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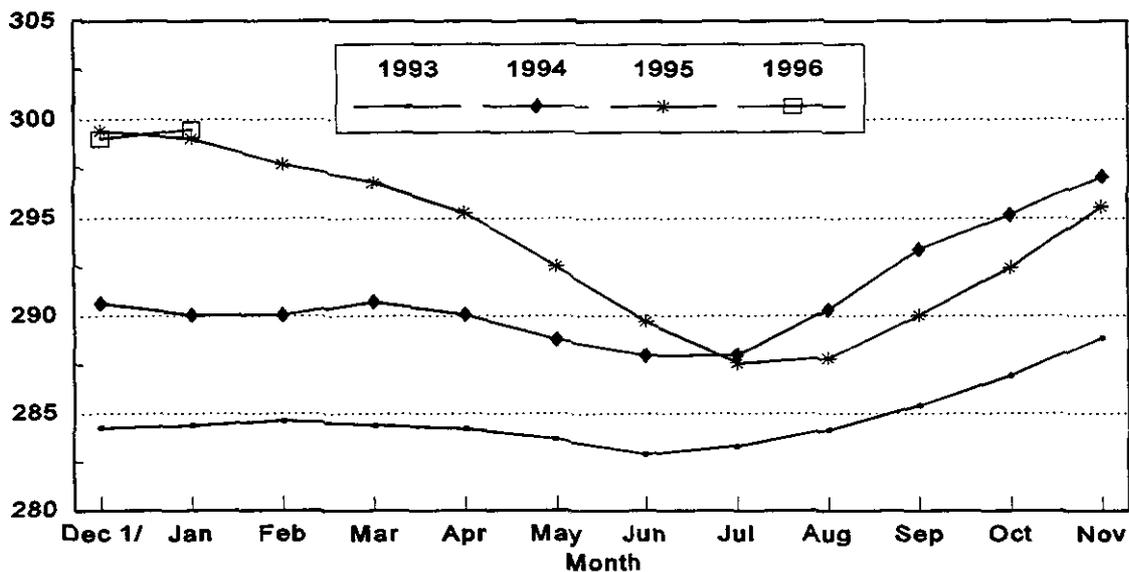
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January Egg Production up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.41 billion during January 1996, up 1 percent from the 6.37 billion produced January 1995. Production included 5.43 billion table eggs and 978 million hatching egg type, of which 919 million were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 1996 averaged 300 million, up slightly from the average number of layers during January 1995. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, compared with 2,130 in January 1995.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1993-96

Million Layers



1/ Previous Year

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 1996, totaled 299 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 299 million layers consisted of 246 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 50.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.62 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 1996, averaged 68.1 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from the 68.0 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.07 billion eggs during January, up 1 percent from January 1995. The average number of layers during January, at 283 million, was up slightly from the 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 Slightly

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during January totaled 31.5 million, up slightly from January 1995. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 31.5 million on February 1, 1996, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 171,000 during January 1995, down 28 percent from the 236,000 of January 1995.

Broiler Hatch Up 4 Percent

The January 1996 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 686 million, was 4 percent above January of the previous year. There were 566 million **eggs in incubators** on February 1, 1996, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.54 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during January 1996, down 4 percent from January 1995.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month,
United States, 1993-1996 1/

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996
1,000 Layers				
Dec 2/	284,267	290,642	299,434	299,066
Jan	284,398	290,041	299,084	299,513
Feb	284,638	290,047	297,759	
Mar	284,405	290,719	296,796	
Apr	284,234	290,073	295,293	
May	283,694	288,784	292,548	
Jun	282,914	287,974	289,705	
Jul	283,324	287,990	287,557	
Aug	284,192	290,321	287,837	
Sep	285,418	293,381	290,021	
Oct	286,948	295,172	292,459	
Nov	288,875	297,134	295,562	

1/ Data are for chart on cover page.

2/ December preceding year.

Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 1995-96

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
Million Eggs						
Dec 1/	6,516	6,534	5,568	5,559	948	975
Jan	6,369	6,411	5,417	5,433	952	978
Feb	5,714		4,854		860	
Mar	6,448		5,492		956	
Apr	6,177		5,238		939	
May	6,251		5,271		980	
Jun	6,010		5,060		950	
Jul	6,145		5,179		966	
Aug	6,146		5,191		955	
Sep	5,990		5,063		927	
Oct	6,260		5,301		959	
Nov	6,232		5,298		934	
During Year:	74,258	12,945	62,932	10,992	11,326	1,953

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, December-January 1994-96

Item	1994	1995 1/	1995 as % of 1994
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Layers During Dec (1,000)			
All Layers	299,434	299,066	100
Table Egg Type	247,943	246,011	99
Hatching Egg Type	51,491	53,055	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	48,737	50,519	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,754	2,536	92
Eggs per 100 Layers During Dec (Number)			
All Layers	2,176	2,185	100
Table Egg Type	2,246	2,260	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,841	1,838	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,816	1,819	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,288	2,208	97
Eggs Produced During Dec (Million)			
All Layers	6,516	6,534	100
Table Egg Type	5,568	5,559	100
Hatching Egg Type	948	975	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	885	919	104
Egg-Type Hatching	63	56	89
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	1995	1996 1/	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers on Jan 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	300,331	299,798	100
Table Egg Type	248,343	246,703	99
Hatching Egg Type	51,988	53,095	102
Broiler-Type Hatching	49,208	50,538	103
Egg-Type Hatching	2,780	2,557	92
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jan 1 (Number)			
All Layers	70.0	69.9	100
Table Egg Type	72.2	72.2	100
Hatching Egg Type	59.4	59.3	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.5	58.4	100
Egg-Type Hatching	75.0	75.5	101
Forced Molt Layers, Jan 1			
Percent Being Molted	4.6	3.7	80
Percent with Molt Completed	23.9	24.3	102

1/ Revised.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, January-February 1995-96

Item	:	:	:	1996
	:	1995	:	1996 1/
	:		:	as % of
	:		:	1995
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Layers During Jan	(1,000)			
All Layers		299,084	299,513	100
Table Egg Type		246,868	246,222	100
Hatching Egg Type		52,216	53,291	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		49,431	50,698	103
Egg-Type Hatching		2,785	2,593	93
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jan	(Number)			
All Layers		2,130	2,140	100
Table Egg Type		2,194	2,207	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,823	1,835	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,794	1,813	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,334	2,275	97
Eggs Produced During Jan	(Million)			
All Layers		6,369	6,411	101
Table Egg Type		5,417	5,433	100
Hatching Egg Type		952	978	103
Broilers-Type Hatching		887	919	104
Egg-Type Hatching		65	59	91
Layers on Feb 1	(1,000)			
All Layers		298,202	299,180	100
Table Egg Type		245,778	245,714	100
Hatching Egg Type		52,424	53,466	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		49,645	50,847	102
Egg-Type Hatching		2,779	2,619	94
Eggs per 100 Layers on Feb 1	(Number)			
All Layers		68.0	68.1	100
Table Egg Type		70.0	70.1	100
Hatching Egg Type		58.6	59.0	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		57.6	58.2	101
Egg-Type Hatching		75.5	75.6	100
Forced Molt Layers, Feb 1				
Percent Being Molted		6.3	5.5	87
Percent with Molt Completed		23.7	22.4	95

1/ Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, 30 Selected States, December-January 1994-96 1/

Item	1994	1995 2/	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Dec (1,000)			
All Layers	282,956	282,878	100
Table Egg Type	234,742	233,360	99
Hatching Egg Type	48,214	49,518	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	45,564	47,070	103
Egg-Type Hatching	2,650	2,448	92
Eggs per 100 Layers During Dec (Number)			
All Layers	2,176	2,184	100
Table Egg Type	2,245	2,259	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,836	1,834	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,808	1,814	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,302	2,206	96
Eggs Produced During Dec (Million)			
All Layers	6,156	6,179	100
Table Egg Type	5,271	5,271	100
Hatching Egg Type	885	908	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	824	854	104
Egg-Type Hatching	61	54	89
Layers on Jan 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	283,802	283,503	100
Table Egg Type	235,094	233,916	99
Hatching Egg Type	48,708	49,587	102
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,028	47,114	102
Egg-Type Hatching	2,680	2,473	92
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jan 1 (Number)			
All Layers	70.1	69.9	100
Table Egg Type	72.3	72.2	100
Hatching Egg Type	59.4	59.3	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.5	58.4	100
Egg-Type Hatching	75.0	75.5	101
Forced Molt Layers, Jan 1			
Percent Being Molted	4.5	3.7	82
Percent with Molt Completed	24.2	24.4	101
Layers Sold During Dec (1,000)	16,393	14,394	88
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Dec (1,000)	2,627	2,495	95
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Jan 1 (1,000)	73,255	71,955	98
Pullets Added During Dec (1,000)	19,668	18,219	93

