



# Chickens and Eggs

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## April Egg Production Up 5 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.92 billion during April 2026, up 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.65 billion table eggs, and 1.27 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.16 billion were broiler-type and 112 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during April 2026 totaled 373 million, up 4 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,392 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2025.

Total layers in the United States on May 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, 61.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2026, averaged 79.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from May 1, 2025.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down Slightly

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2026 totaled 61.0 million, down slightly from April 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 59.5 million on May 1, 2026, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 228 thousand during April 2026, down 3 percent from April 2025.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2026 totaled 867 million, up 3 percent from April 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 770 million on May 1, 2026, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.31 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2026, down 6 percent from April 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		376,064
April .....		358,756		372,963
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	9,248.7	7,492.6	7,933.2	1,281.6	1,315.5
April .....	8,492.1	8,923.0	7,253.7	7,652.2	1,238.4	1,270.8
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

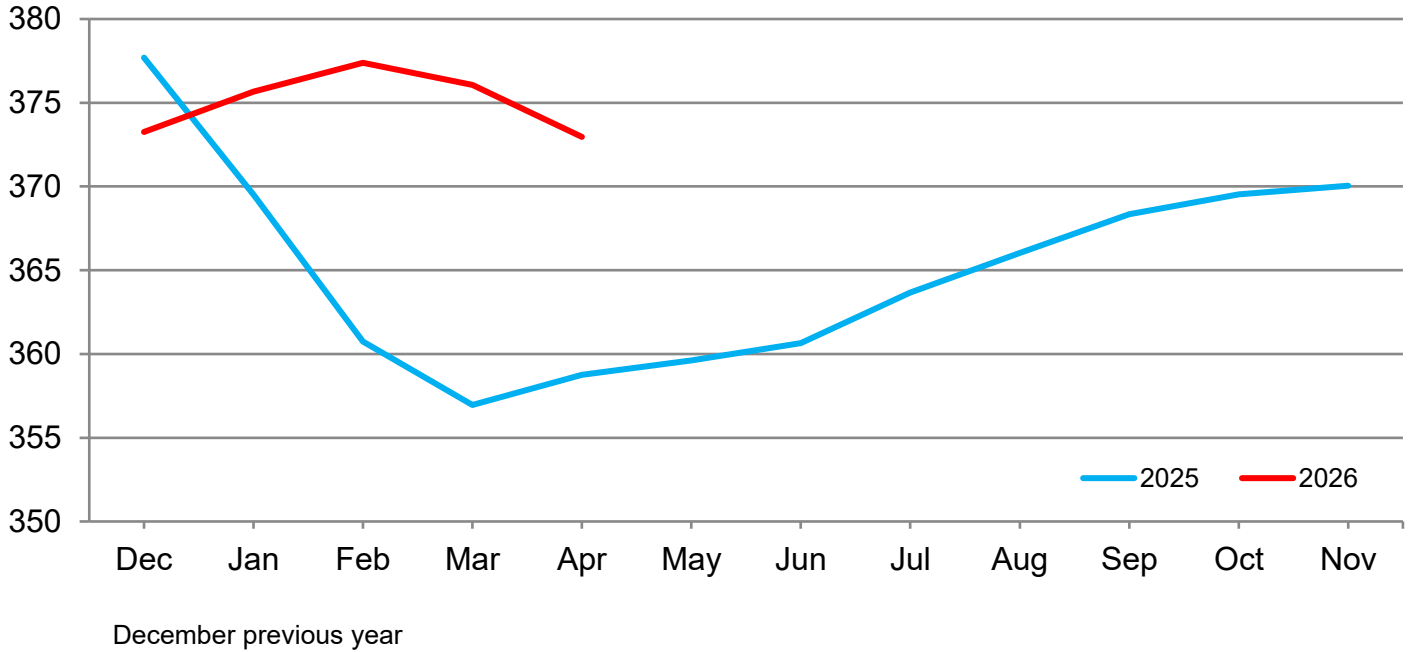
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	768,891.2	763,341.4	661,824.8	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	770,724.8	624,383.7	661,099.9	106,800.2	109,624.9
April .....	707,674.7	743,583.5	604,474.8	637,683.6	103,199.9	105,899.9
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.

