Chickens and Eggs

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July Egg Production Up 4 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.30 billion during July 2026, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 8.00 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.20 billion were broiler-type and 108 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during July 2026 totaled 379 million, up 4 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,457 eggs, unchanged from July 2025.

Total layers in the United States on August 1, 2026 totaled 380 million, up 4 percent from last year. The 380 million layers consisted of 315 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.21 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2026, averaged 79.4 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from August 1, 2025.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 2 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2026 totaled 57.0 million, down 2 percent from July 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 54.9 million on August 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 204 thousand during July 2026, down 6 percent from July 2025.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2026 totaled 887 million, up 1 percent from July 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 760 million on August 1, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.45 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2026, up 2 percent from July 2025.

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

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Month	2025	2026
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)
December [1]	377,694	373,264
January	369,507	375,661
February	360,746	377,386
March	356,956	376,064
April	358,756	373,210
May	359,620	375,317
June	360,651	376,919
July	363,669	378,535
August	366,028	
September	368,338	
October	369,524	
November	370,049	

[1] December previous year.

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

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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December [1]	9,226.7	9,160.1	7,941.9	7,858.6	1,284.8	1,301.5
January	9,005.4	9,204.8	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	8,916.3	7,253.7	7,645.2	1,238.4	1,271.1
May	8,785.1	9,206.9	7,503.6	7,894.8	1,281.5	1,312.1
June	8,557.4	8,914.4	7,308.4	7,654.7	1,249.0	1,259.7
July	8,933.7	9,299.6	7,633.3	7,995.4	1,300.4	1,304.2
August	8,962.2		7,662.8		1,299.4	
September	8,704.1		7,448.6		1,255.5	
October	9,041.1		7,749.9		1,291.2	
November	8,771.0		7,523.6		1,247.4	

[1] December previous year.

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

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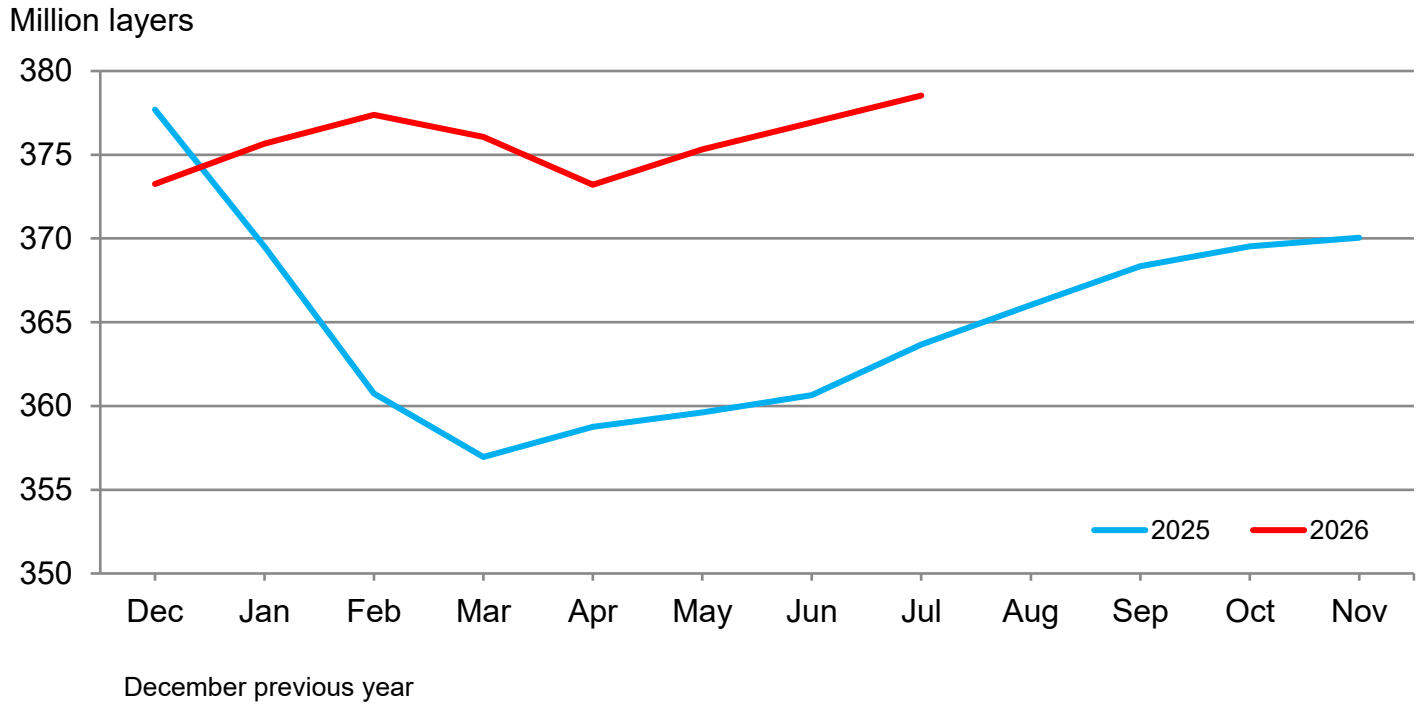
Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December [1]	768,891.2	763,341.4	661,824.8	654,883.3	107,066.4	108,458.1
January	750,450.2	767,066.6	642,425.1	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	743,025.0	604,474.8	637,099.9	103,199.9	105,925.1
May	732,091.7	767,241.6	625,300.2	657,899.9	106,791.5	109,341.7
June	713,116.8	742,867.1	609,033.4	637,892.0	104,083.4	104,975.1
July	744,475.4	774,966.6	636,108.7	666,283.2	108,366.7	108,683.4
August	746,850.2		638,566.8		108,283.4	
September	725,341.6		620,716.7		104,624.9	
October	753,425.3		645,825.4		107,599.9	
November	730,917.0		626,967.0		103,950.0	

