



# Chickens and Eggs

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## March Egg Production Up 5 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.22 billion during March 2026, up 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.91 billion table eggs, and 1.31 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.20 billion were broiler-type and 115 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during March 2026 totaled 376 million, up 5 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,454 eggs, down slightly from March 2025.

Total layers in the United States on April 1, 2026 totaled 373 million, up 4 percent from last year. The 373 million layers consisted of 307 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.08 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2026, averaged 79.2 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from April 1, 2025.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 3 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2026 totaled 59.2 million, down 3 percent from March 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 60.0 million on April 1, 2026, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 201 thousand during March 2026, up 2 percent from March 2025.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2026 totaled 889 million, up 3 percent from March 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 764 million on April 1, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.18 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2026, down 2 percent from March 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		377,386
March .....		356,956		375,877
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	8,328.5	6,823.0	7,136.0	1,170.5	1,192.5
March .....	8,774.2	9,224.3	7,492.6	7,912.6	1,281.6	1,311.7
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

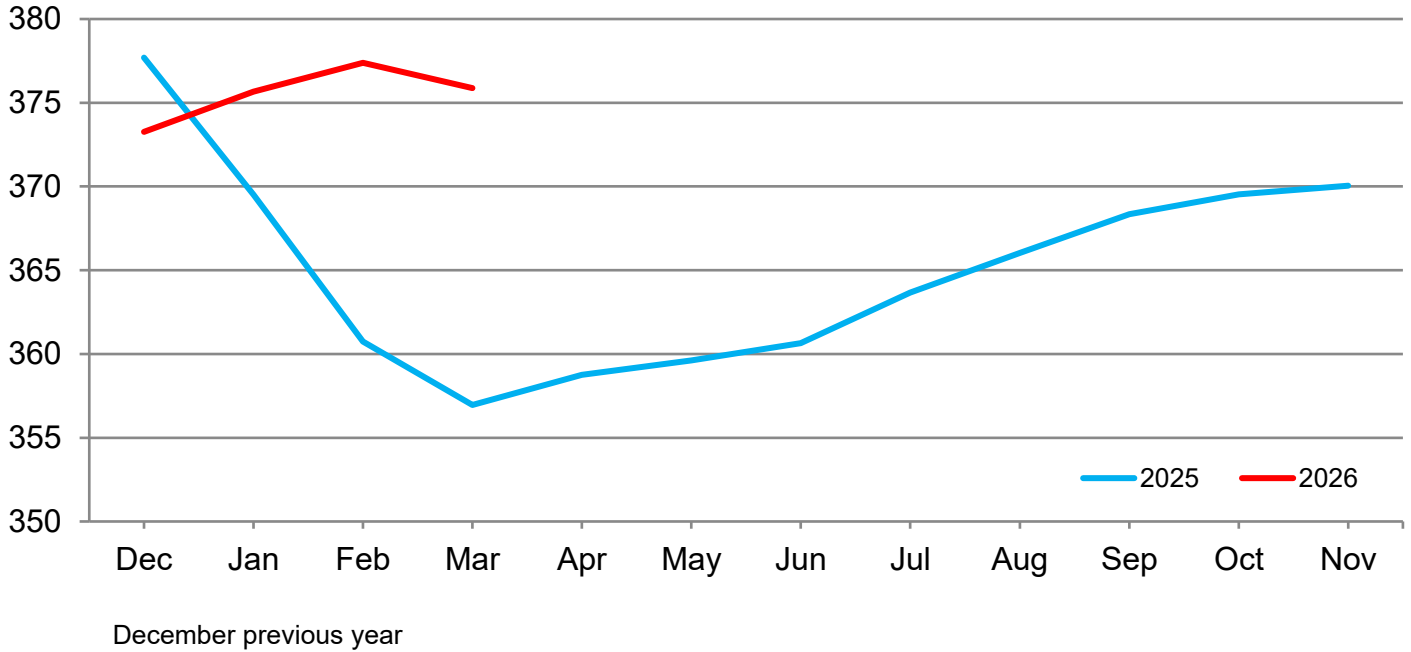
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	768,891.2	763,341.4	661,824.8	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	694,041.9	568,583.8	594,666.8	97,541.5	99,375.1
March .....	731,183.9	768,691.4	624,383.7	659,383.0	106,800.2	109,308.4
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.