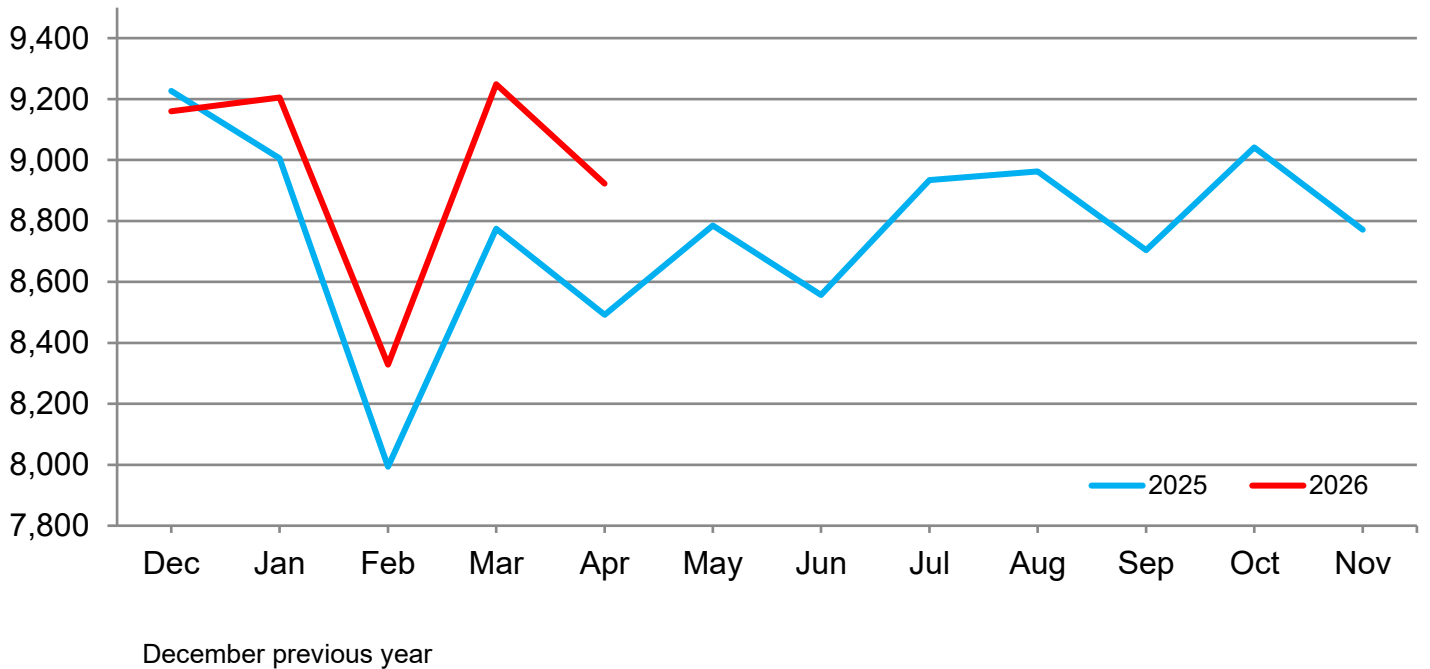
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



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

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
<b>Layers during March</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	356,956	376,064	105
Table egg type ..... 1,000	292,373	310,263	106
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,583	65,801	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,646	61,146	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,937	4,655	118
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during March</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,458	2,459	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,563	2,557	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,984	1,999	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,944	1,955	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,611	2,580	99
<b>Eggs produced during March</b>			
Total layers ..... million	8,774.2	9,248.7	105
Table egg type ..... million	7,492.6	7,933.2	106
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,281.6	1,315.5	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,178.8	1,195.4	101
Egg-type hatching ..... million	102.8	120.1	117
<b>Eggs produced during March</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	731,183.9	770,724.8	105
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	624,383.7	661,099.9	106
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	106,800.2	109,624.9	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	98,233.4	99,616.5	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	8,566.8	10,008.4	117
<b>Layers on April 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	357,315	372,917	104
Table egg type ..... 1,000	292,858	307,253	105
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,457	65,664	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,482	61,202	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,975	4,462	112
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on April 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	79.0	79.6	101
Table egg type ..... number	82.3	82.9	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.9	64.2	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.6	62.9	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	83.6	81.9	98
<b>Molted layers on April 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.3	1.5	65
Molt completed ..... percent	10.3	10.0	97
Layers sold for slaughter during March ..... 1,000	13,108.7	13,361.5	102
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during March ..... 1,000	10,796.7	17,637.5	163
Pullets on April 1 ..... 1,000	137,077	144,577	105
Pullets added during March <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,722.7	27,976.7	101

