



Chickens and Eggs

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February Egg Production Down 9 Percent

United States egg production totaled 7.85 billion during February 2025, down 9 percent from last year. Production included 6.67 billion table eggs, and 1.18 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.09 billion were broiler-type and 93.4 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during February 2025 totaled 355 million, down 6 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,210 eggs, down 3 percent from February 2024.

Total layers in the United States on March 1, 2025 totaled 351 million, down 8 percent from last year. The 351 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.93 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2025, averaged 79.2 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2024.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2025 totaled 55.8 million, up 2 percent from February 2024. Eggs in incubators totaled 58.5 million on March 1, 2025, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 250 thousand during February 2025, up 6 percent from February 2024.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2025 totaled 784 million, down 1 percent from February 2024. Eggs in incubators totaled 749 million on March 1, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2025, up slightly from February 2024.

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Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2024-2025

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Month	2024	2025
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)
December ¹	383,004	373,055
January	377,543	364,443
February	377,789	355,177
March	379,619	
April	375,529	
May	370,879	
June	369,835	
July	368,248	
August	368,951	
September	372,988	
October	375,618	
November	376,396	

¹ December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2024-2025

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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December ¹	9,431.0	9,115.6	8,132.2	7,832.5	1,298.8	1,283.1
January	9,252.9	8,883.1	7,952.2	7,587.1	1,300.7	1,296.0
February	8,644.3	7,849.9	7,419.5	6,670.1	1,224.8	1,179.8
March	9,325.9		8,014.6		1,311.3	
April	8,923.3		7,660.6		1,262.7	
May	9,096.5		7,800.9		1,295.6	
June	8,789.2		7,534.0		1,255.2	
July	9,018.9		7,718.9		1,300.0	
August	9,067.7		7,753.8		1,313.9	
September	8,850.6		7,577.3		1,273.3	
October	9,179.9		7,885.8		1,294.1	
November	8,934.7		7,691.9		1,242.8	

¹ December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2024-2025

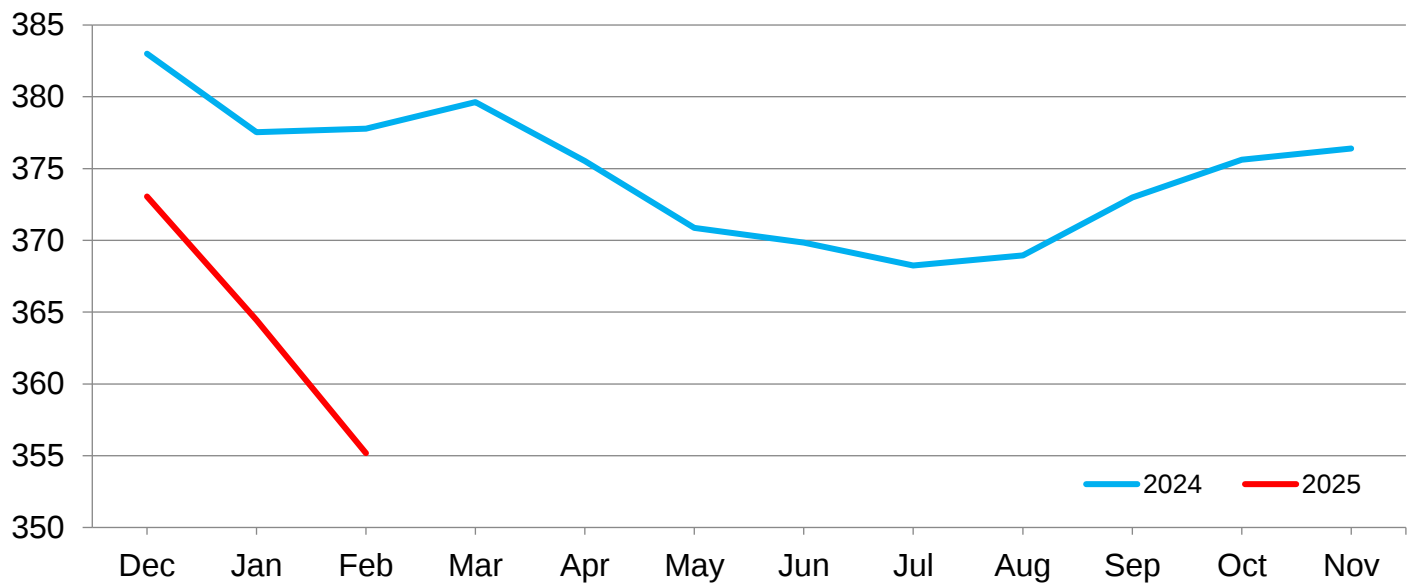
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December ¹	785,916.8	759,633.3	677,683.4	652,708.5	108,233.4	106,924.8
January	771,075.0	740,258.8	662,683.4	632,258.7	108,391.6	108,000.1
February	720,357.8	654,158.8	618,291.5	555,842.3	102,066.3	98,316.5
March	777,158.3		667,883.4		109,274.9	
April	743,608.3		638,383.5		105,224.8	
May	758,041.5		650,074.8		107,966.7	
June	732,433.0		627,833.1		104,599.9	
July	751,575.0		643,241.7		108,333.3	
August	755,641.4		646,150.0		109,491.4	
September	737,549.9		631,441.5		106,108.4	
October	764,991.9		657,150.2		107,841.7	
November	744,558.4		640,991.8		103,566.6	