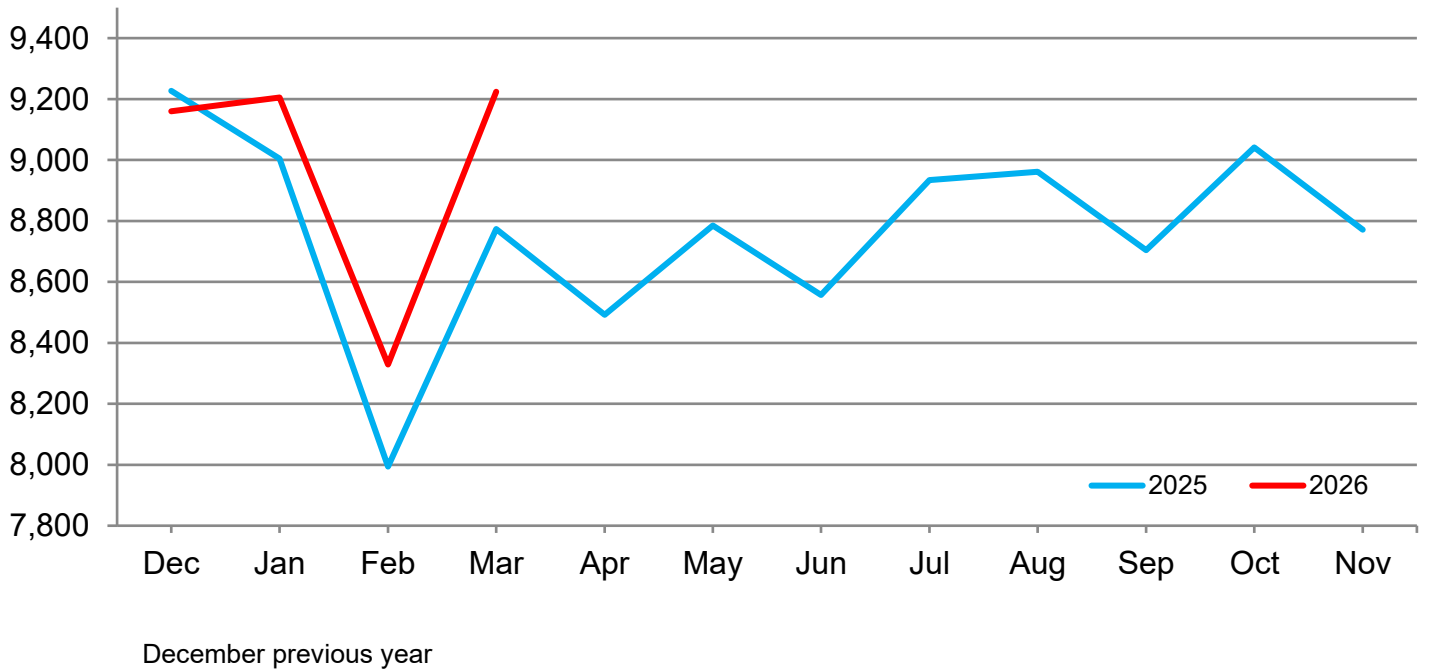
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



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

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
<b>Layers during February</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	360,746	377,386	105
Table egg type ..... 1,000	295,489	311,641	105
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	65,257	65,745	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	61,372	60,881	99
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,885	4,864	125
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during February</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,216	2,207	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,309	2,290	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,794	1,814	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,757	1,774	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,368	2,307	97
<b>Eggs produced during February</b>			
Total layers ..... million	7,993.5	8,328.5	104
Table egg type ..... million	6,823.0	7,136.0	105
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,170.5	1,192.5	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,078.5	1,080.3	100
Egg-type hatching ..... million	92.0	112.2	122
<b>Eggs produced during February</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	666,125.3	694,041.9	104
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	568,583.8	594,666.8	105
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	97,541.5	99,375.1	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	89,874.9	90,025.0	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	379,176	106
Table egg type ..... 1,000	291,871	313,253	107
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,693	65,923	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,801	61,079	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	79.0	99
Table egg type ..... number	83.0	82.0	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	64.1	64.8	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.8	63.2	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.8	84.6	100
<b>Molted layers on March 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.0	1.8	90
Molt completed ..... percent	10.3	10.5	102
Layers sold for slaughter during February ..... 1,000	13,376.2	11,652.7	87
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during February ..... 1,000	21,455.3	11,829.5	55
Pullets on March 1 ..... 1,000	136,346	143,526	105
Pullets added during February <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	28,781.3	27,739.3	96

