



Chickens and Eggs

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August Egg Production Up 5 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.43 billion during August 2026, up 5 percent from last year. Production included 8.12 billion table eggs, and 1.31 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 104 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during August 2026 totaled 383 million, up 5 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,464 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2025.

Total layers in the United States on September 1, 2026 totaled 384 million, up 5 percent from last year. The 384 million layers consisted of 319 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.39 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2026, averaged 79.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from September 1, 2025.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 12 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2026 totaled 50.8 million, down 12 percent from August 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 56.1 million on September 1, 2026, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 241 thousand during August 2026, down 7 percent from August 2025.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2026 totaled 887 million, up 1 percent from August 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 752 million on September 1, 2026, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.26 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2026, up slightly from August 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	378,982
August	366,028	382,801
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	9,312.5	7,633.3	8,008.5	1,300.4	1,304.0
August	8,962.2	9,433.1	7,662.8	8,121.6	1,299.4	1,311.5
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

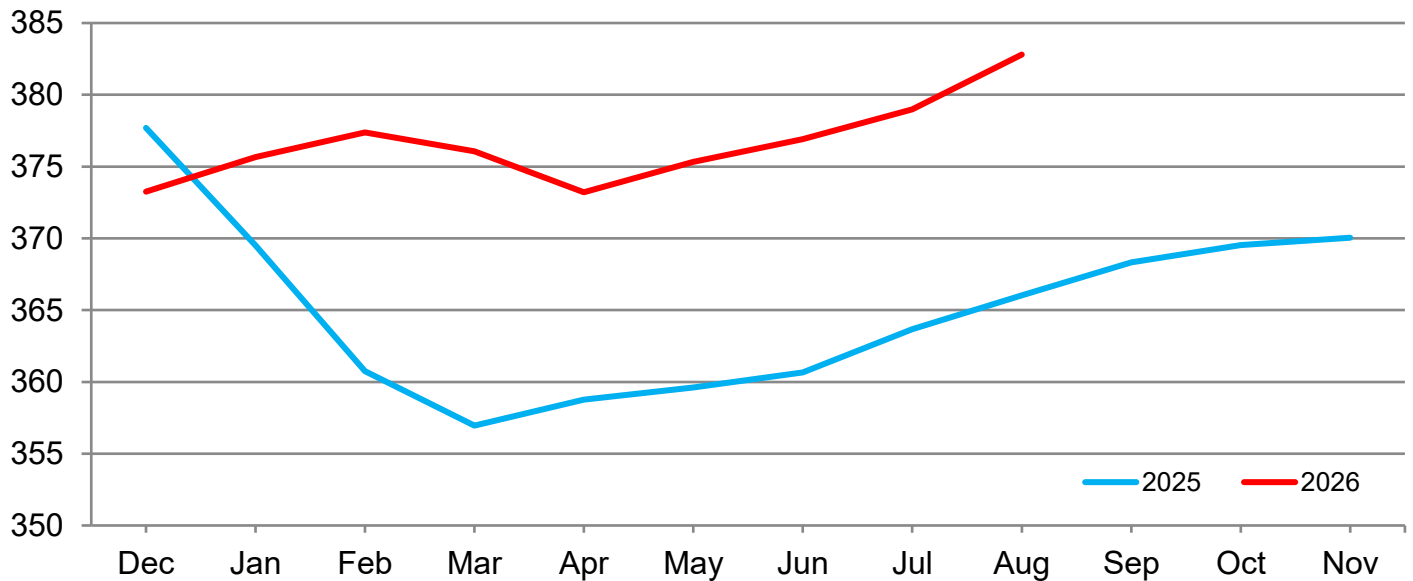
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December ¹	768,891.2	763,341.4	661,824.8	654,883.3	107,066.4	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	776,041.7	636,108.7	667,374.9	108,366.7	108,666.8
August	746,850.2	786,091.4	638,566.8	676,799.9	108,283.4	109,291.5
September	725,341.6		620,716.7		104,624.9	
October	753,425.3		645,825.4		107,599.9	
November	730,917.0		626,967.0		103,950.0	

¹ December previous year.