¹ December previous year.

Average Layers During the Month – United States

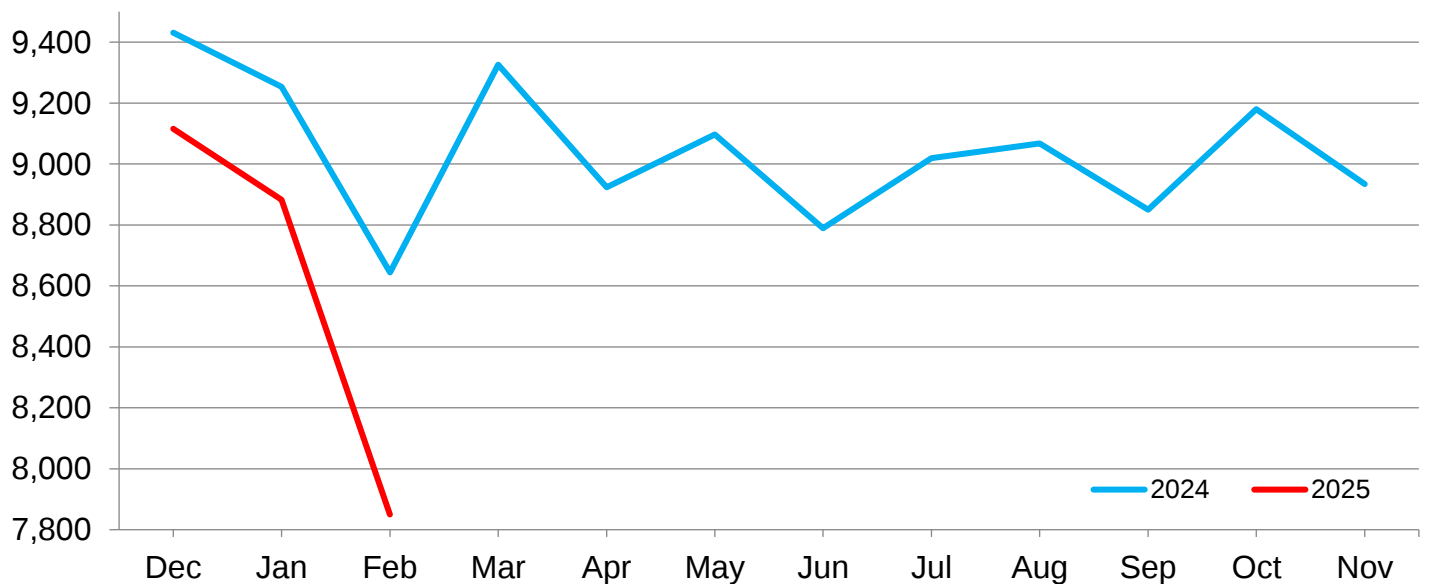
Million layers



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:
January-February 2024 and 2025**