<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: April-May 2025 and 2026

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
<b>Layers during April</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	358,756	372,963	104
Table egg type ..... 1,000	294,245	307,080	104
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,511	65,883	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,580	61,343	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,931	4,540	115
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during April</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,367	2,392	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,465	2,492	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,920	1,929	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,880	1,890	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,529	2,458	97
<b>Eggs produced during April</b>			
Total layers ..... million	8,492.1	8,923.0	105
Table egg type ..... million	7,253.7	7,652.2	105
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,238.4	1,270.8	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,139.0	1,159.2	102
Egg-type hatching ..... million	99.4	111.6	112
<b>Eggs produced during April</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	707,674.7	743,583.5	105
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	604,474.8	637,683.6	105
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	103,199.9	105,899.9	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	94,916.5	96,599.8	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	8,283.4	9,300.1	112
<b>Layers on May 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	360,162	372,984	104
Table egg type ..... 1,000	295,613	306,893	104
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,549	66,091	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,666	61,477	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,883	4,614	119
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on May 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	78.7	79.9	102
Table egg type ..... number	81.9	83.2	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	64.1	64.4	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.7	63.1	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.8	81.7	96
<b>Molted layers on May 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.5	1.5	60
Molt completed ..... percent	10.3	9.5	92
Layers sold for slaughter during April ..... 1,000	13,513.1	13,267.6	98
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during April ..... 1,000	9,255.5	11,361.2	123
Pullets on May 1 ..... 1,000	135,441	145,181	107
Pullets added during April <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	26,285.7	27,489.2	105

<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 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	1,106	11,146	11,580	1,944	1,872
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,880	15,587	2,170	2,145
California .....	2,462	8,401	2,846	8,764	2,347	2,470
Colorado .....	1,986	1,380	2,474	1,867	2,425	2,598
Georgia .....	9,830	9,484	19,776	19,198	2,258	2,288
Illinois .....	5,920	6,702	6,523	7,299	2,523	2,591
Indiana .....	33,203	37,131	34,171	38,028	2,575	2,502
Iowa .....	40,962	44,896	42,835	47,157	2,557	2,609
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,384	5,259	2,162	2,204
Michigan .....	11,641	13,181	12,228	13,767	2,543	2,640
Minnesota .....	6,808	7,181	7,298	7,693	2,591	2,570
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,931	5,974	2,162	2,196
Missouri .....	11,197	12,319	15,361	16,576	2,589	2,524
Nebraska .....	7,923	8,449	8,623	9,186	2,571	2,461
New York .....	5,363	5,542	5,872	6,075	2,643	2,622
North Carolina .....	4,898	6,552	13,411	14,984	2,180	2,262
Ohio .....	32,067	42,184	33,320	43,470	2,578	2,596
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,107	2,036	2,140	2,083
Oregon .....	1,442	1,489	1,552	1,599	2,603	2,383
Pennsylvania .....	21,709	18,554	24,903	22,164	2,613	2,592
South Carolina .....	2,680	2,443	3,999	3,843	2,356	2,337
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,353	22,570	2,394	2,340
Utah .....	6,517	7,155	6,557	7,195	2,449	2,479
Washington .....	5,564	4,711	5,666	4,813	2,462	2,383
Wisconsin .....	7,186	3,735	8,383	4,945	2,676	2,390
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	58,622	54,586	38,357	34,435	2,449	2,494
United States .....	279,286	297,181	356,956	376,064	2,458	2,459

