



Chickens and Eggs

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March Egg Production Down 7 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.63 billion during March 2025, down 7 percent from last year. Production included 7.35 billion table eggs, and 1.28 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.18 billion were broiler-type and 104 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during March 2025 totaled 351 million, down 8 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,458 eggs, up slightly from March 2024.

Total layers in the United States on April 1, 2025 totaled 351 million, down 8 percent from last year. The 351 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.00 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2025, averaged 79.1 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from April 1, 2024.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 11 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2025 totaled 60.7 million, up 11 percent from March 2024. Eggs in incubators totaled 61.3 million on April 1, 2025, up 16 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 197 thousand during March 2025, down 1 percent from March 2024.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up Slightly

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2025 totaled 868 million, up slightly from March 2024. Eggs in incubators totaled 750 million on April 1, 2025, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.23 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2025, down 2 percent from March 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	355,473
March	379,619	351,133
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	7,871.1	7,419.5	6,698.7	1,224.8	1,172.4
March	9,325.9	8,630.9	8,014.6	7,346.9	1,311.3	1,284.0
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

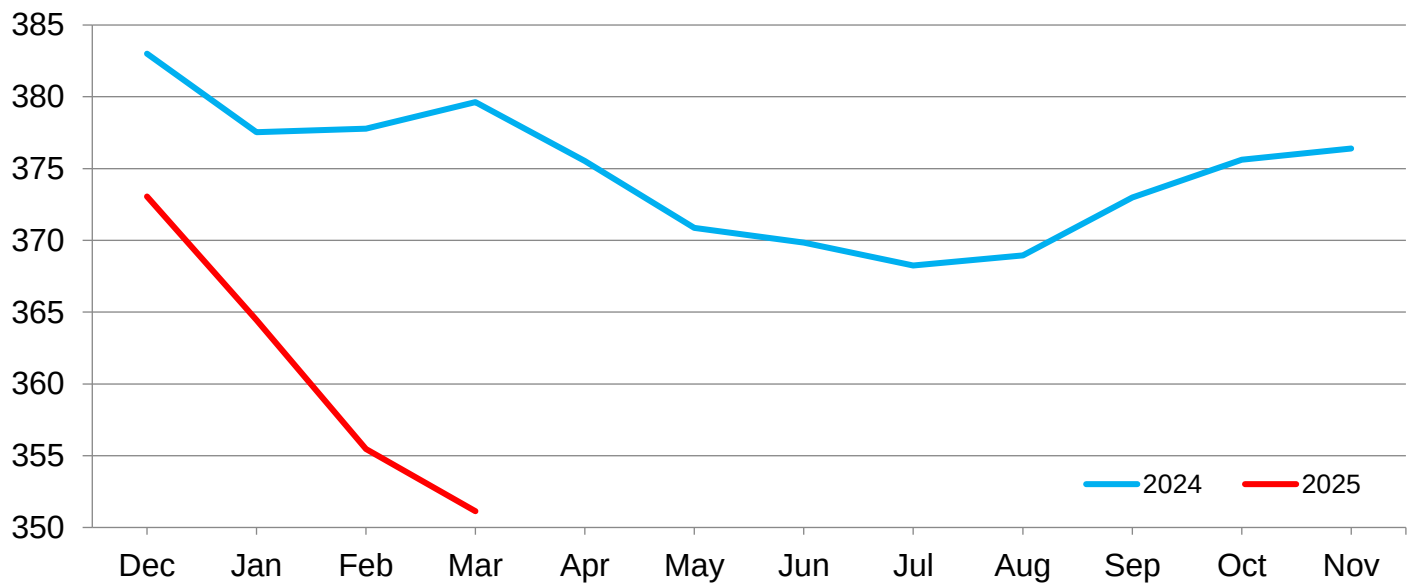
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December ¹	785,916.8	759,633.3	677,683.4	652,708.5	108,233.4	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	655,925.4	618,291.5	558,225.5	102,066.3	97,699.9
March	777,158.3	719,242.3	667,883.4	612,242.0	109,274.9	107,000.3
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