[1] December previous year.

Average Layers During the Month – United States



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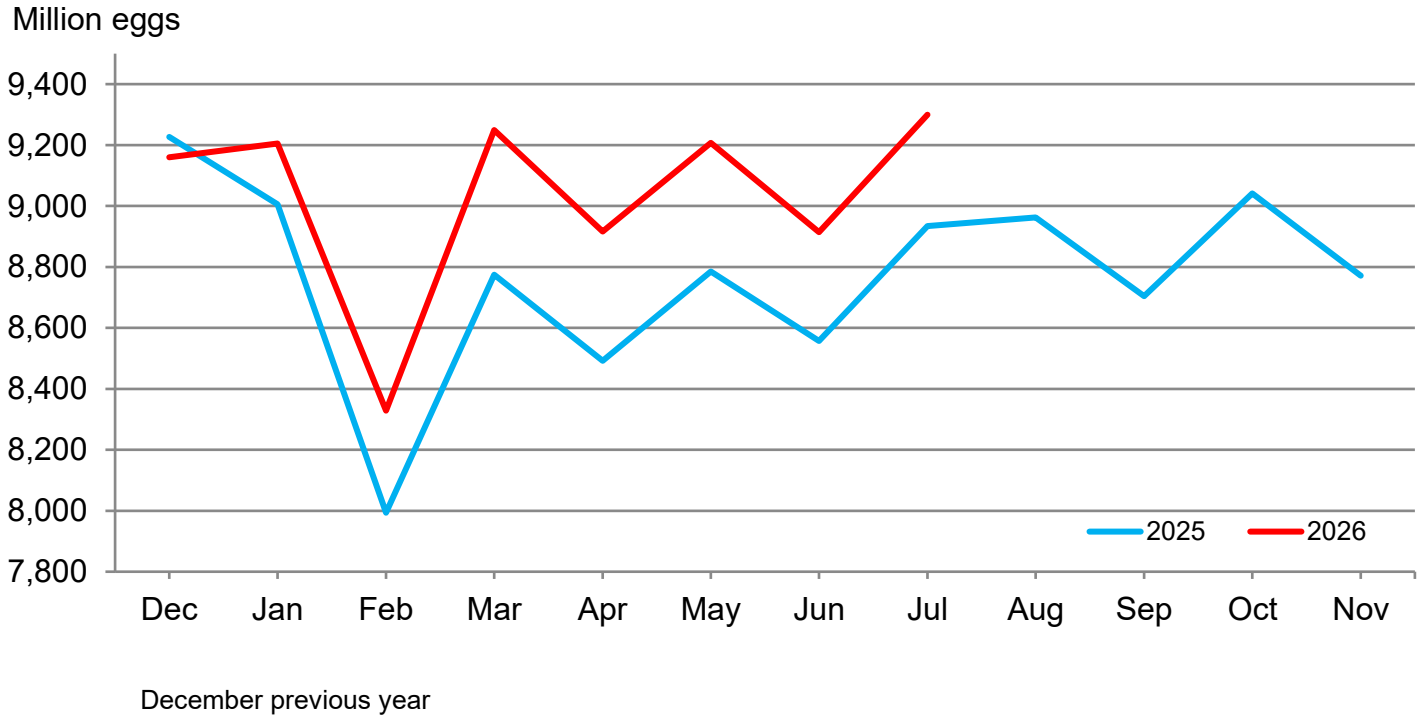
Total Egg Production During the Month – United States