(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 April 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 .....	1,278	1,200	11,169	11,946	1,817	1,767
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,876	15,438	2,121	2,086
California .....	3,113	8,512	3,483	8,872	2,251	2,446
Colorado .....	1,985	1,410	2,473	1,897	2,321	2,530
Georgia .....	9,571	9,518	19,452	19,042	2,170	2,215
Illinois .....	5,856	6,631	6,457	7,217	2,405	2,458
Indiana .....	32,975	37,542	33,970	38,433	2,465	2,444
Iowa .....	41,624	44,132	43,489	46,357	2,458	2,540
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,462	5,193	2,063	2,107
Michigan .....	11,638	13,673	12,205	14,259	2,507	2,523
Minnesota .....	6,763	7,117	7,259	7,645	2,507	2,548
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,915	6,070	2,095	2,119
Missouri .....	11,778	12,629	15,962	16,946	2,435	2,441
Nebraska .....	8,043	8,358	8,739	9,106	2,430	2,368
New York .....	5,338	5,388	5,856	5,919	2,573	2,560
North Carolina .....	4,976	5,083	13,562	13,562	2,129	2,180
Ohio .....	32,163	42,176	33,429	43,462	2,504	2,542
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,126	2,063	1,966	1,983
Oregon .....	1,421	1,273	1,531	1,383	2,560	2,480
Pennsylvania .....	21,944	18,053	25,110	21,609	2,530	2,488
South Carolina .....	2,570	2,297	3,860	3,659	2,280	2,323
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,358	22,312	2,257	2,277
Utah .....	6,582	7,292	6,622	7,332	2,427	2,523
Washington .....	5,465	4,872	5,567	4,974	2,409	2,314
Wisconsin .....	7,109	2,493	8,305	3,691	2,561	2,484
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	58,966	54,349	38,519	34,576	2,373	2,422
United States .....	281,158	293,998	358,756	372,963	2,367	2,392

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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: 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	216.8	35.5	28.9	181.2	187.9
Arkansas .....	344.6	334.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	66.8	216.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	60.0	48.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	446.5	439.3	253.1	247.9	193.4	191.4
Illinois .....	164.6	189.1	159.5	184.1	5.1	5.0
Indiana .....	879.8	951.5	865.7	938.9	14.1	12.6
Iowa .....	1,095.3	1,230.3	1,071.6	1,196.7	23.7	33.6
Kentucky .....	116.4	115.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	310.9	363.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	189.1	197.7	180.9	189.3	8.2	8.4
Mississippi .....	128.2	131.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	397.7	418.3	360.0	377.2	37.7	41.1
Nebraska .....	221.7	226.1	207.9	212.3	13.8	13.8
New York .....	155.2	159.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	292.3	339.0	132.7	178.2	159.6	160.8
Ohio .....	859.1	1,128.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	45.1	42.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	40.4	38.1	40.4	38.1	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	650.6	574.6	603.8	516.9	46.8	57.7
South Carolina .....	94.2	89.8	70.1	64.6	24.1	25.2
Texas .....	535.2	528.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	160.6	178.4	160.6	178.4	-	-
Washington .....	139.5	114.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	224.3	118.2	217.8	112.0	6.5	6.2
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	939.4	858.7	3,133.0	3,469.7	567.4	571.8
United States .....	8,774.2	9,248.7	7,492.6	7,933.2	1,281.6	1,315.5

- Represents zero.

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## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: April 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 .....	202.9	211.1	30.7	26.8	172.2	184.3
Arkansas .....	336.7	322.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	78.4	217.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	57.4	48.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	422.2	421.7	236.3	238.7	185.9	183.0
Illinois .....	155.3	177.4	150.3	172.8	5.0	4.6
Indiana .....	837.2	939.3	823.1	927.7	14.1	11.6
Iowa .....	1,069.1	1,177.6	1,045.9	1,146.8	23.2	30.8
Kentucky .....	112.7	109.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	306.0	359.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	182.0	194.8	174.1	186.6	7.9	8.2
Mississippi .....	123.9	128.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	388.7	413.7	351.6	372.8	37.1	40.9
Nebraska .....	212.4	215.6	199.5	202.0	12.9	13.6
New York .....	150.7	151.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	288.8	295.7	130.7	136.0	158.1	159.7
Ohio .....	837.2	1,104.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	41.8	40.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	39.2	34.3	39.2	34.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	635.2	537.6	590.3	484.1	44.9	53.5
South Carolina .....	88.0	85.0	65.0	60.8	23.0	24.2
Texas .....	504.7	508.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	160.7	185.0	160.7	185.0	-	-
Washington .....	134.1	115.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	212.7	91.7	206.4	85.8	6.3	5.9
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	914.1	837.4	3,049.9	3,392.0	547.8	550.5
United States .....	8,492.1	8,923.0	7,253.7	7,652.2	1,238.4	1,270.8

