

Chickens and Eggs



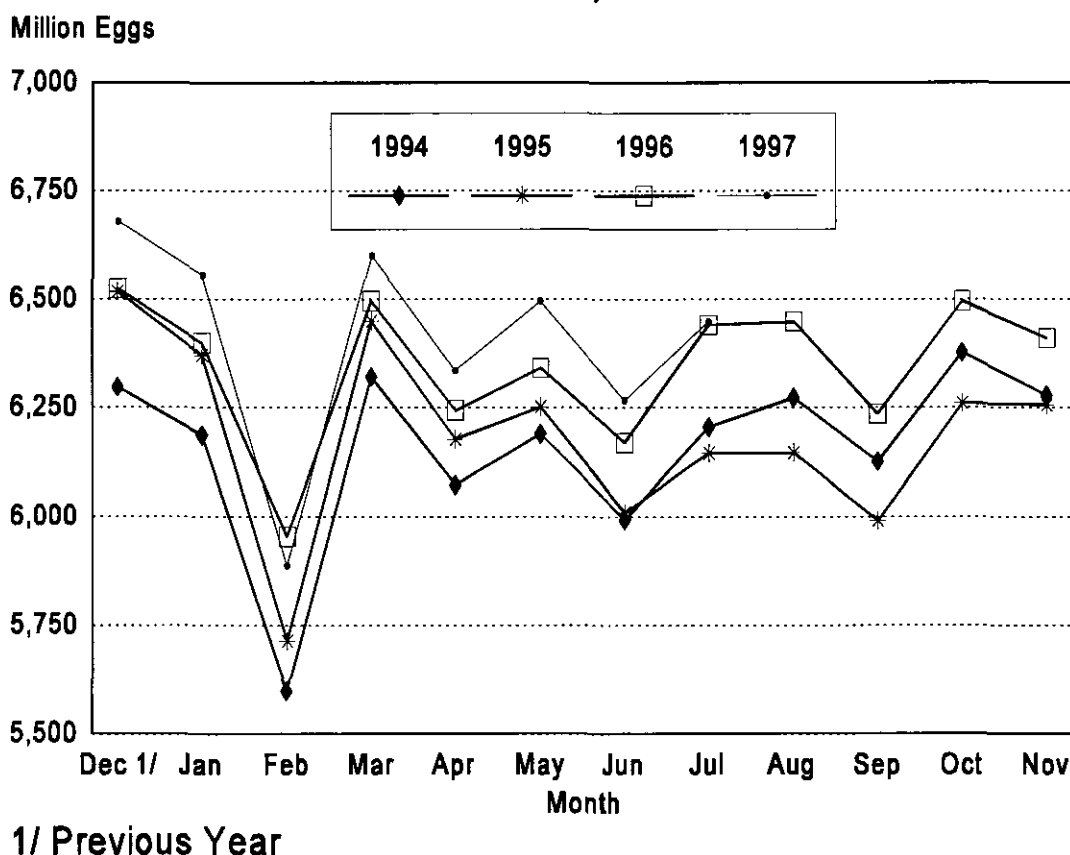
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July Egg Production Up Slightly

U.S. egg production totaled 6.45 billion during July 1997, up slightly from the 6.44 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.40 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 989 million were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 1997 averaged 299 million, up 1 percent from the average number of layers during July 1996. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,155 eggs, compared with 2,180 in July 1996.

ALL Egg Production By Months United States, 1994 -1997



All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 1997, totaled 300 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 300 million layers consisted of 243 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.46 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 1997, averaged 69.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.2 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.11 billion eggs during July, up fractionally from July 1996. The average number of layers during July, at 284 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Individual State estimates are available for the 30 major egg producing States. These States are listed on page 8 of this release and account for approximately 95 percent of the total U.S. egg production. Production for the other States are grouped into an "Other States" category and combined with the 30 States published individually to obtain a U.S. estimate. Individual State estimates for "Other States" are available annually in the "**Layers and Egg Production**" report.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during July totaled 34.0 million, up 2 percent from July 1996. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 28.1 million on August 1, 1997, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 199,000 during July 1997, down 25 percent from the 266,000 of July 1996.