Average Layers During the Month – United States

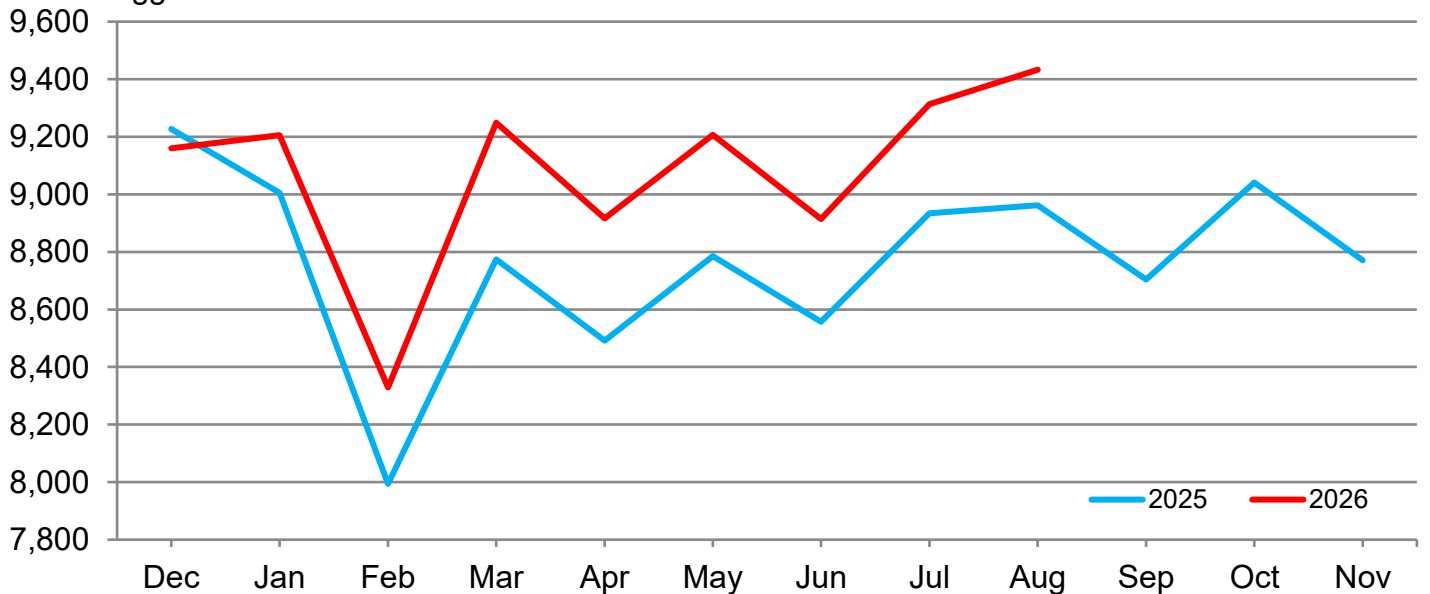
Million layers



December previous year

Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



December previous year

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	378,982	104
Table egg type 1,000	299,129	313,621	105
Hatching egg type 1,000	64,540	65,361	101
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	60,439	61,013	101
Egg-type hatching 1,000	4,101	4,348	106
Eggs per 100 layers during July			
Total layers number	2,457	2,457	100
Table egg type number	2,552	2,554	100
Hatching egg type number	2,015	1,995	99
Broiler-type hatching number	1,973	1,962	99
Egg-type hatching number	2,631	2,466	94
Eggs produced during July			
Total layers million	8,933.7	9,312.5	104
Table egg type million	7,633.3	8,008.5	105
Hatching egg type million	1,300.4	1,304.0	100
Broiler-type hatching million	1,192.5	1,196.8	100
Egg-type hatching million	107.9	107.2	99
Eggs produced during July			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	744,475.4	776,041.7	104
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	636,108.7	667,374.9	105
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	108,366.7	108,666.8	100
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	99,374.9	99,733.5	100
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	8,991.8	8,933.3	99
Layers on August 1			
Total layers 1,000	365,086	381,257	104
Table egg type 1,000	300,580	315,842	105
Hatching egg type 1,000	64,506	65,415	101
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	60,277	61,190	102
Egg-type hatching 1,000	4,229	4,225	100
Eggs per 100 layers on August 1			
Total layers number	79.1	79.4	100
Table egg type number	82.1	82.5	100
Hatching egg type number	65.0	64.5	99
Broiler-type hatching number	63.6	63.6	100
Egg-type hatching number	83.8	77.8	93
Molted layers on August 1			
Being molted percent	2.5	2.5	100
Molt completed percent	10.1	7.5	74
Layers sold for slaughter during July 1,000	12,197.6	12,116.0	99
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during July 1,000	9,723.8	11,081.9	114
Pullets on August 1 1,000	138,893	148,440	107
Pullets added during July ¹ 1,000	27,610.9	29,051.4	105