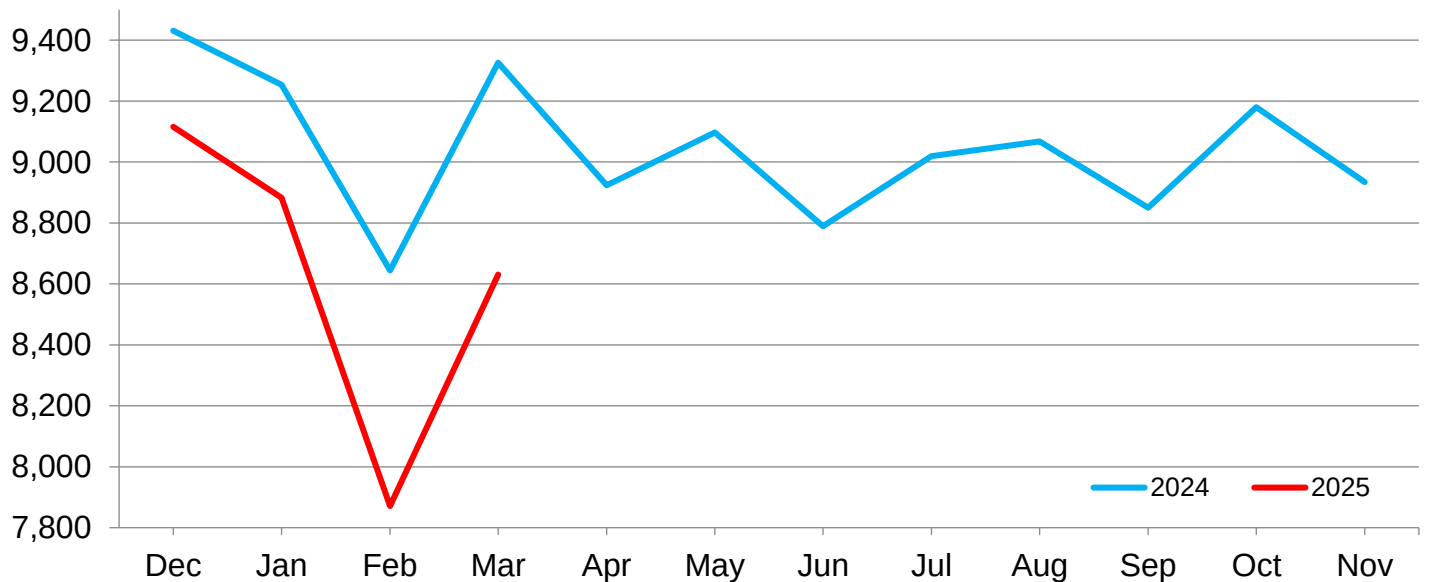
Million layers



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: February-March 2024 and 2025

Item	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
Layers during February			
Total layers 1,000	377,789	355,473	94
Table egg type 1,000	311,482	290,159	93
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,307	65,314	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,369	61,372	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,938	3,942	100
Eggs per 100 layers during February			
Total layers number	2,288	2,214	97
Table egg type number	2,382	2,309	97
Hatching egg type number	1,847	1,795	97
Broiler-type hatching number	1,810	1,758	97
Egg-type hatching number	2,438	2,377	97
Eggs produced during February			
Total layers million	8,644.3	7,871.1	91
Table egg type million	7,419.5	6,698.7	90
Hatching egg type million	1,224.8	1,172.4	96
Broiler-type hatching million	1,128.8	1,078.7	96
Egg-type hatching million	96.0	93.7	98
Eggs produced during February			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	720,357.8	655,925.4	91
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	618,291.5	558,225.5	90
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	102,066.3	97,699.9	96
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	94,066.5	89,891.6	96
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	7,999.8	7,808.3	98
Layers on March 1			
Total layers 1,000	379,458	351,233	93
Table egg type 1,000	313,407	286,475	91
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,051	64,758	98
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,090	60,801	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,961	3,957	100
Eggs per 100 layers on March 1			
Total layers number	79.0	79.5	101
Table egg type number	82.2	82.9	101
Hatching egg type number	64.0	64.1	100
Broiler-type hatching number	62.7	62.8	100
Egg-type hatching number	84.4	85.2	101
Molted layers on March 1			
Being molted percent	1.8	2.2	122
Molt completed percent	9.6	10.1	105
Layers sold for slaughter during February 1,000	14,550.8	13,709.0	94
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during February 1,000	9,655.9	18,990.4	197
Pullets on March 1 1,000	123,922	130,489	105
Pullets added during February ¹ 1,000	26,977.1	26,586.7	99