Broiler Hatch Up 4 Percent

The July 1997 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 709 million, was up 4 percent from July of the previous year. There were 589 million **eggs in incubators** on August 1, 1997, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.33 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during July 1997, up 22 percent from July 1996.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month,
United States, 1994-97

Month	:	1994	:	1995	:	1996	:	1997
1,000 Layers								
Dec 1/	:	290,642		299,160		298,861		303,669
Jan	:	290,041		298,367		298,814		303,293
Feb	:	290,047		297,293		298,357		302,971
Mar	:	290,719		296,561		298,209		303,244
Apr	:	290,073		295,464		296,605		302,666
May	:	288,784		293,198		294,458		301,235
Jun	:	287,974		290,313		293,915		299,427
Jul	:	287,990		288,213		295,349		299,153
Aug	:	290,321		288,359		296,785		
Sep	:	293,381		290,337		297,696		
Oct	:	295,172		292,516		299,196		
Nov	:	297,134		296,724		301,604		

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 1996-97

Month	:	Total Eggs		:	Table Eggs		:	Hatching Eggs				
	:	1996	:	1997	:	1996	:	1997	:	1996	:	1997
	:	Million Eggs										
Dec 1/	:	6,523		6,678		5,548		5,695		975		983
Jan	:	6,398		6,554		5,420		5,567		978		987
Feb	:	5,954		5,887		5,036		4,985		918		902
Mar	:	6,495		6,600		5,505		5,580		990		1,020
Apr	:	6,243		6,334		5,284		5,336		959		998
May	:	6,340		6,495		5,341		5,449		999		1,046
Jun	:	6,169		6,265		5,209		5,250		960		1,015
Jul	:	6,440		6,447		5,457		5,400		983		1,047
Aug	:	6,447				5,465				982		
Sep	:	6,235				5,297				938		
Oct	:	6,495				5,539				956		
Nov	:	6,409				5,471				938		
During Year:	:	76,148		51,260		64,572		43,262		11,576		7,998

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, July-August 1996-97

Item		1996 1/	1997 2/	1997 as % of 1996
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Layers During Jul	(1,000)			
All Layers		295,349	299,153	101
Table Egg Type		243,171	243,052	100
Hatching Egg Type		52,178	56,101	108
Broiler-Type Hatching		49,605	53,602	108
Egg-Type Hatching		2,573	2,499	97
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jul	(Number)			
All Layers		2,180	2,155	99
Table Egg Type		2,244	2,222	99
Hatching Egg Type		1,884	1,866	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,863	1,845	99
Egg-Type Hatching		2,293	2,321	101
Eggs Produced During Jul	(Million)			
All Layers		6,440	6,447	100
Table Egg Type		5,457	5,400	99
Hatching Egg Type		983	1,047	107
Broiler-Type Hatching		924	989	107
Egg-Type Hatching		59	58	98
Layers on Aug 1	(1,000)			
All Layers		296,612	299,627	101
Table Egg Type		244,521	242,937	99
Hatching Egg Type		52,091	56,690	109
Broiler-Type Hatching		49,591	54,228	109
Egg-Type Hatching		2,500	2,462	98
Eggs per 100 Layers on Aug 1	(Number)			
All Layers		70.2	69.6	99
Table Egg Type		72.2	71.9	100
Hatching Egg Type		60.9	59.8	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		60.2	59.1	98
Egg-Type Hatching		74.5	75.7	102
Forced Molt Layers, Aug 1				
Percent Being Molting		4.7	3.5	74
Percent with Molt Completed		22.0	21.9	100

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, June-July 1996-97 1/

Item	:	1996	:	1997	:	1997 as % of 1996
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Layers During Jun (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	293,915		299,427		102
Table Egg Type	:	241,303		243,530		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,612		55,897		106
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,955		53,281		107
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,657		2,616		98
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Eggs per 100 Layers During Jun (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	2,099		2,092		100
Table Egg Type	:	2,159		2,156		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,825		1,816		100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,804		1,798		100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,221		2,179		98
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Eggs Produced During Jun (Million)	:					
All Layers	:	6,169		6,265		102
Table Egg Type	:	5,209		5,250		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	960		1,015		106
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	901		958		106
Egg-Type Hatching	:	59		57		97
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Layers on Jul 1 (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	294,044		298,641		102
Table Egg Type	:	241,803		243,146		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,241		55,495		106
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,605		52,963		107
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,636		2,532		96
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Eggs per 100 Layers on Jul 1 (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	70.3		69.4		99
Table Egg Type	:	72.5		71.5		99
Hatching Egg Type	:	60.5		60.6		100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	59.8		59.8		100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	72.8		76.8		105
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Forced Molt Layers on Jul 1	:					
Percent Being Molting	:	4.0		4.8		120
Percent with Molt Completed	:	22.9		21.1		92