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

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

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
Layers during August			
Total layers 1,000	366,028	382,801	105
Table egg type 1,000	301,548	317,299	105
Hatching egg type 1,000	64,480	65,502	102
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	60,236	61,191	102
Egg-type hatching 1,000	4,244	4,311	102
Eggs per 100 layers during August			
Total layers number	2,449	2,464	101
Table egg type number	2,541	2,560	101
Hatching egg type number	2,015	2,002	99
Broiler-type hatching number	1,977	1,973	100
Egg-type hatching number	2,559	2,412	94
Eggs produced during August			
Total layers million	8,962.2	9,433.1	105
Table egg type million	7,662.8	8,121.6	106
Hatching egg type million	1,299.4	1,311.5	101
Broiler-type hatching million	1,190.8	1,207.5	101
Egg-type hatching million	108.6	104.0	96
Eggs produced during August			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	746,850.2	786,091.4	105
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	638,566.8	676,799.9	106
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	108,283.4	109,291.5	101
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	99,233.3	100,624.9	101
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	9,050.1	8,666.6	96
Layers on September 1			
Total layers 1,000	366,941	384,323	105
Table egg type 1,000	302,504	318,747	105
Hatching egg type 1,000	64,437	65,576	102
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	60,187	61,184	102
Egg-type hatching 1,000	4,250	4,392	103
Eggs per 100 layers on September 1			
Total layers number	78.8	79.5	101
Table egg type number	81.8	82.6	101
Hatching egg type number	65.0	64.6	99
Broiler-type hatching number	63.9	63.6	100
Egg-type hatching number	81.4	78.4	96
Molted layers on September 1			
Being molted percent	2.5	1.9	76
Molt completed percent	10.2	7.5	74
Layers sold for slaughter during August 1,000	13,608.8	12,544.8	92
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during August 1,000	9,659.1	9,525.3	99
Pullets on September 1 1,000	142,201	147,572	104
Pullets added during August ¹ 1,000	30,452.5	26,075.7	86

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

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During July 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	1,142	1,132	11,114	11,784	1,917	1,855
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,786	15,246	2,164	2,144
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	9,452	19,119	19,043	2,198	2,287
Illinois	5,983	6,961	6,553	7,561	2,579	2,486
Indiana	34,591	38,322	35,529	39,195	2,503	2,596
Iowa	43,634	44,006	45,727	46,149	2,640	2,577
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,464	4,953	2,207	2,096
Michigan	12,647	14,239	13,213	14,825	2,622	2,576
Minnesota	7,184	7,289	7,649	7,814	2,633	2,597
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,845	5,908	2,197	2,189
Missouri	13,714	12,193	17,978	16,381	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	4,836	13,860	13,356	2,203	2,231
Ohio	35,080	42,944	36,366	44,230	2,528	2,575
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	1,985	2,114	2,035	1,954
Oregon	1,348	1,303	1,458	1,413	2,565	2,527
Pennsylvania	22,303	21,653	25,625	25,196	2,602	2,568
South Carolina	2,288	2,335	3,649	3,652	2,223	2,218
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,285	21,842	2,353	2,356
Utah	6,826	6,969	6,866	7,009	2,514	2,498
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	53,866	30,984	35,042	2,464	2,478
United States	286,045	300,490	363,669	378,982	2,457	2,457