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

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

Item	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
Layers during March			
Total layers1,000	379,619	351,133	92
Table egg type1,000	313,306	286,526	91
Hatching egg type1,000	66,313	64,607	97
Broiler-type hatching1,000	62,293	60,625	97
Egg-type hatching1,000	4,020	3,982	99
Eggs per 100 layers during March			
Total layersnumber	2,457	2,458	100
Table egg typenumber	2,558	2,564	100
Hatching egg typenumber	1,977	1,987	101
Broiler-type hatchingnumber	1,936	1,946	101
Egg-type hatchingnumber	2,617	2,617	100
Eggs produced during March			
Total layersmillion	9,325.9	8,630.9	93
Table egg typemillion	8,014.6	7,346.9	92
Hatching egg typemillion	1,311.3	1,284.0	98
Broiler-type hatchingmillion	1,206.1	1,179.8	98
Egg-type hatchingmillion	105.2	104.2	99
Eggs produced during March			
Total layers1,000 dozen	777,158.3	719,242.3	93
Table egg type1,000 dozen	667,883.4	612,242.0	92
Hatching egg type1,000 dozen	109,274.9	107,000.3	98
Broiler-type hatching1,000 dozen	100,508.1	98,316.8	98
Egg-type hatching1,000 dozen	8,766.8	8,683.5	99
Layers on April 1			
Total layers1,000	379,744	350,999	92
Table egg type1,000	313,191	286,558	91
Hatching egg type1,000	66,553	64,441	97
Broiler-type hatching1,000	62,484	60,439	97
Egg-type hatching1,000	4,069	4,002	98
Eggs per 100 layers on April 1			
Total layersnumber	79.4	79.1	100
Table egg typenumber	82.8	82.5	100
Hatching egg typenumber	63.5	64.0	101
Broiler-type hatchingnumber	62.2	62.7	101
Egg-type hatchingnumber	83.8	83.6	100
Molted layers on April 1			
Being moltedpercent	1.8	2.4	133
Molt completedpercent	9.3	10.1	109
Layers sold for slaughter during March1,000	13,226.4	13,011.4	98
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during March1,000	10,035.2	11,544.6	115
Pullets on April 11,000	127,892	129,417	101
Pullets added during March ¹1,000	28,861.5	26,391.9	91

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

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	15,118	2,017	1,950
California	7,392	2,992	7,782	3,367	2,197	2,210
Colorado	3,964	1,827	4,452	2,315	2,496	2,177
Georgia	9,641	9,855	19,962	19,894	2,031	2,048
Illinois	6,564	6,048	7,167	6,660	2,318	2,213
Indiana	34,631	34,168	35,694	35,113	2,291	2,295
Iowa	41,636	40,209	43,488	42,097	2,428	2,292
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,315	5,450	2,081	1,950
Maryland	2,032	(NA)	2,249	(NA)	2,503	(NA)
Michigan	16,098	11,161	16,664	11,766	2,346	2,297
Minnesota	6,603	6,802	7,103	7,286	2,347	2,339
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,512	5,874	2,048	1,958
Missouri	7,575	4,790	14,070	11,126	2,438	2,278
Nebraska	7,665	7,909	8,320	8,621	2,310	2,350
New York	5,150	5,408	5,685	5,908	2,415	2,395
North Carolina	7,345	5,037	16,086	13,675	2,111	1,951
Ohio	37,789	35,159	39,055	36,421	2,413	2,326
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,200	2,124	2,036	1,911
Oregon	2,095	2,380	2,205	2,490	2,531	2,269
Pennsylvania	24,147	22,021	27,241	25,224	2,384	2,356
South Carolina	2,556	2,790	3,836	4,123	2,062	2,122
South Dakota	1,975	(NA)	2,030	(NA)	2,522	(NA)
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,653	22,559	2,244	2,154
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	4,909	5,434	5,011	2,494	2,221
Wisconsin	6,333	7,006	7,493	8,192	2,430	2,428
Other States ¹	24,301	29,712	30,528	37,720	2,285	2,214
United States	295,803	274,456	377,789	355,473	2,288	2,214