Item	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
Layers during January			
Total layers 1,000	377,543	364,443	97
Table egg type 1,000	310,542	299,010	96
Hatching egg type 1,000	67,001	65,433	98
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	63,085	61,521	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,916	3,912	100
Eggs per 100 layers during January			
Total layers number	2,451	2,437	99
Table egg type number	2,561	2,537	99
Hatching egg type number	1,941	1,981	102
Broiler-type hatching number	1,902	1,944	102
Egg-type hatching number	2,577	2,561	99
Eggs produced during January			
Total layers million	9,252.9	8,883.1	96
Table egg type million	7,952.2	7,587.1	95
Hatching egg type million	1,300.7	1,296.0	100
Broiler-type hatching million	1,199.8	1,195.8	100
Egg-type hatching million	100.9	100.2	99
Eggs produced during January			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	771,075.0	740,258.8	96
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	662,683.4	632,258.7	95
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	108,391.6	108,000.1	100
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	99,983.4	99,650.1	100
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	8,408.2	8,350.0	99
Layers on February 1			
Total layers 1,000	376,082	359,677	96
Table egg type 1,000	309,540	293,830	95
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,542	65,847	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,634	61,928	99
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,908	3,919	100
Eggs per 100 layers on February 1			
Total layers number	78.7	78.7	100
Table egg type number	82.0	82.0	100
Hatching egg type number	63.5	64.0	101
Broiler-type hatching number	62.2	62.7	101
Egg-type hatching number	84.1	84.5	100
Molted layers on February 1			
Being molted percent	2.1	2.2	105
Molt completed percent	9.8	10.4	106
Layers sold for slaughter during January 1,000	14,556.3	13,019.2	89
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during January 1,000	12,928.3	22,603.3	175
Pullets on February 1 1,000	126,431	130,227	103
Pullets added during January ¹ 1,000	25,511.9	27,679.7	108

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

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: February-March 2024 and 2025

Item	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
Layers during February			
Total layers 1,000	377,789	355,177	94
Table egg type 1,000	311,482	289,473	93
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,307	65,704	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,369	61,775	99
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,938	3,929	100
Eggs per 100 layers during February			
Total layers number	2,288	2,210	97
Table egg type number	2,382	2,304	97
Hatching egg type number	1,847	1,796	97
Broiler-type hatching number	1,810	1,759	97
Egg-type hatching number	2,438	2,377	97
Eggs produced during February			
Total layers million	8,644.3	7,849.9	91
Table egg type million	7,419.5	6,670.1	90
Hatching egg type million	1,224.8	1,179.8	96
Broiler-type hatching million	1,128.8	1,086.4	96
Egg-type hatching million	96.0	93.4	97
Eggs produced during February			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	720,357.8	654,158.8	91
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	618,291.5	555,842.3	90
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	102,066.3	98,316.5	96
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	94,066.5	90,533.2	96
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	7,999.8	7,783.3	97
Layers on March 1			
Total layers 1,000	379,458	350,643	92
Table egg type 1,000	313,407	285,101	91
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,051	65,542	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,090	61,611	99
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,961	3,931	99
Eggs per 100 layers on March 1			
Total layers number	79.0	79.2	100
Table egg type number	82.2	82.6	100
Hatching egg type number	64.0	64.2	100
Broiler-type hatching number	62.7	62.9	100
Egg-type hatching number	84.4	85.2	101
Molted layers on March 1			
Being molted percent	1.8	2.1	117
Molt completed percent	9.6	10.3	107
Layers sold for slaughter during February 1,000	14,550.8	12,249.8	84
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during February 1,000	9,655.9	20,158.2	209
Pullets on March 1 1,000	123,922	130,734	105
Pullets added during February ¹ 1,000	26,977.1	26,064.6	97