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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: June-July 2025 and 2026

Item		2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
Layers during June				
Total layers	1,000	360,651	376,919	105
Table egg type	1,000	296,225	311,561	105
Hatching egg type	1,000	64,426	65,358	101
Broiler-type hatching	1,000	60,473	60,774	100
Egg-type hatching	1,000	3,953	4,584	116
Eggs per 100 layers during June				
Total layers	number	2,373	2,365	100
Table egg type	number	2,467	2,457	100
Hatching egg type	number	1,939	1,927	99
Broiler-type hatching	number	1,899	1,889	99
Egg-type hatching	number	2,547	2,432	95
Eggs produced during June				
Total layers	million	8,557.4	8,914.4	104
Table egg type	million	7,308.4	7,654.7	105
Hatching egg type	million	1,249.0	1,259.7	101
Broiler-type hatching	million	1,148.3	1,148.2	100
Egg-type hatching	million	100.7	111.5	111
Eggs produced during June				
Total layers	1,000 dozen	713,116.8	742,867.1	104
Table egg type	1,000 dozen	609,033.4	637,892.0	105
Hatching egg type	1,000 dozen	104,083.4	104,975.1	101
Broiler-type hatching	1,000 dozen	95,691.7	95,683.4	100
Egg-type hatching	1,000 dozen	8,391.7	9,291.7	111
Layers on July 1				
Total layers	1,000	362,224	376,674	104
Table egg type	1,000	297,663	311,389	105
Hatching egg type	1,000	64,561	65,285	101
Broiler-type hatching	1,000	60,591	60,823	100
Egg-type hatching	1,000	3,970	4,462	112
Eggs per 100 layers on July 1				
Total layers	number	79.3	79.1	100
Table egg type	number	82.5	82.2	100
Hatching egg type	number	64.9	64.2	99
Broiler-type hatching	number	63.6	62.9	99
Egg-type hatching	number	85.6	81.4	95
Molted layers on July 1				
Being molted	percent	2.0	1.7	85
Molt completed	percent	10.1	8.5	84
Layers sold for slaughter during June	1,000	12,352.0	13,689.4	111
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during June	1,000	7,472.1	9,738.5	130
Pullets on July 1	1,000	138,813	148,454	107
Pullets added during June [1]	1,000	30,552.7	28,478.7	93