<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: March-April 2025 and 2026**

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
<b>Layers during March</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	356,956	375,877	105
Table egg type ..... 1,000	292,373	310,254	106
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,583	65,623	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,646	61,160	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,937	4,463	113
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during March</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,458	2,454	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,563	2,550	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,984	1,999	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,944	1,957	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,611	2,575	99
<b>Eggs produced during March</b>			
Total layers ..... million	8,774.2	9,224.3	105
Table egg type ..... million	7,492.6	7,912.6	106
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,281.6	1,311.7	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,178.8	1,196.8	102
Egg-type hatching ..... million	102.8	114.9	112
<b>Eggs produced during March</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	731,183.9	768,691.4	105
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	624,383.7	659,383.0	106
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	106,800.2	109,308.4	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	98,233.4	99,733.4	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	8,566.8	9,575.0	112
<b>Layers on April 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	357,315	372,551	104
Table egg type ..... 1,000	292,858	307,244	105
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,457	65,307	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,482	61,228	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,975	4,079	103
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on April 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	79.0	79.2	100
Table egg type ..... number	82.3	82.4	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.9	64.1	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.6	63.0	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	83.6	81.2	97
<b>Molted layers on April 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.3	1.5	65
Molt completed ..... percent	10.3	10.3	100
Layers sold for slaughter during March ..... 1,000	13,108.7	12,534.8	96
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during March ..... 1,000	10,796.7	18,252.6	169
Pullets on April 1 ..... 1,000	137,077	143,578	105
Pullets added during March <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,722.7	26,700.9	96

<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 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	1,920
California .....	1,878	7,704	2,256	8,067	2,030	2,183
Colorado .....	1,861	1,360	2,349	1,847	2,188	2,317
Georgia .....	9,855	9,493	19,894	19,306	2,048	2,051
Illinois .....	6,030	6,401	6,625	6,999	2,214	2,285
Indiana .....	36,018	35,970	36,957	36,895	2,309	2,255
Iowa .....	40,209	45,463	42,087	47,736	2,291	2,347
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,450	5,379	1,950	1,984
Michigan .....	11,311	13,221	11,916	13,806	2,298	2,384
Minnesota .....	6,825	7,042	7,309	7,555	2,340	2,312
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,874	5,951	1,958	1,979
Missouri .....	10,944	11,891	15,152	16,096	2,295	2,266
Nebraska .....	7,909	8,461	8,621	9,166	2,350	2,262
New York .....	5,408	5,537	5,908	6,070	2,395	2,356
North Carolina .....	5,037	7,809	13,675	16,218	1,951	2,058
Ohio .....	34,764	41,376	36,026	42,662	2,326	2,292
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,124	2,040	1,911	1,936
Oregon .....	1,457	1,473	1,567	1,583	2,265	2,280
Pennsylvania .....	22,021	21,270	25,224	25,079	2,356	2,323
South Carolina .....	2,790	2,608	4,123	4,008	2,122	2,063
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,559	22,772	2,154	2,103
Utah .....	6,292	6,988	6,332	7,028	2,293	2,119
Washington .....	5,642	4,082	5,744	4,184	2,221	2,175
Wisconsin .....	7,056	4,843	8,242	6,055	2,428	2,114
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	57,797	54,555	37,722	34,085	2,214	2,251
United States .....	282,405	298,559	360,746	377,386	2,216	2,207

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<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 March 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 .....	1,306	1,071	11,146	11,432	1,944	1,882
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,880	15,580	2,170	2,123
California .....	2,462	8,316	2,846	8,679	2,347	2,470
Colorado .....	1,986	1,360	2,474	1,847	2,425	2,637
Georgia .....	9,830	9,301	19,776	19,102	2,258	2,287
Illinois .....	5,920	6,721	6,523	7,318	2,523	2,585
Indiana .....	33,203	37,131	34,171	38,028	2,575	2,502
Iowa .....	40,962	44,996	42,835	47,258	2,557	2,609
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,384	5,341	2,162	2,211
Michigan .....	11,641	13,181	12,228	13,767	2,543	2,655
Minnesota .....	6,808	7,181	7,298	7,693	2,591	2,570
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,931	5,953	2,162	2,194
Missouri .....	11,197	12,319	15,361	16,524	2,589	2,526
Nebraska .....	7,923	8,474	8,623	9,211	2,571	2,461
New York .....	5,363	5,542	5,872	6,075	2,643	2,622
North Carolina .....	4,898	6,545	13,411	15,076	2,180	2,274
Ohio .....	32,067	42,120	33,320	43,406	2,578	2,593
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,107	2,033	2,140	2,086
Oregon .....	1,442	1,489	1,552	1,599	2,603	2,420
Pennsylvania .....	21,709	18,554	24,903	21,964	2,613	2,591
South Carolina .....	2,680	2,618	3,999	4,029	2,356	2,281
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,353	22,781	2,394	2,321
Utah .....	6,517	7,003	6,557	7,043	2,449	2,346
Washington .....	5,564	4,711	5,666	4,813	2,462	2,383
Wisconsin .....	7,186	3,736	8,383	4,946	2,676	2,378
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	58,622	54,803	38,357	34,379	2,449	2,481
United States .....	279,286	297,172	356,956	375,877	2,458	2,454