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(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During March 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	1,103	1,306	10,705	11,146	1,915	1,944
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,242	14,966	2,159	2,159
California	7,722	3,311	8,119	3,689	2,340	2,429
Colorado	3,970	1,953	4,458	2,441	2,633	2,351
Georgia	9,787	9,830	20,139	19,776	2,198	2,262
Illinois	6,597	5,955	7,208	6,575	2,494	2,506
Indiana	35,135	31,343	36,067	32,314	2,529	2,575
Iowa	42,435	40,962	44,316	42,845	2,599	2,558
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,248	5,323	2,214	2,177
Maryland	2,072	(NA)	2,289	(NA)	2,674	(NA)
Michigan	16,080	11,491	16,646	12,082	2,550	2,543
Minnesota	6,600	6,806	7,114	7,296	2,505	2,595
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,509	5,851	2,200	2,153
Missouri	7,559	4,888	14,044	11,147	2,604	2,531
Nebraska	7,618	7,923	8,275	8,621	2,493	2,574
New York	5,093	5,413	5,596	5,922	2,613	2,643
North Carolina	7,374	4,898	16,121	13,451	2,244	2,177
Ohio	37,909	32,463	39,189	33,716	2,545	2,569
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,174	2,151	2,061	2,176
Oregon	2,071	2,365	2,181	2,475	2,733	2,598
Pennsylvania	23,729	21,709	26,973	24,903	2,581	2,613
South Carolina	2,489	2,765	3,784	4,084	2,267	2,363
South Dakota	2,002	(NA)	2,057	(NA)	2,684	(NA)
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,637	22,325	2,366	2,442
Utah	7,032	6,383	7,072	6,423	2,486	2,483
Virginia	874	(NA)	2,654	(NA)	2,434	(NA)
Washington	5,400	4,831	5,502	4,933	2,684	2,414
Wisconsin	6,643	7,136	7,808	8,333	2,650	2,676
Other States ¹	24,276	30,413	30,492	38,345	2,450	2,454
United States	297,661	270,823	379,619	351,133	2,457	2,458

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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	294.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	171.0	74.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	111.1	50.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	405.4	407.4	219.8	231.1	185.6	176.3
Illinois	166.1	147.4	161.1	142.5	5.0	4.9
Indiana	817.8	805.8	803.6	793.8	14.2	12.0
Iowa	1,055.7	964.8	1,033.7	942.5	22.0	22.3
Kentucky	110.6	106.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	56.3	(NA)	54.9	(NA)	1.4	(NA)
Michigan	390.9	270.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	166.7	170.4	159.4	163.6	7.3	6.8
Mississippi	112.9	115.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	343.0	253.5	303.2	218.0	39.8	35.5
Nebraska	192.2	202.6	180.1	190.4	12.1	12.2
New York	137.3	141.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	339.6	266.8	182.7	120.9	156.9	145.9
Ohio	942.4	847.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	44.8	40.6	(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	87.5	57.6	65.5	21.5	22.0
South Dakota	51.2	(NA)	51.2	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas	508.4	485.9	(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	111.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	182.1	198.9	177.2	193.3	4.9	5.6
Other States ¹	697.5	835.0	618.9	732.4	78.6	102.6
United States	8,644.3	7,871.1	7,419.5	6,698.7	1,224.8	1,172.4

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: March 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	205.0	216.7	30.9	35.5	174.1	181.2
Arkansas	329.1	323.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	190.0	89.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	117.4	57.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	442.6	447.4	243.7	253.1	198.9	194.3
Illinois	179.8	164.8	174.3	159.2	5.5	5.6
Indiana	912.0	832.0	898.9	817.9	13.1	14.1
Iowa	1,151.9	1,096.0	1,127.1	1,071.6	24.8	24.4
Kentucky	116.2	115.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	61.2	(NA)	59.5	(NA)	1.7	(NA)
Michigan	424.5	307.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	178.2	189.3	170.4	181.1	7.8	8.2
Mississippi	121.2	126.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	365.7	282.1	323.2	244.2	42.5	37.9
Nebraska	206.3	221.9	192.8	207.9	13.5	14.0
New York	146.2	156.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	361.8	292.8	195.8	132.4	166.0	160.4
Ohio	997.4	866.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	44.8	46.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	59.6	64.3	59.6	64.3	-	-
Pennsylvania	696.2	650.6	645.6	603.8	50.6	46.8
South Carolina	85.8	96.5	62.6	72.2	23.2	24.3
South Dakota	55.2	(NA)	55.2	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas	535.7	545.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	175.8	159.5	175.8	159.5	-	-
Virginia	64.6	(NA)	31.9	(NA)	32.7	(NA)
Washington	147.7	119.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	206.9	223.0	201.1	216.5	5.8	6.5
Other States ¹	747.1	941.0	662.3	828.4	84.8	112.6
United States	9,325.9	8,630.9	8,014.6	7,346.9	1,311.3	1,284.0