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During August 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	1,160	1,153	11,131	11,831	1,895	1,870
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,513	15,355	2,179	2,139
California	5,615	8,565	5,978	8,918	2,384	2,440
Colorado	2,536	1,860	3,024	2,361	2,454	2,618
Georgia	9,627	9,459	19,179	19,070	2,237	2,299
Illinois	6,121	7,037	6,690	7,627	2,578	2,528
Indiana	34,561	38,785	35,503	39,634	2,505	2,574
Iowa	43,654	44,237	45,753	46,369	2,623	2,624
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,358	4,982	2,199	2,118
Michigan	12,769	14,064	13,335	14,650	2,613	2,558
Minnesota	7,200	7,468	7,680	7,987	2,633	2,662
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,845	6,046	2,171	2,170
Missouri	13,133	12,727	17,342	16,907	2,570	2,472
Nebraska	8,227	7,887	8,915	8,529	2,508	2,513
New York	5,469	5,433	5,987	5,951	2,579	2,605
North Carolina	5,582	4,866	14,122	13,548	2,235	2,227
Ohio	35,715	43,490	37,001	44,776	2,522	2,560
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	1,964	2,109	1,889	1,949
Oregon	1,326	1,430	1,436	1,540	2,556	2,435
Pennsylvania	22,823	23,505	26,201	27,102	2,600	2,574
South Carolina	2,469	2,348	3,833	3,649	2,218	2,220
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,205	21,653	2,344	2,374
Utah	6,898	6,226	6,938	6,266	2,443	2,504
Washington	5,430	4,923	5,532	5,025	2,395	2,396
Wisconsin	7,101	4,522	8,300	5,719	2,484	2,689
Other States ¹	51,048	54,183	31,263	35,197	2,460	2,485
United States	288,464	304,168	366,028	382,801	2,449	2,464

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Egg Production 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
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	213.0	218.6	28.1	30.8	184.9	187.8
Arkansas	341.6	326.9	(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	435.5	236.7	241.4	183.5	194.1
Illinois	169.0	188.0	164.5	183.1	4.5	4.9
Indiana	889.2	1,017.4	875.4	1,005.9	13.8	11.5
Iowa	1,207.4	1,189.4	1,177.4	1,159.4	30.0	30.0
Kentucky	120.6	103.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	346.4	381.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	201.4	202.9	194.2	194.6	7.2	8.3
Mississippi	128.4	129.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	461.4	403.6	419.6	364.1	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	298.0	141.5	134.9	163.8	163.1
Ohio	919.3	1,138.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	40.4	41.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	37.4	35.7	37.4	35.7	-	-
Pennsylvania	666.8	647.0	615.8	593.9	51.0	53.1
South Carolina	81.1	81.0	55.7	56.6	25.4	24.4
Texas	524.3	514.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	172.6	175.1	172.6	175.1	-	-
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	868.3	3,092.1	3,486.1	575.3	568.6
United States	8,933.7	9,312.5	7,633.3	8,008.5	1,300.4	1,304.0

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

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	210.9	221.2	28.5	30.6	182.4	190.6
Arkansas	338.0	328.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	142.5	217.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	74.2	61.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	429.1	438.4	242.8	242.8	186.3	195.6
Illinois	172.5	192.8	167.9	187.8	4.6	5.0
Indiana	889.4	1,020.0	875.7	1,009.4	13.7	10.6
Iowa	1,200.3	1,216.9	1,171.0	1,187.7	29.3	29.2
Kentucky	117.8	105.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	348.4	374.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	202.2	212.6	194.6	204.0	7.6	8.6
Mississippi	126.9	131.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	445.7	417.9	404.0	378.5	41.7	39.4
Nebraska	223.6	214.3	210.6	201.8	13.0	12.5
New York	154.4	155.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	315.6	301.7	148.8	135.4	166.8	166.3
Ohio	933.0	1,146.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	37.1	41.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	36.7	37.5	36.7	37.5	-	-
Pennsylvania	681.3	697.7	630.3	643.6	51.0	54.1
South Carolina	85.0	81.0	60.0	57.4	25.0	23.6
Texas	520.4	514.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	169.5	156.9	169.5	156.9	-	-
Washington	132.5	120.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	206.2	153.8	199.2	147.3	7.0	6.5
Other States ¹	769.0	874.5	3,123.2	3,500.9	571.0	569.5
United States	8,962.2	9,433.1	7,662.8	8,121.6	1,299.4	1,311.5