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

2/ Revised.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, 30 Selected States, January-February 1995-96 1/

Item	1995	1996 2/	1996 as % of 1995
Layers During Jan (1,000)			
All Layers	282,452	283,358	100
Table Egg Type	233,587	233,576	100
Hatching Egg Type	48,865	49,782	102
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,182	47,273	102
Egg-Type Hatching	2,683	2,509	94
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jan (Number)			
All Layers	2,130	2,142	101
Table Egg Type	2,194	2,207	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,825	1,838	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,793	1,813	101
Egg-Type Hatching	2,385	2,312	97
Eggs Produced During Jan (Million)			
All Layers	6,017	6,069	101
Table Egg Type	5,125	5,154	101
Hatching Egg Type	892	915	103
Broilers-Type Hatching	828	857	104
Egg-Type Hatching	64	58	91
Layers on Feb 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	281,480	283,178	101
Table Egg Type	232,477	233,220	100
Hatching Egg Type	49,003	49,958	102
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,327	47,423	102
Egg-Type Hatching	2,676	2,535	95
Eggs per 100 Layers on Feb 1 (Number)			
All Layers	68.0	68.1	100
Table Egg Type	70.0	70.1	100
Hatching Egg Type	58.7	59.0	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	57.7	58.1	101
Egg-Type Hatching	75.6	75.8	100
Forced Molt Layers, Feb 1			
Percent Being Molted	6.4	5.5	86
Percent with Molt Completed	23.8	22.4	94
Layers Sold During Jan (1,000)	16,940	15,741	93
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jan (1,000)	2,817	2,572	91
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Feb 1 (1,000)	70,789	71,110	100
Pullets Added During Jan (1,000)	18,404	19,955	108

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

2/ Preliminary.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During December 1994-95 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers 2/		Eggs per 100 for All Layers 2/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000				Number	
AL	4,788	4,473	11,722	11,252	1,988	1,964
AR	6,407	5,550	16,540	15,839	1,929	1,900
CA	26,754	25,113	27,359	25,670	2,164	2,236
CO	2,546	2,599	3,089	3,185	2,007	2,166
CT	3,478	3,366	3,663	3,518	2,239	2,274
FL	9,146	8,929	9,777	9,612	2,209	2,216
GA	10,619	10,874	18,286	18,844	2,144	2,091
HI	734	734	802	782	1,978	2,009
IL	2,715	3,048	2,915	3,248	2,436	2,278
IN	20,937	20,264	21,853	21,329	2,215	2,246
IA	15,188	17,198	16,026	18,068	2,147	2,225
ME	4,783	4,789	4,945	4,882	2,346	2,438
MD	2,719	3,317	3,294	3,768	2,338	2,256
MI	5,143	5,055	5,450	5,325	2,272	2,142
MN	10,148	10,623	10,965	11,453	2,234	2,226
MS	2,567	2,331	6,473	6,257	2,024	2,030
MO	6,103	5,805	6,918	6,951	2,284	2,144
NE	8,950	9,025	9,100	9,175	2,207	2,148
NY	3,551	3,710	3,888	4,019	2,392	2,364
NC	6,556	6,105	13,945	13,772	1,986	1,939
OH	22,238	22,339	22,511	22,826	2,270	2,335
OK	1,950	1,965	3,735	3,900	1,981	2,051
OR	2,420	2,367	2,616	2,539	2,332	2,363
PA	20,590	20,075	22,005	21,415	2,313	2,344
SC	4,018	3,683	5,088	4,678	2,221	2,266
SD	1,588	1,568	1,838	1,778	2,226	2,285
TX	12,425	13,343	15,581	16,445	2,137	2,165
VA	1,711	1,725	3,866	3,819	2,069	2,016
WA	5,009	5,017	5,253	5,236	2,380	2,273
WI	2,928	2,783	3,453	3,293	2,201	2,247
30 Sts	228,709	227,773	282,956	282,878	2,176	2,184
Oth Sts 3/	11,809	11,321	16,478	16,188	2,185	2,193
US	240,518	239,094	299,434	299,066	2,176	2,185