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Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, June-July, 30 Selected States, 1996-97 1/ 2/

Item		1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
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Layers During Jun	(1,000)			
All Layers		277,761	283,779	102
Table Egg Type		228,856	231,639	101
Hatching Egg Type		48,905	52,140	107
Broiler-Type Hatching		46,333	49,626	107
Egg-Type Hatching		2,572	2,514	98
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jun	(Number)			
All Layers		2,100	2,092	100
Table Egg Type		2,158	2,154	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,826	1,816	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,804	1,797	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,216	2,188	99
Eggs Produced During Jun	(Million)			
All Layers		5,832	5,937	102
Table Egg Type		4,939	4,990	101
Hatching Egg Type		893	947	106
Broiler-Type Hatching		836	892	107
Egg-Type Hatching		57	55	96
Layers on Jul 1	(1,000)			
All Layers		277,862	283,060	102
Table Egg Type		229,378	231,345	101
Hatching Egg Type		48,484	51,715	107
Broiler-Type Hatching		45,927	49,271	107
Egg-Type Hatching		2,557	2,444	96
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jul 1	(Number)			
All Layers		70.4	69.4	99
Table Egg Type		72.5	71.4	98
Hatching Egg Type		60.6	60.6	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		59.9	59.8	100
Egg-Type Hatching		72.5	77.3	107
Forced Molt Layers on Jul 1				
Percent Being Molted		4.0	4.9	123
Percent with Molt Completed		23.1	21.1	91
Layers Sold During Jun	(1,000)	17,144	15,346	90
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason				
During Jun	(1,000)	3,109	3,320	107
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Jul 1	(1,000)	72,652	77,017	106
Pullets Added During Jun 3/	(1,000)	21,170	17,235	81

1/ The 30 States are listed in the table on page 8.

2/ Revised.

3/ 1996 is pullets added less than 20 weeks old to pullet flocks. 1997 is pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, 30 Selected States, July-August, 1996-97 1/

Item	:	1996 2/	:	1997 3/	:	1997 as % of 1996
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Layers During Jul	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jul	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Eggs Produced During Jul	(Million)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Layers on Aug 1	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Eggs per 100 Layers on Aug 1	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Forced Molt Layers, Aug 1		:	:	:	:	:
Percent Being Molting		:	:	:	:	:
Percent with Molt Completed		:	:	:	:	:
Layers Sold During Jul	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason		:	:	:	:	:
During Jul	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Aug 1	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
Pullets Added During Jul 4/	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:

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Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During June 1996-97 1/

State	: Table Egg Layers in : : Flocks 30,000 and Above :		: All Layers 2/ :		: Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/ :	
	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997
	: ----- 1,000 -----				: ----- Number -----	
AL	: 3,894	4,055	10,367	11,093	1,929	1,902
AR	: 5,136	4,116	14,788	14,135	1,880	1,825
CA	: 23,967	24,295	24,521	24,926	2,161	2,142
CO	: 2,617	2,601	3,178	3,156	2,077	2,123
CT	: 3,432	3,258	3,567	3,393	2,187	2,151
FL	: 8,216	7,854	8,863	8,516	2,042	2,020
GA	: 10,104	10,699	18,062	19,449	2,021	2,010
HI	: 707	702	738	725	1,929	1,956
IL	: 3,051	2,986	3,250	3,136	2,308	2,041
IN	: 19,952	20,357	21,057	21,241	2,170	2,184
IA	: 18,133	20,742	18,983	21,680	2,176	2,200
ME	: 4,859	4,862	5,008	4,977	2,416	2,391
MD	: 3,139	2,947	3,639	3,410	2,116	2,141
MI	: 4,558	4,803	4,810	5,046	2,190	2,082
MN	: 11,105	10,700	11,933	11,495	2,112	2,062
MS	: 2,276	1,824	6,623	6,544	1,948	1,925
MO	: 5,388	5,313	6,553	6,529	1,999	2,006
NE	: 8,903	9,303	9,053	9,453	2,046	2,157
NY	: 3,504	3,232	3,807	3,433	2,233	2,243
NC	: 5,347	4,708	12,707	12,710	1,873	1,873
OH	: 23,741	24,792	24,201	25,378	2,182	2,199
OK	: 1,958	1,570	3,868	3,525	1,965	1,957
OR	: 2,415	2,841	2,607	3,023	2,340	2,216
PA	: 19,230	19,390	20,538	20,663	2,196	2,221
SC	: 3,665	3,642	4,675	4,691	2,053	2,132
SD	: 1,905	1,748	2,118	2,020	2,196	2,193
TX	: 12,481	13,387	15,650	16,818	2,045	2,039
VA	: 1,737	1,572	3,961	3,614	1,969	1,826
WA	: 5,002	4,931	5,242	5,297	2,270	2,190
WI	: 2,900	3,060	3,394	3,703	2,239	2,160
30 Sts	: 223,322	226,290	277,761	283,779	2,100	2,092
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,161	10,824	16,154	15,648	2,080	2,090
US	: 234,483	237,114	293,915	299,427	2,099	2,092

