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Estimates are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets, or operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for total layers over the past 24 months is 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 379 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) 3,391	(1,000) 361	(1,000) 8,645	(number) 23	(number) 1
Eggs .....	1.2	2.1	(million) 85	(million) 4	(million) 232	23	1

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