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

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: July-August 2025 and 2026

Item		2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
Layers during July				
Total layers	1,000	363,669	378,535	104
Table egg type	1,000	299,129	313,185	105
Hatching egg type	1,000	64,540	65,350	101
Broiler-type hatching	1,000	60,439	61,011	101
Egg-type hatching	1,000	4,101	4,339	106
Eggs per 100 layers during July				
Total layers	number	2,457	2,457	100
Table egg type	number	2,552	2,553	100
Hatching egg type	number	2,015	1,996	99
Broiler-type hatching	number	1,973	1,961	99
Egg-type hatching	number	2,631	2,484	94
Eggs produced during July				
Total layers	million	8,933.7	9,299.6	104
Table egg type	million	7,633.3	7,995.4	105
Hatching egg type	million	1,300.4	1,304.2	100
Broiler-type hatching	million	1,192.5	1,196.4	100
Egg-type hatching	million	107.9	107.8	100
Eggs produced during July				
Total layers	1,000 dozen	744,475.4	774,966.6	104
Table egg type	1,000 dozen	636,108.7	666,283.2	105
Hatching egg type	1,000 dozen	108,366.7	108,683.4	100
Broiler-type hatching	1,000 dozen	99,374.9	99,700.1	100
Egg-type hatching	1,000 dozen	8,991.8	8,983.3	100
Layers on August 1				
Total layers	1,000	365,086	380,363	104
Table egg type	1,000	300,580	314,968	105
Hatching egg type	1,000	64,506	65,395	101
Broiler-type hatching	1,000	60,277	61,187	102
Egg-type hatching	1,000	4,229	4,208	100
Eggs per 100 layers on August 1				
Total layers	number	79.1	79.4	100
Table egg type	number	82.1	82.4	100
Hatching egg type	number	65.0	64.6	99
Broiler-type hatching	number	63.6	63.6	100
Egg-type hatching	number	83.8	79.0	94
Molted layers on August 1				
Being molted	percent	2.5	1.9	76
Molt completed	percent	10.1	7.6	75
Layers sold for slaughter during July	1,000	12,197.6	12,522.1	103
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during July	1,000	9,723.8	11,127.7	114
Pullets on August 1	1,000	138,893	147,710	106
Pullets added during July [1]	1,000	27,610.9	28,109.1	102

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

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During June 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	1,163	1,134	11,056	11,851	1,839	1,788
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,732	15,319	2,080	2,075
California	4,059	8,800	4,423	9,155	2,222	2,386
Colorado	2,354	1,580	2,842	2,067	2,407	2,559
Georgia	9,511	9,461	19,077	18,991	2,123	2,169
Illinois	5,997	6,780	6,586	7,369	2,448	2,384
Indiana	34,303	38,336	35,203	39,252	2,415	2,474
Iowa	42,980	44,440	45,013	46,666	2,538	2,486
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,507	5,004	2,137	1,998
Michigan	12,432	14,482	12,982	15,068	2,528	2,458
Minnesota	7,136	7,064	7,611	7,575	2,529	2,482
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,835	5,892	2,113	2,140
Missouri	13,373	11,889	17,636	16,093	2,471	2,407
Nebraska	8,102	8,256	8,737	8,887	2,542	2,438
New York	5,441	5,455	5,957	5,973	2,520	2,493
North Carolina	5,207	4,941	13,745	13,237	2,151	2,161
Ohio	34,591	42,236	35,867	43,522	2,426	2,506
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,087	2,061	1,969	1,970
Oregon	1,640	1,176	1,750	1,286	2,429	2,597
Pennsylvania	22,077	19,734	25,305	23,388	2,530	2,467
South Carolina	2,308	2,329	3,634	3,672	2,265	2,195
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,339	22,084	2,266	2,258
Utah	6,855	7,590	6,895	7,630	2,445	2,442
Washington	5,307	4,831	5,409	4,933	2,453	2,195
Wisconsin	7,153	3,869	8,330	5,050	2,609	2,434
Other States [1]	51,152	54,071	31,093	34,894	2,364	2,387
United States	283,141	298,454	360,651	376,919	2,373	2,365