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

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During January 2024 and 2025

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,185	1,295	11,080	10,795	1,863	1,949
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,295	15,262	2,169	2,113
California	7,494	2,942	7,878	3,312	2,361	2,443
Colorado	3,987	1,601	4,480	2,089	2,710	2,279
Georgia	9,460	9,783	19,893	19,864	2,197	2,268
Illinois	6,479	5,974	7,089	6,579	2,487	2,380
Indiana	34,249	37,040	35,369	37,977	2,454	2,541
Iowa	40,923	39,406	42,773	41,298	2,600	2,493
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,276	5,420	2,227	2,166
Maryland	2,028	(NA)	2,243	(NA)	2,684	(NA)
Michigan	16,182	10,828	16,748	11,466	2,479	2,463
Minnesota	6,606	6,784	7,110	7,262	2,543	2,531
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,554	5,848	2,211	2,160
Missouri	7,416	6,105	13,950	12,439	2,596	2,568
Nebraska	7,668	8,029	8,322	8,751	2,528	2,521
New York	5,038	5,449	5,596	5,960	2,555	2,596
North Carolina	7,409	6,463	16,195	15,093	2,270	2,237
Ohio	37,425	39,889	38,646	41,134	2,577	2,549
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,265	2,115	2,155	2,099
Oregon	2,261	2,250	2,371	2,360	2,526	2,547
Pennsylvania	24,624	23,211	27,706	26,412	2,562	2,606
South Carolina	2,423	2,798	3,722	4,143	2,243	2,351
South Dakota	1,973	(NA)	2,028	(NA)	2,781	(NA)
Texas	(D)	(D)	23,045	22,448	2,414	2,375
Utah	6,545	6,213	6,585	6,253	2,673	2,661
Virginia	888	(NA)	2,623	(NA)	2,356	(NA)
Washington	5,311	4,957	5,413	5,059	2,675	2,447
Wisconsin	6,439	6,785	7,591	7,961	2,633	2,658
Other States ¹	24,362	29,165	30,697	37,143	2,415	2,433
United States	294,832	283,310	377,543	364,443	2,451	2,437

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¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During February 2024 and 2025

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,119	1,301	10,796	11,015	1,792	1,778
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,278	15,168	2,017	1,946
California	7,392	2,992	7,782	3,367	2,197	2,222
Colorado	3,964	1,827	4,452	2,315	2,496	2,177
Georgia	9,641	9,855	19,962	19,994	2,031	2,047
Illinois	6,564	6,048	7,167	6,660	2,318	2,213
Indiana	34,631	34,134	35,694	35,079	2,291	2,289
Iowa	41,636	40,209	43,488	42,087	2,428	2,292
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,315	5,443	2,081	1,944
Maryland	2,032	(NA)	2,249	(NA)	2,503	(NA)
Michigan	16,098	11,193	16,664	11,794	2,346	2,295
Minnesota	6,603	6,802	7,103	7,286	2,347	2,339
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,512	5,848	2,048	1,956
Missouri	7,575	4,790	14,070	11,126	2,438	2,278
Nebraska	7,665	7,909	8,320	8,642	2,310	2,343
New York	5,150	5,408	5,685	5,908	2,415	2,395
North Carolina	7,345	5,068	16,086	13,741	2,111	1,959
Ohio	37,789	34,613	39,055	35,880	2,413	2,328
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,200	2,105	2,036	1,867
Oregon	2,095	2,379	2,205	2,489	2,531	2,270
Pennsylvania	24,147	22,021	27,241	25,224	2,384	2,356
South Carolina	2,556	2,775	3,836	4,108	2,062	2,123
South Dakota	1,975	(NA)	2,030	(NA)	2,522	(NA)
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,653	22,816	2,244	2,106
Utah	6,777	6,284	6,817	6,324	2,346	2,323
Virginia	931	(NA)	2,674	(NA)	2,248	(NA)
Washington	5,332	4,824	5,434	4,926	2,494	2,221
Wisconsin	6,333	7,006	7,493	8,192	2,430	2,428
Other States ¹	24,301	29,561	30,528	37,640	2,285	2,213
United States	295,803	273,770	377,789	355,177	2,288	2,210