1/ 1995 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 January 1995-96 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers 2/		Eggs per 100 for All Layers 2/	
	1995 3/	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	1,000				Number	
AL	4,614	4,320	11,725	11,121	1,919	1,897
AR	6,354	5,469	16,498	15,749	1,897	1,892
CA	25,961	25,233	26,565	25,791	2,108	2,144
CO	2,628	2,696	3,206	3,276	2,152	2,167
CT	3,390	3,400	3,574	3,549	2,210	2,226
FL	8,856	8,502	9,448	9,194	2,202	2,175
GA	10,438	10,716	18,161	18,736	2,065	2,039
HI	745	738	794	785	2,040	2,012
IL	2,689	3,099	2,901	3,301	2,378	2,242
IN	21,132	20,614	22,058	21,667	2,190	2,183
IA	15,900	17,547	16,775	18,403	2,021	2,222
ME	4,790	4,862	4,953	4,974	2,342	2,413
MD	2,771	3,403	3,368	3,904	2,257	2,177
MI	5,054	4,963	5,351	5,231	2,244	2,114
MN	10,215	10,770	11,036	11,573	2,220	2,203
MS	2,422	2,306	6,333	6,240	1,990	1,987
MO	6,003	5,640	6,828	6,770	2,197	2,127
NE	8,950	8,989	9,100	9,139	2,275	2,139
NY	3,492	3,677	3,819	3,974	2,357	2,365
NC	6,383	6,054	13,950	13,824	1,928	1,902
OH	22,381	22,764	22,661	23,196	2,237	2,319
OK	1,940	2,000	3,725	3,900	2,040	2,077
OR	2,416	2,522	2,604	2,699	2,227	2,186
PA	20,585	20,020	21,995	21,378	2,255	2,273
SC	4,010	3,695	5,035	4,703	2,244	2,148
SD	1,570	1,570	1,815	1,745	2,062	2,275
TX	12,413	13,166	15,656	16,321	2,069	2,102
VA	1,705	1,660	3,902	3,802	1,973	2,025
WA	4,975	4,955	5,239	5,186	2,367	2,275
WI	2,844	2,727	3,377	3,227	2,073	2,169
30 Sts	227,626	228,077	282,452	283,358	2,130	2,142
Oth Sts 3/	11,886	11,316	16,632	16,155	2,110	2,117
US	239,512	239,393	299,084	299,513	2,130	2,140

1/ 1996 preliminary.

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,
December 1994-95 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Million Eggs					
AL	233	221	110	99	123	122
AR	319	301	138	119	181	182
CA	592	574				
CO	62	69				
CT	82	80				
FL	216	213	204	201	12	12
GA	392	394	249	242	143	152
HI	15	16	15	16	0	0
IL	71	74	69	73	2	1
IN	484	479	473	470	11	9
IA	344	402				
ME	116	119				
MD	77	85	67	77	10	8
MI	124	114				
MN	245	255	236	246	9	9
MS	131	127	59	55	72	72
MO	158	149				
NE	201	197	201	197	0	0
NY	93	95				
NC	277	267	154	138	123	129
OH	511	533				
OK	74	80	47	49	27	31
OR	61	60	59	59	2	1
PA	509	502	491	485	18	17
SC	113	106	94	87	19	19
SD	41	41	41	41	0	0
TX	333	356	288	303	45	53
VA	80	77	39	40	41	37
WA	125	119				
WI	76	74				
30 Sts	6,156	6,179	5,271	5,271	885	908
Oth Sts 3/	360	355	297	288	63	67
US	6,516	6,534	5,568	5,559	948	975

1/ 1995 revised.

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

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Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
January 1995-96 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	225	211	102	90	123	121
AR	313	298	134	115	179	183
CA	560	553				
CO	69	71				
CT	79	79				
FL	208	200	198	188	10	12
GA	375	382	230	229	145	153
HI	16	16	16	16	0	0
IL	69	74	67	73	2	1
IN	483	473	472	464	11	9
IA	339	409				
ME	116	120				
MD	76	85	66	77	10	8
MI	120	110				
MN	245	255	236	245	9	10
MS	126	124	55	52	71	72
MO	150	144				
NE	207	195	207	195	0	0
NY	90	94				
NC	269	263	142	131	127	132
OH	507	538				
OK	76	81	48	50	28	31
OR	58	59	56	58	2	1
PA	496	486	478	468	18	18
SC	113	101	94	82	19	19
SD	37	40	37	40	0	0
TX	324	343	277	290	47	53
VA	77	77	37	40	40	37
WA	124	118				
WI	70	70				
30 Sts	6,017	6,069	5,125	5,154	892	915
Oth Sts 3/	352	342	292	279	60	63
US	6,369	6,411	5,417	5,433	952	978

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Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 1995-96 1/