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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	1,142	1,110	11,114	11,807	1,917	1,860
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,786	15,229	2,164	2,152
California	4,764	8,518	5,127	8,871	2,372	2,455
Colorado	2,468	1,735	2,956	2,222	2,473	2,655
Georgia	9,660	9,494	19,119	19,042	2,198	2,278
Illinois	5,983	7,011	6,553	7,611	2,579	2,487
Indiana	34,591	38,322	35,529	39,195	2,503	2,596
Iowa	43,634	43,943	45,727	46,080	2,640	2,582
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,464	4,940	2,207	2,095
Michigan	12,647	14,039	13,213	14,625	2,622	2,576
Minnesota	7,184	7,289	7,649	7,814	2,633	2,597
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,845	5,896	2,197	2,210
Missouri	13,714	12,206	17,978	16,394	2,566	2,464
Nebraska	8,142	7,973	8,820	8,602	2,600	2,513
New York	5,438	5,486	5,954	5,999	2,565	2,570
North Carolina	5,356	4,824	13,860	13,344	2,203	2,234
Ohio	35,080	43,035	36,366	44,321	2,528	2,578
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	1,985	2,065	2,035	1,956
Oregon	1,348	1,303	1,458	1,413	2,565	2,527
Pennsylvania	22,303	21,153	25,625	24,696	2,602	2,568
South Carolina	2,288	2,321	3,649	3,638	2,223	2,213
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,285	21,939	2,353	2,343
Utah	6,826	6,969	6,866	7,009	2,514	2,490
Washington	5,326	4,866	5,428	4,968	2,500	2,393
Wisconsin	7,144	4,412	8,329	5,607	2,548	2,665
Other States [1]	51,007	54,045	30,984	35,208	2,464	2,469
United States	286,045	300,054	363,669	378,535	2,457	2,457

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: June 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	203.3	211.9	27.0	29.3	176.3	182.6
Arkansas	327.3	317.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	98.3	218.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	68.4	52.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	405.0	412.0	222.6	227.0	182.4	185.0
Illinois	161.2	175.7	156.6	171.4	4.6	4.3
Indiana	850.2	971.1	838.1	958.7	12.1	12.4
Iowa	1,142.6	1,159.9	1,114.8	1,128.8	27.8	31.1
Kentucky	117.7	100.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	328.2	370.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	192.5	188.0	185.5	179.9	7.0	8.1
Mississippi	123.3	126.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	435.8	387.4	396.5	348.8	39.3	38.6
Nebraska	222.1	216.7	210.5	205.0	11.6	11.7
New York	150.1	148.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	295.6	286.0	138.7	132.7	156.9	153.3
Ohio	870.0	1,090.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	41.1	40.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	42.5	33.4	42.5	33.4	-	-
Pennsylvania	640.1	576.9	593.1	522.7	47.0	54.2
South Carolina	82.3	80.6	58.0	56.2	24.3	24.4
Texas	506.3	498.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	168.6	186.3	168.6	186.3	-	-
Washington	132.7	108.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	217.3	122.9	211.4	117.3	5.9	5.6
Other States [1]	734.9	832.8	2,944.5	3,357.2	553.8	548.4
United States	8,557.4	8,914.4	7,308.4	7,654.7	1,249.0	1,259.7