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: January 2024 and 2025

[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	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	206.4	210.4	33.0	35.8	173.4	174.6
Arkansas	331.8	322.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	186.0	80.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	121.4	47.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	437.0	450.6	240.2	255.9	196.8	194.7
Illinois	176.3	156.6	170.9	151.4	5.4	5.2
Indiana	867.8	965.0	850.7	951.8	17.1	13.2
Iowa	1,111.9	1,029.6	1,089.1	1,005.6	22.8	24.0
Kentucky	117.5	117.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	60.2	(NA)	58.6	(NA)	1.6	(NA)
Michigan	415.1	282.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	180.8	183.8	173.0	176.6	7.8	7.2
Mississippi	122.8	126.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	362.2	319.4	319.4	280.3	42.8	39.1
Nebraska	210.4	220.6	198.1	207.3	12.3	13.3
New York	143.0	154.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	367.7	337.6	197.0	172.8	170.7	164.8
Ohio	996.1	1,048.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	48.8	44.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	59.9	60.1	59.9	60.1	-	-
Pennsylvania	709.7	688.4	664.0	641.2	45.7	47.2
South Carolina	83.5	97.4	60.7	72.8	22.8	24.6
South Dakota	56.4	(NA)	56.4	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas	556.3	533.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	176.0	166.4	176.0	166.4	-	-
Virginia	61.8	(NA)	30.9	(NA)	30.9	(NA)
Washington	144.8	123.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	199.9	211.6	195.0	205.8	4.9	5.8
Other States ¹	741.4	903.8	660.8	791.3	80.6	112.5
United States	9,252.9	8,883.1	7,952.2	7,587.1	1,300.7	1,296.0

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: February 2024 and 2025

[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	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	193.5	195.8	29.9	32.9	163.6	162.9
Arkansas	308.1	295.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	171.0	74.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	111.1	50.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	405.4	409.2	219.8	231.1	185.6	178.1
Illinois	166.1	147.4	161.1	142.5	5.0	4.9
Indiana	817.8	803.1	803.6	791.1	14.2	12.0
Iowa	1,055.7	964.8	1,033.7	942.5	22.0	22.3
Kentucky	110.6	105.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	56.3	(NA)	54.9	(NA)	1.4	(NA)
Michigan	390.9	270.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	166.7	170.4	159.4	163.6	7.3	6.8
Mississippi	112.9	114.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	343.0	253.5	303.2	218.0	39.8	35.5
Nebraska	192.2	202.5	180.1	190.4	12.1	12.1
New York	137.3	141.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	339.6	269.2	182.7	121.5	156.9	147.7
Ohio	942.4	835.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	44.8	39.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	55.8	56.5	55.8	56.5	-	-
Pennsylvania	649.3	594.2	605.2	550.9	44.1	43.3
South Carolina	79.1	87.2	57.6	65.2	21.5	22.0
South Dakota	51.2	(NA)	51.2	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas	508.4	480.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	159.9	146.9	159.9	146.9	-	-
Virginia	60.1	(NA)	30.2	(NA)	29.9	(NA)
Washington	135.5	109.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	182.1	198.9	177.2	193.3	4.9	5.6
Other States ¹	697.5	832.9	618.9	729.5	78.6	103.4
United States	8,644.3	7,849.9	7,419.5	6,670.1	1,224.8	1,179.8

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Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: January 2024 and 2025