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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	24,566.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	14,250.0	6,200.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	9,258.3	4,200.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	33,783.3	33,950.1	18,316.6	19,258.4	15,466.7	14,691.7
Illinois	13,841.7	12,283.4	13,425.0	11,875.0	416.7	408.4
Indiana	68,150.0	67,150.0	66,966.7	66,150.0	1,183.3	1,000.0
Iowa	87,975.0	80,400.0	86,141.7	78,541.6	1,833.3	1,858.4
Kentucky	9,216.7	8,858.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	4,691.6	(NA)	4,575.0	(NA)	116.6	(NA)
Michigan	32,575.0	22,525.0	(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	9,583.4	(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	16,883.2	15,008.3	15,866.6	1,008.3	1,016.6
New York	11,441.7	11,791.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	28,300.0	22,233.3	15,225.0	10,075.0	13,075.0	12,158.3
Ohio	78,533.2	70,591.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,733.3	3,383.4	(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	7,291.7	4,800.0	5,458.4	1,791.7	1,833.3
South Dakota	4,266.7	(NA)	4,266.7	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas	42,366.6	40,491.7	(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	9,275.0	(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	69,583.6	51,575.0	61,033.5	6,550.1	8,550.1
United States	720,357.8	655,925.4	618,291.5	558,225.5	102,066.3	97,699.9

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Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: March 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	17,083.3	18,058.4	2,575.0	2,958.4	14,508.3	15,100.0
Arkansas	27,425.0	26,925.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	15,833.3	7,466.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	9,783.3	4,783.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	36,883.3	37,283.4	20,308.3	21,091.7	16,575.0	16,191.7
Illinois	14,983.4	13,733.3	14,525.0	13,266.7	458.4	466.6
Indiana	76,000.1	69,333.3	74,908.4	68,158.3	1,091.7	1,175.0
Iowa	95,991.7	91,333.4	93,925.0	89,300.0	2,066.7	2,033.4
Kentucky	9,683.3	9,658.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	5,100.0	(NA)	4,958.3	(NA)	141.7	(NA)
Michigan	35,374.9	25,600.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	14,850.0	15,775.1	14,200.0	15,091.7	650.0	683.4
Mississippi	10,099.9	10,500.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	30,475.0	23,508.3	26,933.3	20,350.0	3,541.7	3,158.3
Nebraska	17,191.7	18,491.7	16,066.7	17,325.0	1,125.0	1,166.7
New York	12,183.4	13,041.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	30,150.0	24,400.0	16,316.7	11,033.3	13,833.3	13,366.7
Ohio	83,116.7	72,191.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,733.4	3,900.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4,966.7	5,358.4	4,966.7	5,358.4	-	-
Pennsylvania	58,016.7	54,216.7	53,800.0	50,316.7	4,216.7	3,900.0
South Carolina	7,149.9	8,041.7	5,216.6	6,016.7	1,933.3	2,025.0
South Dakota	4,600.0	(NA)	4,600.0	(NA)	-	(NA)
Texas	44,641.7	45,425.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,650.0	13,291.6	14,650.0	13,291.6	-	-
Virginia	5,383.3	(NA)	2,658.3	(NA)	2,725.0	(NA)
Washington	12,308.3	9,925.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	17,241.7	18,583.4	16,758.3	18,041.7	483.4	541.7
Other States ¹	62,258.3	78,416.9	55,191.8	69,033.5	7,066.5	9,383.4
United States	777,158.3	719,242.3	667,883.4	612,242.0	109,274.9	107,000.3

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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	2.2	9.6	10.1
April	1.8	2.4	9.3	10.1
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: March 1 and April 1, 2024-2025