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

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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	213.0	219.6	28.1	31.0	184.9	188.6
Arkansas	341.6	327.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	121.6	217.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	73.1	59.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	420.2	433.7	236.7	240.7	183.5	193.0
Illinois	169.0	189.3	164.5	184.4	4.5	4.9
Indiana	889.2	1,017.4	875.4	1,005.9	13.8	11.5
Iowa	1,207.4	1,189.7	1,177.4	1,159.2	30.0	30.5
Kentucky	120.6	103.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	346.4	376.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	201.4	202.9	194.2	194.6	7.2	8.3
Mississippi	128.4	130.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	461.4	403.9	419.6	364.4	41.8	39.5
Nebraska	229.3	216.2	216.6	203.9	12.7	12.3
New York	152.7	154.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	305.3	298.1	141.5	135.0	163.8	163.1
Ohio	919.3	1,142.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	40.4	40.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	37.4	35.7	37.4	35.7	-	-
Pennsylvania	666.8	634.2	615.8	580.9	51.0	53.3
South Carolina	81.1	80.5	55.7	56.1	25.4	24.4
Texas	524.3	514.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	172.6	174.5	172.6	174.5	-	-
Washington	135.7	118.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	212.2	149.4	205.7	143.0	6.5	6.4
Other States [1]	763.3	869.2	3,092.1	3,486.1	575.3	568.4
United States	8,933.7	9,299.6	7,633.3	7,995.4	1,300.4	1,304.2

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

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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	16,941.7	17,658.4	2,250.0	2,441.7	14,691.7	15,216.7
Arkansas	27,275.0	26,483.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	8,191.6	18,200.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	5,700.0	4,408.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	33,750.0	34,333.3	18,550.0	18,916.7	15,200.0	15,416.6
Illinois	13,433.3	14,641.7	13,050.0	14,283.4	383.3	358.3
Indiana	70,849.9	80,925.0	69,841.6	79,891.7	1,008.3	1,033.3
Iowa	95,216.6	96,658.4	92,900.0	94,066.7	2,316.6	2,591.7
Kentucky	9,808.4	8,333.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	27,350.0	30,866.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,041.7	15,666.7	15,458.4	14,991.7	583.3	675.0
Mississippi	10,275.1	10,508.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	36,316.6	32,283.4	33,041.6	29,066.7	3,275.0	3,216.7
Nebraska	18,508.4	18,058.3	17,541.7	17,083.3	966.7	975.0
New York	12,508.4	12,408.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	24,633.3	23,833.3	11,558.3	11,058.3	13,075.0	12,775.0
Ohio	72,500.0	90,900.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,425.0	3,383.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	3,541.7	2,783.4	3,541.7	2,783.4	-	-
Pennsylvania	53,341.7	48,075.0	49,425.0	43,558.3	3,916.7	4,516.7
South Carolina	6,858.3	6,716.6	4,833.3	4,683.3	2,025.0	2,033.3
Texas	42,191.7	41,550.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,050.0	15,525.0	14,050.0	15,525.0	-	-
Washington	11,058.3	9,025.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	18,108.4	10,241.7	17,616.7	9,775.0	491.7	466.7
Other States [1]	61,241.7	69,400.2	245,375.1	279,766.8	46,150.1	45,700.1
United States	713,116.8	742,867.1	609,033.4	637,892.0	104,083.4	104,975.1