[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	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(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	17,200.0	17,533.4	2,750.0	2,983.4	14,450.0	14,550.0
Arkansas	27,650.0	26,875.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	15,500.1	6,741.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	10,116.7	3,966.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	36,416.7	37,550.0	20,016.7	21,325.0	16,400.0	16,225.0
Illinois	14,691.7	13,050.0	14,241.7	12,616.6	450.0	433.4
Indiana	72,316.7	80,416.7	70,891.7	79,316.7	1,425.0	1,100.0
Iowa	92,658.3	85,800.0	90,758.3	83,800.0	1,900.0	2,000.0
Kentucky	9,791.7	9,783.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	5,016.7	(NA)	4,883.3	(NA)	133.4	(NA)
Michigan	34,591.6	23,533.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	15,066.7	15,316.7	14,416.7	14,716.7	650.0	600.0
Mississippi	10,233.3	10,525.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	30,183.2	26,616.7	26,616.6	23,358.3	3,566.6	3,258.4
Nebraska	17,533.4	18,383.4	16,508.4	17,275.0	1,025.0	1,108.4
New York	11,916.7	12,891.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	30,641.7	28,133.3	16,416.7	14,400.0	14,225.0	13,733.3
Ohio	83,008.3	87,383.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	4,066.6	3,700.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4,991.6	5,008.3	4,991.6	5,008.3	-	-
Pennsylvania	59,141.7	57,366.6	55,333.3	53,433.3	3,808.4	3,933.3
South Carolina	6,958.3	8,116.7	5,058.3	6,066.7	1,900.0	2,050.0
South Dakota	4,700.0	(NA)	4,700.0	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas	46,358.4	44,433.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,666.7	13,866.7	14,666.7	13,866.7	-	-
Virginia	5,150.0	(NA)	2,575.0	(NA)	2,575.0	(NA)
Washington	12,066.7	10,316.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	16,658.3	17,633.3	16,250.0	17,150.0	408.3	483.3
Other States ¹	61,783.2	75,316.8	55,066.7	65,941.8	6,716.5	9,375.0
United States	771,075.0	740,258.8	662,683.4	632,258.7	108,391.6	108,000.1

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Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: February 2024 and 2025

[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	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(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	16,124.9	16,316.7	2,491.6	2,741.7	13,633.3	13,575.0
Arkansas	25,675.0	24,591.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	14,250.0	6,233.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	9,258.3	4,200.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	33,783.3	34,100.1	18,316.6	19,258.4	15,466.7	14,841.7
Illinois	13,841.7	12,283.4	13,425.0	11,875.0	416.7	408.4
Indiana	68,150.0	66,925.0	66,966.7	65,925.0	1,183.3	1,000.0
Iowa	87,975.0	80,399.9	86,141.7	78,541.6	1,833.3	1,858.3
Kentucky	9,216.7	8,816.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	4,691.6	(NA)	4,575.0	(NA)	116.6	(NA)
Michigan	32,575.0	22,558.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	13,891.6	14,199.9	13,283.3	13,633.3	608.3	566.6
Mississippi	9,408.4	9,533.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	28,583.2	21,125.0	25,266.6	18,166.7	3,316.6	2,958.3
Nebraska	16,016.6	16,874.9	15,008.3	15,866.6	1,008.3	1,008.3
New York	11,441.7	11,791.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	28,300.0	22,433.3	15,225.0	10,125.0	13,075.0	12,308.3
Ohio	78,533.2	69,616.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,733.3	3,275.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4,650.0	4,708.3	4,650.0	4,708.3	-	-
Pennsylvania	54,108.3	49,516.6	50,433.3	45,908.3	3,675.0	3,608.3
South Carolina	6,591.7	7,266.7	4,800.0	5,433.4	1,791.7	1,833.3
South Dakota	4,266.7	(NA)	4,266.7	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas	42,366.6	40,050.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	13,325.0	12,241.7	13,325.0	12,241.7	-	-
Virginia	5,008.3	(NA)	2,516.7	(NA)	2,491.6	(NA)
Washington	11,291.6	9,116.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	15,175.0	16,575.0	14,766.7	16,108.4	408.3	466.6
Other States ¹	58,125.1	69,408.8	51,575.0	60,792.0	6,550.1	8,616.8
United States	720,357.8	654,158.8	618,291.5	555,842.3	102,066.3	98,316.5