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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	300.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	45.8	176.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	51.4	42.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	407.4	395.9	231.1	220.4	176.3	175.5
Illinois .....	146.7	159.9	142.3	155.3	4.4	4.6
Indiana .....	853.2	831.8	841.2	819.8	12.0	12.0
Iowa .....	964.1	1,120.5	942.5	1,090.4	21.6	30.1
Kentucky .....	106.3	106.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	273.8	329.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	171.0	174.7	164.2	167.3	6.8	7.4
Mississippi .....	115.0	117.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	347.8	364.7	313.1	328.4	34.7	36.3
Nebraska .....	202.6	207.3	190.4	195.4	12.2	11.9
New York .....	141.5	143.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	266.8	333.7	120.9	187.5	145.9	146.2
Ohio .....	838.0	978.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	40.6	39.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	35.5	36.1	35.5	36.1	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	594.2	582.5	550.9	527.4	43.3	55.1
South Carolina .....	87.5	82.7	65.5	59.9	22.0	22.8
Texas .....	485.9	478.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	145.2	148.9	145.2	148.9	-	-
Washington .....	127.6	91.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	200.1	128.0	194.5	122.5	5.6	5.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	835.1	767.1	2,852.8	3,050.2	522.8	520.5
United States .....	7,993.5	8,328.5	6,823.0	7,136.0	1,170.5	1,192.5

- Represents zero.

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## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: March 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 .....	216.7	215.1	35.5	29.3	181.2	185.8
Arkansas .....	344.6	330.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	66.8	214.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	60.0	48.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	446.5	436.9	253.1	243.2	193.4	193.7
Illinois .....	164.6	189.2	159.5	184.2	5.1	5.0
Indiana .....	879.8	951.5	865.7	938.9	14.1	12.6
Iowa .....	1,095.3	1,232.9	1,071.6	1,199.3	23.7	33.6
Kentucky .....	116.4	118.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	310.9	365.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	189.1	197.7	180.9	189.3	8.2	8.4
Mississippi .....	128.2	130.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	397.7	417.4	360.0	377.2	37.7	40.2
Nebraska .....	221.7	226.7	207.9	212.9	13.8	13.8
New York .....	155.2	159.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	292.3	342.8	132.7	180.0	159.6	162.8
Ohio .....	859.1	1,125.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	45.1	42.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	40.4	38.7	40.4	38.7	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	650.6	569.1	603.8	516.9	46.8	52.2
South Carolina .....	94.2	91.9	70.1	66.5	24.1	25.4
Texas .....	535.2	528.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	160.6	165.2	160.6	165.2	-	-
Washington .....	139.5	114.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	224.3	117.6	217.8	111.4	6.5	6.2
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	939.4	852.8	3,133.0	3,459.6	567.4	572.0
United States .....	8,774.2	9,224.3	7,492.6	7,912.6	1,281.6	1,311.7