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Egg Production in Dozens 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
	(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	18,216.6	2,341.7	2,566.6	15,408.3	15,650.0
Arkansas	28,466.7	27,241.7	(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	36,291.7	19,725.0	20,116.7	15,291.7	16,175.0
Illinois	14,083.3	15,666.8	13,708.3	15,258.4	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	99,116.6	98,116.7	96,616.6	2,500.0	2,500.0
Kentucky	10,050.0	8,650.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	28,866.7	31,825.0	(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	10,775.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	38,450.0	33,633.4	34,966.6	30,341.7	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	24,833.3	11,791.7	11,241.6	13,650.0	13,591.7
Ohio	76,608.3	94,900.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,366.7	3,441.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	3,116.6	2,975.0	3,116.6	2,975.0	-	-
Pennsylvania	55,566.7	53,916.6	51,316.7	49,491.6	4,250.0	4,425.0
South Carolina	6,758.4	6,750.0	4,641.7	4,716.7	2,116.7	2,033.3
Texas	43,691.7	42,875.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,383.3	14,591.6	14,383.3	14,591.6	-	-
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	72,358.4	257,675.4	290,508.3	47,941.6	47,383.4
United States	744,475.4	776,041.7	636,108.7	667,374.9	108,366.7	108,666.8

- 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: August 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	17,575.0	18,433.3	2,375.0	2,550.0	15,200.0	15,883.3
Arkansas	28,166.7	27,366.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	11,875.0	18,133.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	6,183.3	5,150.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	35,758.4	36,533.4	20,233.4	20,233.4	15,525.0	16,300.0
Illinois	14,375.1	16,066.7	13,991.7	15,650.0	383.4	416.7
Indiana	74,116.7	84,999.9	72,975.0	84,116.6	1,141.7	883.3
Iowa	100,025.0	101,408.3	97,583.4	98,975.0	2,441.6	2,433.3
Kentucky	9,816.7	8,791.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	29,033.3	31,233.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,850.0	17,716.6	16,216.6	17,000.0	633.4	716.6
Mississippi	10,575.0	10,933.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	37,141.6	34,825.0	33,666.6	31,541.7	3,475.0	3,283.3
Nebraska	18,633.3	17,858.4	17,550.0	16,816.7	1,083.3	1,041.7
New York	12,866.7	12,916.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	26,300.0	25,141.6	12,400.0	11,283.3	13,900.0	13,858.3
Ohio	77,750.0	95,508.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,091.6	3,425.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	3,058.3	3,125.0	3,058.3	3,125.0	-	-
Pennsylvania	56,775.0	58,141.7	52,525.0	53,633.4	4,250.0	4,508.3
South Carolina	7,083.3	6,750.0	5,000.0	4,783.3	2,083.3	1,966.7
Texas	43,366.7	42,833.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,125.0	13,075.0	14,125.0	13,075.0	-	-
Washington	11,041.7	10,033.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	17,183.3	12,816.7	16,600.0	12,275.0	583.3	541.7
Other States ¹	64,083.5	72,874.9	260,266.8	291,741.5	47,583.4	47,458.3
United States	746,850.2	786,091.4	638,566.8	676,799.9	108,283.4	109,291.5

- Represents zero.

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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	2.5	10.1	7.5
September	2.5	1.9	10.2	7.5
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: August 1 and September 1, 2025-2026