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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	18,066.6	2,958.4	2,408.3	15,100.0	15,658.3
Arkansas .....	28,716.7	27,858.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	5,566.7	18,041.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	5,000.0	4,041.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	37,208.4	36,608.3	21,091.7	20,658.3	16,116.7	15,950.0
Illinois .....	13,716.6	15,758.4	13,291.6	15,341.7	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	102,525.0	89,300.0	99,725.0	1,975.0	2,800.0
Kentucky .....	9,700.0	9,658.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	25,908.3	30,283.4	(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	10,933.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	33,141.7	34,858.3	30,000.0	31,433.3	3,141.7	3,425.0
Nebraska .....	18,475.0	18,841.7	17,325.0	17,691.7	1,150.0	1,150.0
New York .....	12,933.3	13,275.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	24,358.4	28,250.0	11,058.4	14,850.0	13,300.0	13,400.0
Ohio .....	71,591.7	94,041.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,758.3	3,533.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	3,366.7	3,175.0	3,366.7	3,175.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	54,216.7	47,883.4	50,316.7	43,075.0	3,900.0	4,808.4
South Carolina .....	7,850.0	7,483.4	5,841.7	5,383.4	2,008.3	2,100.0
Texas .....	44,600.0	44,008.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	13,383.3	14,866.6	13,383.3	14,866.6	-	-
Washington .....	11,625.0	9,558.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	18,691.7	9,850.0	18,150.0	9,333.3	541.7	516.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	78,283.5	71,558.2	261,083.5	289,141.7	47,283.4	47,649.8
United States .....	731,183.9	770,724.8	624,383.7	661,099.9	106,800.2	109,624.9

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: April 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 .....	16,908.3	17,591.7	2,558.3	2,233.4	14,350.0	15,358.3
Arkansas .....	28,058.4	26,841.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	6,533.3	18,083.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	4,783.4	4,000.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	35,183.3	35,141.6	19,691.6	19,891.6	15,491.7	15,250.0
Illinois .....	12,941.6	14,783.3	12,525.0	14,400.0	416.6	383.3
Indiana .....	69,766.7	78,275.1	68,591.7	77,308.4	1,175.0	966.7
Iowa .....	89,091.6	98,133.3	87,158.3	95,566.6	1,933.3	2,566.7
Kentucky .....	9,391.7	9,116.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	25,500.1	29,975.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	15,166.7	16,233.3	14,508.4	15,550.0	658.3	683.3
Mississippi .....	10,324.9	10,716.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	32,391.7	34,475.0	29,300.0	31,066.7	3,091.7	3,408.3
Nebraska .....	17,700.0	17,966.6	16,625.0	16,833.3	1,075.0	1,133.3
New York .....	12,558.3	12,625.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	24,066.7	24,641.6	10,891.7	11,333.3	13,175.0	13,308.3
Ohio .....	69,766.6	92,058.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,483.4	3,408.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	3,266.6	2,858.3	3,266.6	2,858.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	52,933.2	44,800.0	49,191.6	40,341.7	3,741.6	4,458.3
South Carolina .....	7,333.3	7,083.4	5,416.6	5,066.7	1,916.7	2,016.7
Texas .....	42,058.3	42,341.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	13,391.6	15,416.6	13,391.6	15,416.6	-	-
Washington .....	11,175.0	9,591.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	17,725.0	7,641.7	17,200.0	7,150.0	525.0	491.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	76,175.0	69,783.4	254,158.4	282,667.0	45,650.0	45,875.0
United States .....	707,674.7	743,583.5	604,474.8	637,683.6	103,199.9	105,899.9

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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	1.8	10.3	10.5
April .....	2.3	1.5	10.3	10.0
May .....	2.5	1.5	10.3	9.5
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: April 1 and May 1, 2025-2026