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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	25,058.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	3,816.7	14,675.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,283.3	3,566.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	33,950.1	32,991.7	19,258.4	18,366.7	14,691.7	14,625.0
Illinois .....	12,225.0	12,324.9	11,858.3	12,941.6	366.7	383.3
Indiana .....	71,100.0	69,316.7	70,100.0	68,316.7	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	8,891.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	22,816.7	27,433.3	(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	9,816.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	28,983.3	30,391.7	26,091.7	27,366.7	2,891.6	3,025.0
Nebraska .....	16,883.2	17,275.0	15,866.6	16,283.3	1,016.6	991.7
New York .....	11,791.7	11,916.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	22,233.3	27,808.3	10,075.0	15,625.0	12,158.3	12,183.3
Ohio .....	69,833.3	81,500.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,383.4	3,291.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	2,958.3	3,008.3	2,958.3	3,008.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	49,516.6	48,541.7	45,908.3	43,950.0	3,608.3	4,591.7
South Carolina .....	7,291.7	6,891.7	5,458.4	4,991.7	1,833.3	1,900.0
Texas .....	40,491.7	39,900.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	12,100.0	12,408.4	12,100.0	12,408.4	-	-
Washington .....	10,633.3	7,583.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	16,675.0	10,666.6	16,208.4	10,208.3	466.6	458.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	69,592.0	63,925.1	237,733.8	254,183.4	43,566.8	43,375.1
United States .....	666,125.3	694,041.9	568,583.8	594,666.8	97,541.5	99,375.1

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: March 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 .....	18,058.4	17,924.9	2,958.4	2,441.6	15,100.0	15,483.3
Arkansas .....	28,716.7	27,566.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	5,566.7	17,866.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	5,000.0	4,058.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	37,208.4	36,408.4	21,091.7	20,266.7	16,116.7	16,141.7
Illinois .....	13,716.6	15,766.7	13,291.6	15,350.0	425.0	416.7
Indiana .....	73,316.7	79,291.6	72,141.7	78,241.6	1,175.0	1,050.0
Iowa .....	91,275.0	102,741.6	89,300.0	99,941.6	1,975.0	2,800.0
Kentucky .....	9,700.0	9,841.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	25,908.3	30,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	15,758.4	16,475.0	15,075.0	15,775.0	683.4	700.0
Mississippi .....	10,683.4	10,883.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	33,141.7	34,783.3	30,000.0	31,433.3	3,141.7	3,350.0
Nebraska .....	18,475.0	18,891.7	17,325.0	17,741.7	1,150.0	1,150.0
New York .....	12,933.3	13,275.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	24,358.4	28,566.7	11,058.4	15,000.0	13,300.0	13,566.7
Ohio .....	71,591.7	93,791.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,758.3	3,533.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	3,366.7	3,225.0	3,366.7	3,225.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	54,216.7	47,425.0	50,316.7	43,075.0	3,900.0	4,350.0
South Carolina .....	7,850.0	7,658.3	5,841.7	5,541.6	2,008.3	2,116.7
Texas .....	44,600.0	44,066.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	13,383.3	13,766.7	13,383.3	13,766.7	-	-
Washington .....	11,625.0	9,558.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	18,691.7	9,800.0	18,150.0	9,283.3	541.7	516.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	78,283.5	71,066.7	261,083.5	288,299.9	47,283.4	47,666.6
United States .....	731,183.9	768,691.4	624,383.7	659,383.0	106,800.2	109,308.4

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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	1.8	10.3	10.5
April .....	2.3	1.5	10.3	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: March 1 and April 1, 2025-2026

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	March 1		April 1		March 1		April 1	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	2.0	0.5	2.0	0.5	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5
Arkansas .....	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	14.0	8.5	15.0	8.0
California .....	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	5.5	3.0	4.5	2.5
Colorado .....	-	1.5	-	1.5	2.0	2.5	1.0	2.5
Georgia .....	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.5	9.0	8.0	8.5	6.5
Illinois .....	6.0	1.0	6.0	-	29.0	18.5	25.0	17.5
Indiana .....	1.0	0.5	1.5	0.5	7.5	10.5	7.0	10.5
Iowa .....	4.0	1.5	6.0	1.5	9.0	6.5	9.5	5.5
Kentucky .....	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	25.0	17.5	27.0	16.5
Michigan .....	-	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	2.0	1.0	1.5
Minnesota .....	2.0	4.0	1.5	2.0	5.0	4.5	4.5	5.5
Mississippi .....	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	14.0	18.5	14.5	18.5
Missouri .....	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	5.0
Nebraska .....	2.0	1.5	2.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
New York .....	2.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	2.5	7.0	1.5	7.0
North Carolina .....	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.0	4.5	4.5	6.0	5.5
Ohio .....	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	7.5	4.0	8.0	4.0
Oklahoma .....	6.0	0.5	2.0	0.5	18.5	23.5	20.5	23.0
Oregon .....	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Pennsylvania .....	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	3.0	10.0	2.0	10.0
South Carolina .....	2.0	6.5	3.0	6.5	10.0	11.5	9.5	11.5
Texas .....	2.5	4.5	4.0	3.5	35.0	47.5	34.5	46.0
Utah .....	4.5	4.5	2.5	4.5	1.5	22.0	5.0	22.0
Washington .....	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	2.0	0.5	2.5	0.5
Wisconsin .....	-	5.0	2.0	1.0	10.5	4.5	10.0	2.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	2.6	2.0	2.1	16.6	16.1	15.9	15.9
United States .....	2.0	1.8	2.3	1.5	10.3	10.5	10.3	10.3