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Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	1.6	1.9	10.0	10.2
February	2.1	2.2	9.8	10.4
March	1.8	2.1	9.6	10.3
April	1.8		9.3	
May	2.3		8.9	
June	1.8		9.2	
July	1.8		9.4	
August	2.5		9.6	
September	1.8		10.2	
October	2.7		10.2	
November	2.3		10.9	
December	1.9		10.7	

Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: February 1 and March 1, 2024-2025

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	February 1		March 1		February 1		March 1	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	0.5	2.0	0.5	2.0	5.0	5.5	4.0	5.0
Arkansas	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	10.5	11.5	9.5	12.5
California	2.5	3.5	1.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	6.0
Colorado	3.5	1.0	5.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	6.5	2.0
Georgia	3.5	1.0	2.0	1.0	12.5	12.0	13.5	9.0
Illinois	10.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	22.0	22.0	24.0	20.5
Indiana	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.0	8.0	8.0	7.5	8.0
Iowa	1.5	4.0	1.5	4.0	8.5	8.5	7.0	9.0
Kentucky	1.5	5.5	1.5	5.5	17.5	22.5	18.5	25.0
Maryland	1.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)
Michigan	3.5	1.5	4.5	0.5	3.0	2.5	4.0	1.5
Minnesota	1.0	1.5	1.0	2.0	4.5	6.0	2.5	5.0
Mississippi	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	13.0	13.5	13.0	13.5
Missouri	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	5.5	6.0	6.5	5.5
Nebraska	4.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
New York	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.5	2.5
North Carolina	1.0	3.5	0.5	1.5	5.5	6.5	4.0	4.5
Ohio	2.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	4.0	7.5	5.0	8.5
Oklahoma	2.0	6.5	2.5	6.5	10.5	13.0	5.0	19.0
Oregon	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0
Pennsylvania	1.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	3.5	2.0	2.0
South Carolina	4.5	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	13.0	1.5	10.0
South Dakota	2.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)	0.5	(NA)	2.0	(NA)
Texas	2.0	1.5	3.5	1.5	40.0	36.5	37.5	36.5
Utah	5.5	1.0	3.0	4.5	15.5	8.0	15.0	1.0
Virginia	-	(NA)	-	(NA)	-	(NA)	-	(NA)
Washington	-	1.0	-	1.0	3.5	4.0	3.0	2.0
Wisconsin	4.0	8.5	4.0	5.0	8.0	1.0	7.5	8.5
Other States ¹	2.7	2.0	2.6	1.8	20.6	16.7	20.1	16.5
United States	2.1	2.2	1.8	2.1	9.8	10.4	9.6	10.3

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Hatchery Production – United States: 2024 and 2025

Item	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on March 1	56,378	58,522	104
Chicks hatched during February	54,920	55,756	102
Chicks hatched January through February	108,157	112,431	104
 Pullets hatched during February for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	236	250	106
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,697	2,757	102
 Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on March 1	731,745	749,378	102
Chicks hatched during February	788,774	783,653	99
Chicks hatched January through February	1,633,072	1,652,984	101
 Pullets hatched during February for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	8,197	8,223	100
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	76,516	76,843	100

¹ 2025 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2023 through July 2024.