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
Jan	4.6	3.7	23.9	24.3
Feb	6.3	5.5	23.7	22.4
Mar	4.8		24.1	
Apr	3.4		23.8	
May	5.7		22.4	
Jun	6.0		23.0	
Jul	4.9		23.4	
Aug	4.1		23.4	
Sep	4.6		23.3	
Oct	5.1		23.3	
Nov	3.6		24.2	
Dec	2.2		25.5	

1/ As of first of month.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, 1995-96 1/

State	February			
	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
AL	3.0	5.5	14.5	10.5
AR	3.5	1.5	12.0	10.0
CA	13.5	12.0	44.5	44.0
CO	5.5	6.0	25.5	25.5
CT	3.5	3.5	14.5	11.5
FL	19.0	4.5	28.0	36.5
GA	5.0	5.0	22.5	20.5
HI	5.5	9.5	49.5	53.0
IL	3.5	7.5	26.0	42.5
IN	5.0	3.5	34.5	21.5
IA	7.5	6.0	32.5	24.0
ME	.5	.0	.5	.5
MD	9.0	6.0	23.0	30.0
MI	1.5	4.5	16.5	23.5
MN	7.0	2.0	27.0	36.0
MS	5.5	5.0	14.0	11.0
MO	3.0	8.5	24.5	23.5
NE	5.5	13.5	22.0	28.0
NY	3.0	3.0	9.0	4.0
NC	5.0	4.0	16.0	11.0
OH	6.0	1.5	12.0	15.0
OK	2.5	3.5	18.0	9.0
OR	12.5	9.5	34.5	33.5
PA	6.0	7.0	21.5	17.0
SC	8.0	5.5	27.5	30.0
SD	6.0	.0	44.5	24.0
TX	6.0	5.5	22.0	19.5
VA	5.0	5.5	12.0	14.0
WA	5.5	5.5	39.0	44.0
WI	5.0	8.5	30.0	25.5
30 Sts	6.4	5.5	23.8	22.4
Oth Sts 2/	5.3	4.7	21.9	21.9
US	6.3	5.5	23.7	22.4

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, January-February 1995-96

Item	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Feb 1	28,653	31,514	110
Chicks Hatched During Jan	31,527	31,547	100
Pullets Hatched During Jan for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	236	171	72
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	2,916	3,093	106
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Feb 1	536,954	566,333	105
Chicks Hatched During Jan	661,389	686,359	104
Pullets Hatched During Jan for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	5,748	5,538	96
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	52,785	54,597	103

1/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Jul 1994 through Jun 1995.

2/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 1994 through Jun 1995.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
February 1, 1995-96

Geographic Division	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	4,081	4,459	109
E North Central	6,606	8,057	122
W North Central	4,953	5,821	118
South Atlantic	5,214	5,251	101
South Central	3,875	4,289	111
West	3,924	3,637	93
US	28,653	31,514	110

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, January 1995-96

State	January			Jan-Jan		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AR	1,079	831	77	1,079	831	77
FL	1,070	1,043	97	1,070	1,043	97
GA	1,814	2,130	117	1,814	2,130	117
IN	6,882	7,280	106	6,882	7,280	106
IA	2,516	2,093	83	2,516	2,093	83
KS	239	340	142	239	340	142
MN	1,683	1,915	114	1,683	1,915	114
MO	323	47	15	323	47	15
PA	3,247	3,260	100	3,247	3,260	100
Oth Sts 1/	12,674	12,608	99	12,674	12,608	99
US	31,527	31,547	100	31,527	31,547	100

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1994-96

Month:	By Months				Cumulative			
	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----			Percent
Jan	33,212	31,527	31,547	100	33,212	31,527	31,547	100
Feb	31,086	31,693			64,298	63,220		
Mar	33,492	34,806			97,790	98,026		
Apr	35,668	34,101			133,458	132,127		
May	35,336	36,335			168,794	168,462		
Jun	31,986	33,392			200,780	201,854		
Jul	29,613	28,682			230,393	230,536		
Aug	31,295	30,399			261,688	260,935		
Sep	30,873	32,112			292,561	293,047		
Oct	31,766	31,682			324,327	324,729		
Nov	25,475	28,539			349,802	353,268		
Dec	29,072	30,012			378,874	383,280		

Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1994-96 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1996 : as % of: : 1995	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier 2/		
	1994	1995	1996		1994	1995	1996
	: ----- 1,000 -----			Percent	: ----- 1,000 -----		
Jan	197	236	171	72	2,806	2,916	3,093
Feb	186	251			2,812	2,937	3,064
Mar	259	356			2,754	3,027	2,918
Apr	277	317			2,787	3,072	2,895
May	334	193			2,801	3,091	2,934
Jun	254	234			2,690	3,156	2,835
Jul	264	235			2,782	3,013	2,934
Aug	309	163			2,786	3,052	2,869
Sep	315	292			2,853	3,117	
Oct	270	309			2,844	3,214	
Nov	223	124			2,870	3,254	
Dec	125	224			2,929	3,113	
Total	3,013	2,934					

- 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 Jan 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jul 1994 through Jun 1995. 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, February 1, 1995-96

Geographic Division	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
		: ----- 1,000 -----	
North Atlantic	10,997	11,833	108
E North Central	5,744	7,373	128
W North Central	15,539	18,684	120
South Atlantic	213,633	228,223	107
South Central	269,603	280,406	104
West	21,438	19,814	92
US	536,954	566,333	105

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, January 1995-96

State	January			Jan-Jan		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
AL	94,615	87,849	93	94,615	87,849	93
AR	103,655	108,829	105	103,655	108,829	105
DE	17,083	16,585	97	17,083	16,585	97
FL	9,361	10,612	113	9,361	10,612	113
GA	96,026	104,724	109	96,026	104,724	109
MD	32,648	31,639	97	32,648	31,639	97
MS	55,842	56,472	101	55,842	56,472	101
NC	62,115	64,835	104	62,115	64,835	104
PA	11,244	11,286	100	11,244	11,286	100
SC	15,065	15,645	104	15,065	15,645	104
TX	37,672	42,317	112	37,672	42,317	112
VA	23,850	23,864	100	23,850	23,864	100
CA TN & WV	34,241	34,482	101	34,241	34,482	101
15 Sts 1/	593,417	609,139	103	593,417	609,139	103
OR & WA	5,509	5,779	105	5,509	5,779	105
Oth Sts 2/	62,463	71,441	114	62,463	71,441	114
US	661,389	686,359	104	661,389	686,359	104

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, 1994-96

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	1994	1995	1996 as % of 1995	1994	1995	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Jan	618,112	661,389	104	618,112	661,389	104
Feb	558,590	598,962		1,176,702	1,260,351	
Mar	639,967	677,334		1,816,669	1,937,685	
Apr	627,051	662,372		2,443,720	2,600,057	
May	658,690	689,650		3,102,410	3,289,707	
Jun	647,163	669,390		3,749,573	3,959,097	
Jul	646,456	672,822		4,396,029	4,631,919	
Aug	653,710	672,608		5,049,739	5,304,527	
Sep	625,867	634,272		5,675,606	5,938,799	
Oct	617,957	652,198		6,293,563	6,590,997	
Nov	597,276	626,487		6,890,839	7,217,484	
Dec	658,914	689,596		7,549,753	7,907,080	

Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 1994-96 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1996 : as % of:	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier 2/		
	: 1994	: 1995	: 1996		: 1994	: 1995	: 1996
	: ----- 1,000 -----			Percent	: ----- 1,000 -----		
US							
Place-							
ments							
Jan	: 5,989	5,748	5,538	96	48,072	52,785	54,597
Feb	: 5,518	5,481			48,632	53,376	54,557
Mar	: 6,301	6,161			49,491	53,923	55,202
Apr	: 6,101	6,319			49,607	54,590	55,077
May	: 6,266	6,135			49,456	54,943	55,342
Jun	: 5,911	6,178			50,424	55,244	56,527
Jul	: 6,104	6,302			50,415	55,356	56,389
Aug	: 6,064	6,464			50,873	55,003	55,607
Sep	: 6,336	6,288			50,447	54,218	
Oct	: 6,342	6,013			51,180	54,468	
Nov	: 5,819	6,666			51,314	54,684	
Dec	: 6,413	6,023			51,995	54,755	
Annual							
Total	: 73,164	73,778					
Total							
Place-							
ments 3/							
Jan	: 7,168	7,038	6,782	96			
Feb	: 6,829	7,176					
Mar	: 7,544	7,577					
Apr	: 7,234	7,835					
May	: 7,394	7,873					
Jun	: 7,153	7,485					
Jul	: 7,146	7,730					
Aug	: 7,290	7,838					
Sep	: 7,545	7,730					
Oct	: 7,959	7,301					
Nov	: 7,251	7,816					
Dec	: 7,908	7,612					
Annual							
Total	: 88,421	91,011					

- 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 Jan 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Oct 1994 through Jun 1995. Starting with January 1996 publication the cumulative placements will be 7-15 months earlier.
- 3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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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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