1/ Revised.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During July 1996-97 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in : Flocks 30,000 and Above : All Layers 2/				Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/	
	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997
	----- 1,000 -----				----- Number -----	
AL	3,878	3,986	10,349	10,853	2,029	1,963
AR	5,033	4,140	14,431	14,266	1,933	1,837
CA	24,260	24,629	24,810	25,845	2,197	2,186
CO	2,633	2,728	3,163	3,268	2,181	2,234
CT	3,479	3,180	3,612	3,319	2,298	2,290
FL	8,169	7,962	8,786	8,617	2,197	2,112
GA	10,453	10,859	18,447	19,568	2,103	2,090
HI	706	685	736	708	1,953	2,015
IL	3,024	2,684	3,225	2,840	2,357	2,183
IN	20,225	20,248	21,329	21,108	2,246	2,293
IA	18,619	20,268	19,459	21,186	2,261	2,214
ME	4,886	4,829	5,027	4,943	2,407	2,468
MD	2,998	2,881	3,470	3,317	2,248	2,171
MI	4,471	4,743	4,706	4,980	2,300	2,241
MN	11,385	10,715	12,223	11,533	2,184	2,116
MS	2,237	1,851	6,617	6,603	2,010	1,984
MO	5,583	5,487	6,703	6,659	2,104	2,178
NE	9,092	9,318	9,242	9,468	2,148	2,167
NY	3,357	3,211	3,635	3,402	2,283	2,352
NC	5,403	4,530	12,680	12,477	1,940	1,916
OH	23,865	24,596	24,326	25,152	2,302	2,242
OK	1,915	1,625	3,875	3,575	1,987	1,986
OR	2,462	2,826	2,646	3,000	2,457	2,267
PA	19,355	19,420	20,640	20,675	2,277	2,268
SC	3,589	3,742	4,598	4,779	2,175	2,176
SD	1,870	1,748	2,080	2,023	2,362	2,173
TX	12,404	13,411	15,549	16,737	2,116	2,127
VA	1,928	1,508	4,189	3,550	2,172	1,887
WA	5,034	4,861	5,273	5,232	2,352	2,294
WI	2,995	3,264	3,468	3,903	2,278	2,332
30 Sts	225,308	225,935	279,294	283,586	2,183	2,155
Oth Sts 3/	11,075	10,701	16,055	15,567	2,136	2,146
US	236,383	236,636	295,349	299,153	2,180	2,155

1/ 1997 preliminary, 1996 Revised.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
June 1996-97 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Million Eggs					
AL	200	211	86	91	114	120
AR	278	258	105	79	173	179
CA	530	534				
CO	66	67				
CT	78	73				
FL	181	172	169	160	12	12
GA	365	391	216	228	149	163
HI	14	14	14	14	0	0
IL	75	64	74	63	1	1
IN	457	464	447	454	10	10
IA	413	477				
ME	121	119				
MD	77	73	70	66	7	7
MI	105	105				
MN	252	237	242	227	10	10
MS	129	126	49	40	80	86
MO	131	131				
NE	185	204	185	204	0	0
NY	85	77				
NC	238	238	115	100	123	138
OH	528	558				
OK	76	69	46	38	30	31
OR	61	67	59	65	2	2
PA	451	459	435	444	16	15
SC	96	100	78	81	18	19
SD	47	44	47	44	0	0
TX	320	343				
VA	78	66	38	30	40	36
WA	119	116				
WI	76	80				
30 Sts	5,832	5,937	4,939	4,990	893	947
Oth Sts 3/	337	328	270	260	67	68
US	6,169	6,265	5,209	5,250	960	1,015

1/ Revised.