² 2025 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2023 through July 2024.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	49,087	52,411	107
February	52,490	56,430	108
March	56,378	58,522	104
April	55,417		
May	54,357		
June	56,709		
July	53,046		
August	54,679		
September	52,046		
October	52,219		
November	49,252		
December	50,281		

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	53,237	56,675	106	53,237	56,675	106
February	54,920	55,756	102	108,157	112,431	104
March	56,618			164,775		
April	57,551			222,326		
May	58,762			281,088		
June	56,880			337,968		
July	57,715			395,683		
August	56,976			452,659		
September	53,157			505,816		
October	55,646			561,462		
November	49,144			610,606		
December	53,128			663,734		

Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2025 as percent of 2024	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ¹	
	2024	2025		2024	2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January	206	200	97	2,667	2,753
February	236	250	106	2,697	2,757
March	198			2,703	2,765
April	249			2,710	2,771
May	257			2,708	2,767
June	219			2,707	2,759
July	200			2,709	2,755
August	263			2,718	2,749
September	276			2,724	2,763
October	245			2,721	
November	191			2,736	
December	215			2,733	
Annual total	2,755				

¹ For February 2025, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched August 2023 through July 2024. 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: 2024-2025

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

Month	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	717,762	745,127	104
February	720,254	746,009	104
March	731,745	749,378	102
April	738,053		
May	737,569		
June	738,090		
July	735,952		
August	745,918		
September	741,852		
October	720,439		
November	722,187		
December	747,193		

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: February 2024 and 2025

State	During February			January-February		
	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	115,063	110,676	96	237,747	235,506	99
Arkansas	81,662	82,154	101	167,482	173,383	104
Delaware	18,384	18,402	100	36,913	37,893	103
Florida	3,667	(NA)	(NA)	7,676	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	117,032	108,682	93	241,421	230,085	95
Kentucky	22,458	24,767	110	46,739	51,714	111
Louisiana	11,559	(NA)	(NA)	23,737	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	26,148	26,723	102	53,754	55,203	103
Mississippi	57,182	57,531	101	118,762	121,935	103
Missouri	29,261	28,520	97	60,705	60,742	100
North Carolina	82,347	80,522	98	171,711	170,637	99
Oklahoma	17,106	18,118	106	36,726	37,869	103
Pennsylvania	26,155	27,526	105	54,974	58,184	106
South Carolina	18,991	18,529	98	39,362	38,910	99
Texas	61,598	61,130	99	125,537	129,187	103
Virginia	18,357	17,802	97	38,670	37,412	97
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	43,415	50,384	116	90,408	103,922	115
Other States ¹	38,389	52,187	136	80,748	110,402	137
United States	788,774	783,653	99	1,633,072	1,652,984	101

(NA) Not available.

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Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2024-2025

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	844,298	869,331	103	844,298	869,331	103
February	788,774	783,653	99	1,633,072	1,652,984	101
March	854,181			2,487,253		
April	833,753			3,321,006		
May	859,653			4,180,659		
June	833,371			5,014,030		
July	862,319			5,876,349		
August	874,595			6,750,944		
September	839,698			7,590,642		
October	844,735			8,435,377		
November	821,304			9,256,681		
December	878,103			10,134,784		

Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2024-2025

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2025 as percent of 2024	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ¹	
	2024	2025		2024	2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January	7,436	7,774	105	75,299	77,087
February	8,197	8,223	100	76,516	76,843
March	9,419			77,096	77,337
April	8,152			76,848	77,528
May	8,232			76,849	78,150
June	9,784			77,350	78,216
July	7,767			78,008	77,934
August	8,701			77,327	77,556
September	9,840			76,881	77,547
October	8,058			76,590	
November	8,263			76,223	
December	9,137			76,213	
Annual total	102,986				
Total placements ²					
January	8,968	9,698	108		
February	9,620	10,431	108		
March	11,042				
April	9,823				
May	10,115				
June	11,439				
July	9,714				
August	10,373				
September	11,896				
October	9,670				
November	10,153				
December	10,486				
Annual total	123,299				

¹ For February 2025, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched November 2023 through July 2024.

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 0.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 355 million layers by more than 0.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.9 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
Total layers	(percent) 0.5	(percent) 0.9	(1,000) 1,552	(1,000) 72	(1,000) 5,209	(number) 8	(number) 16
Eggs	0.5	0.8	(million) 33	(million) 6	(million) 126	6	18

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