- Represents zero.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
[1] Include State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: July 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	17,750.0	18,300.1	2,341.7	2,583.4	15,408.3	15,716.7
Arkansas	28,466.7	27,316.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	10,133.4	18,150.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	6,091.7	4,916.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	35,016.7	36,141.7	19,725.0	20,058.4	15,291.7	16,083.3
Illinois	14,083.3	15,775.1	13,708.3	15,366.7	375.0	408.4
Indiana	74,100.0	84,783.3	72,950.0	83,825.0	1,150.0	958.3
Iowa	100,616.7	99,141.6	98,116.7	96,600.0	2,500.0	2,541.6
Kentucky	10,050.0	8,625.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	28,866.7	31,400.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,783.3	16,908.4	16,183.3	16,216.7	600.0	691.7
Mississippi	10,700.0	10,858.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	38,450.0	33,658.4	34,966.6	30,366.7	3,483.4	3,291.7
Nebraska	19,108.3	18,016.7	18,050.0	16,991.7	1,058.3	1,025.0
New York	12,724.9	12,850.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	25,441.7	24,841.7	11,791.7	11,250.0	13,650.0	13,591.7
Ohio	76,608.3	95,208.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,366.7	3,366.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	3,116.6	2,975.0	3,116.6	2,975.0	-	-
Pennsylvania	55,566.7	52,850.0	51,316.7	48,408.3	4,250.0	4,441.7
South Carolina	6,758.4	6,708.3	4,641.7	4,675.0	2,116.7	2,033.3
Texas	43,691.7	42,841.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,383.3	14,541.6	14,383.3	14,541.6	-	-
Washington	11,308.3	9,908.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	17,683.4	12,450.0	17,141.7	11,916.7	541.7	533.3
Other States [1]	63,608.6	72,433.2	257,675.4	290,508.0	47,941.6	47,366.7
United States	744,475.4	774,966.6	636,108.7	666,283.2	108,366.7	108,683.4

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[1] 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	1.6	10.3	9.4
June	2.4	2.0	9.7	8.9
July	2.0	1.7	10.1	8.5
August	2.5	1.9	10.1	7.6
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: July 1 and August 1, 2025-2026

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	July 1		August 1		July 1		August 1	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.0
Arkansas	2.0	1.5	2.5	1.5	13.5	8.5	11.5	9.5
California	0.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	5.0	3.0	4.5	1.5
Colorado	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0
Georgia	1.5	2.0	1.0	2.0	6.0	8.0	6.5	7.5
Illinois	6.0	3.0	4.0	3.5	21.5	12.0	21.5	11.0
Indiana	2.0	1.0	1.5	0.5	9.0	7.0	9.0	4.0
Iowa	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	12.5	5.5	12.0	4.0
Kentucky	2.0	6.0	3.5	6.5	24.5	14.5	22.0	17.0
Michigan	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	1.5	2.5
Minnesota	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	4.0	4.0	2.5	1.5
Mississippi	1.5	3.0	2.0	3.0	15.5	13.0	15.5	7.5
Missouri	3.0	1.0	3.5	1.5	8.0	7.0	9.0	7.5
Nebraska	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.5	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
New York	1.5	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	1.0	6.0
North Carolina	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	5.5	7.0	6.0	7.0
Ohio	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	7.5	2.0	6.5	1.5
Oklahoma	5.0	4.0	7.5	4.5	25.5	7.0	25.0	6.0
Oregon	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Pennsylvania	2.5	1.0	3.0	0.5	1.5	9.5	2.0	9.5
South Carolina	8.0	8.5	7.0	6.0	1.0	18.0	4.5	23.5
Texas	4.5	5.0	7.0	4.5	35.5	31.0	38.0	32.0
Utah	3.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	21.0	5.5	5.0
Washington	2.0	-	1.0	-	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.0
Wisconsin	1.5	1.0	3.5	1.0	8.5	0.5	8.0	-
Other States [1]	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.9	14.5	14.7	14.8	14.3
United States	2.0	1.7	2.5	1.9	10.1	8.5	10.1	7.6

- Represents zero.
[1] Include State estimates not shown.

Hatchery Production – United States: 2025 and 2026

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on August 1	56,077	54,905	98
Chicks hatched during July	58,236	56,991	98
Chicks hatched January through July	413,809	399,335	97
Pullets hatched during July for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	216	204	94
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier [1]	2,755	2,724	99
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on August 1	748,411	760,320	102
Chicks hatched during July	880,242	886,664	101
Chicks hatched January through July	5,971,021	6,099,148	102
Pullets hatched during July for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	8,300	8,451	102
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier [2]	77,934	76,283	98