2/ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
July 1996-97 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Million Eggs					
AL	210	213	92	91	118	122
AR	279	262	107	79	172	183
CA	545	565				
CO	69	73				
CT	83	76				
FL	193	182	181	170	12	12
GA	388	409	234	241	154	168
HI	14	14	14	14	0	0
IL	76	62	75	60	1	2
IN	479	484	469	473	10	11
IA	440	469				
ME	121	122				
MD	78	72	70	65	8	7
MI	108	111				
MN	267	244	257	233	10	11
MS	133	131	50	43	83	88
MO	141	145				
NE	199	205	199	205	0	0
NY	83	80				
NC	246	239	121	99	125	140
OH	560	564				
OK	77	71	46	39	31	32
OR	65	68	63	67	2	1
PA	470	469	455	454	15	15
SC	100	104	82	85	18	19
SD	49	44	49	44	0	0
TX	329	356				
VA	91	67	45	31	46	36
WA	124	120				
WI	79	91				
30 Sts	6,096	6,112	5,183	5,135	913	977
Oth Sts 3/	344	335	274	265	70	70
US	6,440	6,447	5,457	5,400	983	1,047

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Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 1996-97 1/

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Percent			
Jan	3.7	3.8	24.3	22.3
Feb	5.4	5.1	22.3	21.6
Mar	3.5	2.4	23.3	22.9
Apr	1.9	3.1	22.9	21.8
May	5.4	5.3	22.2	19.8
Jun	4.7	4.4	22.2	20.8
Jul	4.0	4.8	22.9	21.1
Aug	4.7	3.5	22.0	21.9
Sep	4.3		22.3	
Oct	4.8		23.0	
Nov	3.1		23.9	
Dec	2.1		23.5	

1/ As of first of month.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, August 1996-97 1/

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Percent			
AL	2.5	3.0	15.5	14.0
AR	3.0	3.0	8.5	9.5
CA	6.5	10.5	41.0	36.0
CO	5.5	2.0	24.0	20.5
CT	.0	.0	12.5	9.0
FL	17.0	2.0	40.0	31.5
GA	5.0	1.5	22.0	22.5
HI	6.5	7.5	54.0	55.0
IL	6.5	4.0	21.5	31.0
IN	4.5	1.0	19.5	20.5
IA	7.0	2.0	27.5	23.5
ME	.0	.0	1.5	1.0
MD	7.0	10.5	37.5	41.5
MI	1.5	3.5	13.5	24.5
MN	5.0	3.5	24.5	36.5
MS	2.5	1.0	15.0	13.5
MO	2.5	1.5	24.5	28.0
NE	5.5	8.5	31.0	23.5
NY	3.0	.5	6.5	2.0
NC	2.0	3.0	16.0	11.5
OH	3.5	3.0	8.5	12.5
OK	4.0	1.5	10.5	9.0
OR	2.5	3.0	40.5	42.0
PA	3.5	3.5	21.5	13.5
SC	5.0	2.5	29.0	25.5
SD	17.0	.5	42.5	58.0
TX	3.5	3.5	19.5	27.0
VA	1.0	3.0	10.5	11.0
WA	5.0	6.5	45.5	40.0
WI	5.5	.5	20.0	27.5
30 Sts	4.7	3.5	22.2	21.9
Oth Sts 2/	4.3	2.9	18.2	21.9
US	4.7	3.5	22.0	21.9

1/ As of first of month.

2/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators, Chicks Hatched,
and Placements by Type, United States, July-August 1996-97

Item	:	1996	:	1997	:	1997 as % of 1996
	:		:		:	
	:	-----	:	1,000	:	-----
	:		:		:	Percent
Egg-Type	:		:		:	
Eggs in Incubators on Aug 1	:	28,879	:	28,146	:	97
Chicks Hatched During Jul	:	33,331	:	33,954	:	102
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jul	:	245,266	:	254,843	:	104
Pullets Hatched During Jun for Intended:	:		:		:	
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	266	:	199	:	75
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	:	2,941	:	2,940	:	100
Broiler-Type	:		:		:	
Eggs in Incubators on Aug 1	:	570,953	:	588,603	:	103
Chicks Hatched During Jul	:	679,766	:	709,150	:	104
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jul	:	4,748,739	:	4,871,161	:	103
Pullets Hatched During Jun for Intended:	:		:		:	
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	6,029	:	7,332	:	122
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	:	56,585	:	57,072	:	101

1/ 1997 includes pullet chicks hatched Jan 1996 through Dec 1996.