- 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 April 1 .....	61,895	59,955	97
Chicks hatched during March .....	60,769	59,231	97
Chicks hatched January through March .....	174,311	166,942	96
<b>Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	197	201	102
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,765	2,732	99
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on April 1 .....	747,638	764,198	102
Chicks hatched during March .....	866,665	888,793	103
Chicks hatched January through March .....	2,515,085	2,574,524	102
<b>Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	9,408	9,180	98
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	77,337	77,384	100

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

<sup>2</sup> 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2024 through August 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 .....	56,032	57,766	103
March .....	57,939	57,119	99
April .....	61,895	59,955	97
May .....	60,738		
June .....	59,828		
July .....	56,016		
August .....	56,077		
September .....	53,397		
October .....	55,812		
November .....	54,910		
December .....	54,137		

## 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 .....	56,351	53,450	95	56,351	53,450	95
February .....	57,191	54,261	95	113,542	107,711	95
March .....	60,769	59,231	97	174,311	166,942	96
April .....	61,286			235,597		
May .....	60,389			295,986		
June .....	59,587			355,573		
July .....	58,236			413,809		
August .....	57,487			471,296		
September .....	55,639			526,935		
October .....	57,251			584,186		
November .....	53,116			637,302		
December .....	52,845			690,147		

## 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	201	102	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	2,784
November .....	193			2,724	
December .....	218			2,713	
Annual total .....	2,724				

<sup>1</sup> For March 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched September 2024 through August 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 .....	745,122	757,696	102
February .....	743,724	759,294	102
March .....	747,248	763,816	102
April .....	747,638	764,198	102
May .....	750,444		
June .....	757,387		
July .....	751,792		
August .....	748,411		
September .....	748,295		
October .....	726,714		
November .....	728,219		
December .....	758,092		

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

State	During March			January-March		
	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 .....	123,672	124,920	101	359,201	360,612	100
Arkansas .....	91,561	95,191	104	262,550	275,866	105
Delaware .....	20,138	20,442	102	57,898	60,134	104
Georgia .....	118,603	124,036	105	347,570	359,193	103
Kentucky .....	27,914	29,047	104	79,594	84,043	106
Maryland .....	29,892	30,099	101	84,690	85,661	101
Mississippi .....	63,914	64,081	100	185,849	187,315	101
Missouri .....	31,777	32,967	104	92,519	95,088	103
North Carolina .....	88,252	90,929	103	258,840	264,462	102
Oklahoma .....	20,149	19,642	97	58,018	57,543	99
Pennsylvania .....	30,213	32,708	108	88,406	94,182	107
South Carolina .....	20,227	20,876	103	59,100	61,336	104
Texas .....	67,227	67,768	101	196,414	198,763	101
Virginia .....	20,089	20,518	102	57,435	57,572	100
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	54,878	56,488	103	158,717	161,730	102
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	58,159	59,081	102	168,284	171,024	102
United States .....	866,665	888,793	103	2,515,085	2,574,524	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 .....	869,126	887,947	102	869,126	887,947	102
February .....	779,294	797,784	102	1,648,420	1,685,731	102
March .....	866,665	888,793	103	2,515,085	2,574,524	102
April .....	842,017			3,357,102		
May .....	876,819			4,233,921		
June .....	856,858			5,090,779		
July .....	880,242			5,971,021		
August .....	878,352			6,849,373		
September .....	847,190			7,696,563		
October .....	852,447			8,549,010		
November .....	831,817			9,380,827		
December .....	889,026			10,269,853		

## 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	9,180	98	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	76,769
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	11,416	98		
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 March 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched December 2025 through August 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 376 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) 3,345	(1,000) 361	(1,000) 8,645	(number) 22	(number) 2
Eggs .....	1.2	2.0	(million) 83	(million) 4	(million) 232	22	2

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