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	April 1		May 1		April 1		May 1	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	2.0	0.5	3.5	1.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.5
Arkansas .....	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.5	15.0	8.0	15.5	5.5
California .....	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.5	2.5	4.0	2.5
Colorado .....	-	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.0	2.5	1.0	2.5
Georgia .....	1.0	2.5	1.0	2.0	8.5	7.5	8.0	8.5
Illinois .....	6.0	1.0	6.0	5.0	25.0	17.5	21.5	14.5
Indiana .....	1.5	0.5	2.5	-	7.0	10.5	7.0	9.5
Iowa .....	6.0	1.5	4.5	1.0	9.5	5.5	12.5	6.0
Kentucky .....	3.5	2.0	5.0	3.0	27.0	14.5	26.5	10.5
Michigan .....	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	1.5	-	2.0
Minnesota .....	1.5	-	3.0	-	4.5	6.5	3.5	4.0
Mississippi .....	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	14.5	18.5	15.0	15.5
Missouri .....	1.5	1.0	3.5	0.5	6.0	5.5	6.5	5.5
Nebraska .....	2.5	2.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0
New York .....	1.0	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	7.0	1.5	5.0
North Carolina .....	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	5.5	6.0	5.5
Ohio .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	4.0	8.0	4.0
Oklahoma .....	2.0	0.5	3.5	1.0	20.5	23.0	18.0	21.0
Oregon .....	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0
Pennsylvania .....	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	2.0	9.5	2.0	9.0
South Carolina .....	3.0	5.0	3.0	6.0	9.5	8.0	5.0	4.0
Texas .....	4.0	3.5	4.5	4.5	34.5	40.5	34.5	38.5
Utah .....	2.5	6.0	4.5	6.0	5.0	23.0	3.5	26.5
Washington .....	1.0	0.5	2.0	1.5	2.5	0.5	1.0	0.5
Wisconsin .....	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	2.0	9.5	2.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.5	15.9	16.2	15.4	15.6
United States .....	2.3	1.5	2.5	1.5	10.3	10.0	10.3	9.5

- 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 May 1 .....	60,738	59,541	98
Chicks hatched during April .....	61,286	61,044	100
Chicks hatched January through April .....	235,597	227,370	97
<b>Pullets hatched during April for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	235	228	97
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,771	2,728	98
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on May 1 .....	750,444	770,316	103
Chicks hatched during April .....	842,017	866,677	103
Chicks hatched January through April .....	3,357,102	3,441,285	103
<b>Pullets hatched during April for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	8,873	8,310	94
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	77,528	77,007	99

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

<sup>2</sup> 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2025 through September 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	60,664	98
May .....	60,738	59,541	98
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	58,615	96	174,311	166,326	95
April .....	61,286	61,044	100	235,597	227,370	97
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	228	97	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	2,777
December .....	218			2,713	
Annual total .....	2,724				

<sup>1</sup> For April 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched October 2024 through September 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	765,382	102
May .....	750,444	770,316	103
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: April 2025 and 2026

State	During April			January-April		
	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 .....	119,955	121,382	101	479,156	482,193	101
Arkansas .....	90,413	92,939	103	352,963	368,905	105
Delaware .....	19,021	19,980	105	76,919	80,114	104
Georgia .....	114,787	120,649	105	462,357	479,513	104
Kentucky .....	27,072	28,249	104	106,666	112,292	105
Maryland .....	28,922	28,758	99	113,612	114,419	101
Mississippi .....	61,360	63,959	104	247,209	251,274	102
Missouri .....	31,514	31,695	101	124,033	126,783	102
North Carolina .....	84,992	86,689	102	343,832	351,151	102
Oklahoma .....	19,682	19,539	99	77,700	77,035	99
Pennsylvania .....	29,540	31,444	106	117,946	125,626	107
South Carolina .....	19,137	21,214	111	78,237	82,548	106
Texas .....	65,239	66,103	101	261,653	264,770	101
Virginia .....	18,884	20,217	107	76,319	77,789	102
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	54,794	55,440	101	213,511	217,445	102
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	56,705	58,420	103	224,989	229,428	102
United States .....	842,017	866,677	103	3,357,102	3,441,285	103

<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	888,877	103	2,515,085	2,574,608	102
April .....	842,017	866,677	103	3,357,102	3,441,285	103
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	9,221	98	77,337	77,384
April .....	8,873	8,310	94	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	76,810
November .....	8,076			78,277	76,820
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	11,883	102		
April .....	10,805	10,426	96		
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 April 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched January 2025 through September 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 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 373 million layers by more than 1.1 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) 1.1	(percent) 2.0	(1,000) 3,247	(1,000) 187	(1,000) 8,645	(number) 22	(number) 2
Eggs .....	1.2	2.0	(million) 81	(million) 4	(million) 232	22	2

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