2/ 1997 includes pullet chicks hatched Apr 1996 through Dec 1996.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
August 1, 1996-97

Geographic Division	:	1996	:	1997	:	1997 as % of 1996
	:		:		:	
	:	-----	:	1,000	:	-----
	:		:		:	Percent
North Atlantic	:	4,824	:	5,231	:	108
E North Central	:	8,449	:	7,391	:	87
W North Central	:	4,608	:	5,112	:	111
South Atlantic	:	4,584	:	4,272	:	93
South Central	:	3,273	:	3,153	:	96
West	:	3,141	:	2,987	:	95
US	:	28,879	:	28,146	:	97

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic = CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

W North Central = IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic = DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central = AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By State and United States,
July 1996-97

State	July			Jan-Jul		
	1996			1996		
	1997			1997		
	as % of 1996			as % of 1996		
	1,000	Percent		1,000	Percent	
AR	898	807	90	6,448	5,757	89
FL	745	1,128	151	7,621	8,487	111
GA	1,960	1,960	100	14,623	14,622	100
IN	6,371	6,270	98	50,986	50,941	100
IA	4,353	4,823	111	24,226	27,672	114
KS	213	285	134	1,704	1,986	117
MN	1,991	1,794	90	14,666	14,079	96
MO	382	402	105	2,382	2,721	114
PA	4,540	4,670	103	27,922	34,759	124
Oth Sts 1/	11,878	11,815	99	94,688	93,819	99
US	33,331	33,954	102	245,266	254,843	104

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1995-97

	By Months				Cumulative			
Month:	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000		-----	Percent	----- 1,000		-----	Percent
Jan	32,374	31,523	33,331	106	32,374	31,523	33,331	106
Feb	32,743	34,627	35,318	102	65,117	66,150	68,649	104
Mar	36,019	37,474	37,648	100	101,136	103,624	106,297	103
Apr	35,078	35,628	38,746	109	136,214	139,252	145,043	104
May	37,540	38,607	38,891	101	173,754	177,859	183,934	103
Jun	34,996	34,076	36,955	108	208,750	211,935	220,889	104
Jul	29,572	33,331	33,954	102	238,322	245,266	254,843	104
Aug	31,442	32,393			269,764	277,659		
Sep	33,586	32,070			303,350	309,729		
Oct	33,383	33,065			336,733	342,794		
Nov	29,129	31,437			365,862	374,231		
Dec	30,639	33,017			396,501	407,248		

Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1995-97 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier 2/			
	as % of:			1996			
	1995	1996	1997	1996	1997	1998	
	1,000	1,000	Percent	1,000	1,000		
Jan	236	219	208	95	3,108	2,953	2,814
Feb	251	238	219	92	3,089	2,984	2,747
Mar	356	317	206	65	2,943	3,007	
Apr	317	252	316	125	2,920	2,946	
May	193	291	268	92	2,951	2,870	
Jun	234	282	256	91	2,835	2,956	
Jul	235	266	199	75	2,941	2,940	
Aug	163	186			2,924	2,929	
Sep	292	231			2,911	2,910	
Oct	309	233			2,872	2,799	
Nov	124	210			2,807	2,863	
Dec	231	215			2,905	2,840	
Total	2,941	2,940					

- 1/ 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 30 dozen case of eggs.
- 2/ For July 1997, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jan 1996 through Dec 1996. 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: By Region
and United States, August 1, 1996-97

Geographic Division	:	1996	:	1997	:	1997 as % of 1996
	:	----- 1,000 -----			:	Percent
North Atlantic	:	11,809		12,609		107
E North Central	:	8,197		7,737		94
W North Central	:	21,798		22,201		102
South Atlantic	:	225,900		229,032		101
South Central	:	281,799		295,357		105
West	:	21,450		21,667		101
US	:	570,953		588,603		103