[1] 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2025 through December 2025.
[2] 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2025 through December 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	61,007	100
June	59,828	58,543	98
July	56,016	56,572	101
August	56,077	54,905	98
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	59,249	97	235,597	225,575	96
May	60,389	58,134	96	295,986	283,709	96
June	59,587	58,635	98	355,573	342,344	96
July	58,236	56,991	98	413,809	399,335	97
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: 2025-2027

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2026 as percent of 2025	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier [1]	
	2025	2026		2026	2027
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January	200	205	103	2,721	2,777
February	226	277	123	2,737	2,765
March	197	201	102	2,732	
April	235	228	97	2,728	
May	246	258	105	2,719	
June	227	215	95	2,721	
July	216	204	94	2,724	
August	258			2,729	
September	272			2,780	
October	236			2,784	
November	193			2,777	
December	218			2,789	
Annual total	2,724				

[1] For July 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched January 2025 through December 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	769,809	103
June	757,387	770,738	102
July	751,792	758,314	101
August	748,411	760,320	102
September	748,295		
October	726,714		
November	728,219		
December	758,092		

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

State	During July			January-July		
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	124,028	124,406	100	848,801	854,020	101
Arkansas	91,653	92,058	100	630,065	649,460	103
Delaware	19,402	20,000	103	134,854	140,745	104
Georgia	122,523	124,265	101	823,468	849,519	103
Kentucky	29,494	28,030	95	194,326	196,770	101
Maryland	29,561	29,431	100	201,190	202,544	101
Mississippi	64,451	69,846	108	437,369	458,406	105
Missouri	32,571	31,980	98	220,397	222,951	101
North Carolina	91,296	90,101	99	611,496	620,547	101
Oklahoma	20,452	19,324	94	138,894	136,431	98
Pennsylvania	31,066	33,357	107	210,524	223,457	106
South Carolina	20,289	20,927	103	138,658	145,684	105
Texas	68,890	67,405	98	466,044	466,368	100
Virginia	19,720	20,150	102	135,108	138,523	103
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	54,709	54,017	99	378,169	382,894	101
Other States [1]	60,137	61,367	102	401,658	410,829	102
United States	880,242	886,664	101	5,971,021	6,099,148	102

[1] Includes State estimates not shown.

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

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	869,126	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	866,689	103	3,357,102	3,441,297	103
May	876,819	899,764	103	4,233,921	4,341,061	103
June	856,858	871,423	102	5,090,779	5,212,484	102
July	880,242	886,664	101	5,971,021	6,099,148	102
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: 2025-2027

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2026 as percent of 2025	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier [1]	
	2025	2026		2026	2027
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January	7,774	8,553	110	77,166	78,964
February	8,223	9,056	110	77,408	79,627
March	9,408	9,221	98	77,384	
April	8,873	8,667	98	77,007	
May	8,051	9,514	118	77,021	
June	9,379	9,272	99	76,874	
July	8,300	8,451	102	76,283	
August	8,239			75,963	
September	8,760			76,968	
October	7,788			76,810	
November	8,076			77,177	
December	8,817			78,452	
Annual total	101,688				
Total placements [2]					
January	9,698	10,758	111		
February	10,431	11,053	106		
March	11,681	11,883	102		
April	10,805	10,638	98		
May	9,948	11,385	114		
June	11,767	11,249	96		
July	10,149	10,373	102		
August	9,950				
September	11,049				
October	9,619				
November	9,814				
December	10,827				
Annual total	125,738				

[1] For July 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2025 through December 2025.
[2] United States production of intended placements worldwide.

Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

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

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

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

Statistical Methodology

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

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

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

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

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

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the “Root Mean Square Error” is shown for selected items in the following table. The “Root Mean Square Error” is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The “Root Mean Square Error” for total layers over the past 24 months is 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 379 million layers by more than 1.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.9 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
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
Total layers	1.1	1.9	3,095	114	8,645	21	3
			(million)	(million)	(million)		
Eggs	1.2	2.0	78	4	232	20	4

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