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	August 1		September 1		August 1		September 1	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	0.5	0.5	2.0	0.5	3.5	4.5	4.0	4.5
Arkansas	2.5	3.0	1.0	2.5	11.5	8.5	10.5	10.5
California	1.5	2.0	-	0.5	4.5	1.5	5.0	3.0
Colorado	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0
Georgia	1.0	1.5	5.0	1.0	6.5	6.5	5.5	7.0
Illinois	4.0	3.5	5.5	3.0	21.5	11.0	21.5	11.5
Indiana	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	9.0	6.0	9.0	5.5
Iowa	2.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	12.0	4.0	12.0	5.5
Kentucky	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	22.0	17.0	20.0	17.5
Michigan	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.5
Minnesota	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	1.5
Mississippi	2.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	15.5	6.5	15.5	7.5
Missouri	3.5	1.0	1.5	1.0	9.0	7.5	11.5	6.5
Nebraska	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
New York	3.0	-	2.5	-	1.0	6.0	4.0	5.5
North Carolina	1.0	0.5	1.5	0.5	6.0	7.0	5.5	7.0
Ohio	1.5	2.0	1.0	2.0	6.5	1.5	7.0	2.0
Oklahoma	7.5	4.0	7.5	4.5	25.0	6.5	26.0	6.5
Oregon	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Pennsylvania	3.0	1.0	1.5	0.5	2.0	9.0	4.5	9.0
South Carolina	7.0	11.0	4.0	8.5	4.5	19.0	10.0	20.5
Texas	7.0	4.5	7.0	4.5	38.0	25.5	38.0	19.5
Utah	6.0	7.5	6.5	6.0	5.5	18.5	5.5	17.5
Washington	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.5
Wisconsin	3.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	8.0	1.0	3.0	1.0
Other States ¹	3.0	3.1	4.0	2.5	14.8	14.4	14.4	15.0
United States	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.9	10.1	7.5	10.2	7.5

- 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 September 1	53,397	56,147	105
Chicks hatched during August	57,487	50,845	88
Chicks hatched January through August	471,296	451,598	96
Pullets hatched during August for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	258	241	93
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,749	2,729	99
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on September 1	748,295	751,534	100
Chicks hatched during August	878,352	886,568	101
Chicks hatched January through August	6,849,373	6,985,756	102
Pullets hatched during August for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	8,239	8,261	100
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	77,556	75,963	98

¹ 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2025 through January 2026.

² 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2025 through January 2026.

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	57,224	102
September	53,397	56,147	105
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	58,409	100	413,809	400,753	97
August	57,487	50,845	88	471,296	451,598	96
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	2,771
March	197	201	102	2,732	2,754
April	235	228	97	2,728	
May	246	258	105	2,719	
June	227	215	95	2,721	
July	216	210	97	2,724	
August	258	241	93	2,729	
September	272			2,780	
October	236			2,784	
November	193			2,777	
December	218			2,789	
Annual total	2,724				

¹ For August 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched February 2025 through January 2026. 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	758,513	101
September	748,295	751,534	100
October	726,714		
November	728,219		
December	758,092		

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

State	During August			January-August		
	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	122,621	123,029	100	971,422	977,049	101
Arkansas	92,584	92,087	99	722,649	741,547	103
Delaware	19,788	20,031	101	154,642	160,776	104
Georgia	121,089	124,115	102	944,557	973,734	103
Kentucky	28,405	27,965	98	222,731	224,735	101
Maryland	29,571	30,080	102	230,761	232,624	101
Mississippi	64,638	69,752	108	502,007	528,158	105
Missouri	33,532	32,541	97	253,929	255,492	101
North Carolina	91,320	89,296	98	702,816	709,843	101
Oklahoma	19,231	19,653	102	158,125	156,084	99
Pennsylvania	31,814	33,718	106	242,338	257,175	106
South Carolina	20,433	21,643	106	159,091	167,327	105
Texas	69,197	66,927	97	535,241	533,295	100
Virginia	19,934	20,062	101	155,042	158,585	102
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	54,671	54,817	100	432,840	437,651	101
Other States ¹	59,524	60,852	102	461,182	471,681	102
United States	878,352	886,568	101	6,849,373	6,985,756	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	886,704	101	5,971,021	6,099,188	102
August	878,352	886,568	101	6,849,373	6,985,756	102
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	79,682
March	9,408	9,221	98	77,384	79,867
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	8,506	102	76,283	
August	8,239	8,261	100	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	10,771	106		
August	9,950	10,282	103		
September	11,049				
October	9,619				
November	9,814				
December	10,827				
Annual total	125,738				

¹ For August 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched May 2025 through January 2026.

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 383 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	3,086	114	8,645	21	3
			(million)	(million)	(million)		
Eggs	1.2	2.0	78	4	232	20	4

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