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, July 1996-97

State	July			Jan-Jul		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	88,418	92,756	105	613,092	638,428	104
AR	104,117	106,277	102	733,605	743,079	101
DE	16,122	16,807	104	112,593	114,645	102
FL	10,352	9,431	91	71,456	66,403	93
GA	103,548	109,436	106	714,622	738,495	103
MD	29,994	31,279	104	215,824	214,867	100
MS	58,397	62,892	108	396,694	434,914	110
NC	62,836	62,098	99	438,239	428,684	98
PA	12,294	12,958	105	80,801	88,467	109
SC	15,539	15,587	100	106,247	107,049	101
TX	40,668	46,168	114	287,271	305,931	106
VA	23,077	24,224	105	162,754	165,811	102
CA TN & WV	34,064	34,658	102	240,493	243,187	101
15 Sts 1/	599,426	624,571	104	4,173,691	4,289,960	103
OR & WA	5,956	6,190	104	39,807	42,377	106
Oth Sts 2/	74,384	78,389	105	535,241	538,824	101
US	679,766	709,150	104	4,748,739	4,871,161	103

1/ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

2/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Broiler Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1995-97

	By Months				Cumulative			
Month	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----			Percent
Jan	:662,467	689,994	700,467	102	662,467	689,994	700,467	102
Feb	:600,095	645,590	631,259	98	1,262,562	1,335,584	1,331,726	100
Mar	:679,066	692,287	716,374	103	1,941,628	2,027,871	2,048,100	101
Apr	:664,121	668,378	690,790	103	2,605,749	2,696,249	2,738,890	102
May	:691,935	700,556	720,610	103	3,297,684	3,396,805	3,459,500	102
Jun	:670,815	672,168	702,511	105	3,968,499	4,068,973	4,162,011	102
Jul	:673,666	679,766	709,150	104	4,642,165	4,748,739	4,871,161	103
Aug	:674,054	690,838			5,316,219	5,439,577		
Sep	:638,882	658,976			5,955,101	6,098,553		
Oct	:655,036	652,232			6,610,137	6,750,785		
Nov	:629,208	631,142			7,239,345	7,381,927		
Dec	:693,007	695,011			7,932,352	8,076,938		

Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 1995-97 1/

	:				:	Cumulative Potential Placements		
	:	Pullet Chicks Hatched			:	1997	: Relative to Current Supply Flocks	
Month	:				:	as % of: 7-15 Months Earlier 2/		
	:	1996			:	1996		
	:	1995	: 1996	: 1997	:	1996	: 1997	: 1998
	:	----- 1,000 -----			:	Percent ----- 1,000 -----		
	:							
US	:							
Place-	:							
ments	:							
Jan	:	5,710	5,487	6,393	117	54,562	56,074	56,607
Feb	:	5,484	5,916	5,913	100	54,522	56,090	57,718
Mar	:	6,161	6,093	6,439	106	55,178	55,944	
Apr	:	6,320	6,746	6,122	91	55,053	55,892	
May	:	6,135	6,776	7,056	104	55,356	56,626	
Jun	:	6,178	6,169	6,008	97	56,528	57,218	
Jul	:	6,302	6,029	7,332	122	56,585	57,072	
Aug	:	6,475	6,510			55,752	56,719	
Sep	:	6,288	6,166			55,533	55,856	
Oct	:	6,013	6,221			55,448	56,126	
Nov	:	6,656	6,508			55,892	56,219	
Dec	:	6,218	5,947			56,193	56,765	
	:							
Annual	:							
Total	:	73,940	74,568					
	:							
Total	:							
Place-	:							
ments3/	:							
Jan	:	7,040	6,693	7,665	115			
Feb	:	7,180	7,167	7,252	101			
Mar	:	7,577	7,501	8,030	107			
Apr	:	7,835	7,903	7,453	94			
May	:	7,873	8,234	8,660	105			
Jun	:	7,485	7,467	7,483	100			
Jul	:	7,730	7,572	8,714	115			
Aug	:	7,850	8,120					
Sep	:	7,730	7,771					
Oct	:	7,301	7,892					
Nov	:	7,784	7,860					
Dec	:	7,750	7,709					
	:							
Annual	:							
Total	:	91,135	91,889					

1/ 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 30 dozen case of eggs.

2/ For Jul 1997, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Apr 1996 through Dec 1996.

3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

Procedures and Reliability

Data Sources: 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 over 30,000 table egg layers. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 900 contractors, independent egg producers, and started pullet operations are contacted each month. All known hatcheries, approximately 360, are contacted for information on a weekly and/or monthly basis.

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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 egg supply flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the flocks. Beginning with the January 1996 publication the broiler-type cumulative potential placements went from 7-14 months earlier to 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

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