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	March 1		April 1		March 1		April 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	4.0	5.0	4.5	4.5
Arkansas	1.0	2.0	1.5	2.0	9.5	12.5	9.0	13.0
California	1.0	3.0	0.5	2.0	3.5	6.0	3.5	6.0
Colorado	5.0	1.0	4.5	1.0	6.5	2.0	6.5	2.0
Georgia	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	13.5	9.0	12.5	8.5
Illinois	6.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	24.0	20.5	23.5	20.5
Indiana	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.5	7.5	7.5	7.0	7.0
Iowa	1.5	4.0	2.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	6.0	10.0
Kentucky	1.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	18.5	25.0	15.0	25.0
Maryland	1.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)
Michigan	4.5	0.5	2.0	0.5	4.0	1.5	7.5	1.0
Minnesota	1.0	2.0	0.5	1.5	2.5	5.0	1.0	4.5
Mississippi	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	13.0	14.0	13.0	15.0
Missouri	1.5	1.5	2.5	1.5	6.5	5.5	5.0	6.0
Nebraska	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	2.0
New York	1.0	2.0	-	1.0	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.5
North Carolina	0.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.0	4.5	4.0	5.5
Ohio	1.5	2.0	1.0	1.5	5.0	7.5	5.5	8.0
Oklahoma	2.5	6.0	2.5	6.0	5.0	18.5	4.0	24.0
Oregon	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
Pennsylvania	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.0	3.0	1.0	2.0
South Carolina	3.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	1.5	10.0	4.0	10.0
South Dakota	1.0	(NA)	-	(NA)	2.0	(NA)	2.5	(NA)
Texas	3.5	2.5	4.0	3.0	37.5	35.0	37.5	34.5
Utah	3.0	4.5	5.5	4.5	15.0	1.0	13.5	1.0
Virginia	-	(NA)	-	(NA)	-	(NA)	-	(NA)
Washington	-	1.0	-	1.0	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
Wisconsin	4.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	7.5	8.5	7.0	10.0
Other States ¹	2.6	1.7	2.8	2.0	20.1	16.6	20.3	16.0
United States	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.4	9.6	10.1	9.3	10.1

- 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 April 1	53,065	61,309	116
Chicks hatched during March	54,719	60,673	111
Chicks hatched January through March	159,407	174,539	109
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	198	197	99
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,703	2,765	102
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on April 1	746,487	750,064	100
Chicks hatched during March	863,898	867,510	100
Chicks hatched January through March	2,513,351	2,519,672	100
Pullets hatched during March for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	9,419	9,229	98
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	77,096	77,337	100

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

² 2025 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2023 through August 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	46,593	52,411	112
February	49,892	56,430	113
March	53,913	57,939	107
April	53,065	61,309	116
May	51,828		
June	53,641		
July	50,275		
August	51,472		
September	49,023		
October	49,645		
November	46,704		
December	47,941		

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	51,447	56,675	110	51,447	56,675	110
February	53,241	57,191	107	104,688	113,866	109
March	54,719	60,673	111	159,407	174,539	109
April	55,823			215,230		
May	56,352			271,582		
June	55,034			326,616		
July	55,860			382,476		
August	54,571			437,047		
September	51,178			488,225		
October	53,787			542,012		
November	46,760			588,772		
December	51,145			639,917		

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	226	96	2,697	2,757
March	198	197	99	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	2,739
October	245			2,721	2,738
November	191			2,736	
December	215			2,733	
Annual total	2,755				

¹ For March 2025, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched September 2023 through August 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	727,907	745,127	102
February	728,996	746,009	102
March	740,311	748,226	101
April	746,487	750,064	100
May	745,775		
June	746,770		
July	744,092		
August	747,663		
September	741,040		
October	719,938		
November	725,905		
December	751,570		

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

State	During March			January-March		
	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	122,952	123,672	101	360,399	359,178	100
Arkansas	89,062	92,243	104	256,544	265,968	104
Delaware	19,707	20,138	102	56,540	57,898	102
Florida	4,054	(NA)	(NA)	11,667	(NA)	(NA)
Georgia	125,970	118,816	94	367,091	348,580	95
Kentucky	26,837	27,824	104	73,576	79,538	108
Louisiana	12,121	(NA)	(NA)	35,776	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	27,534	29,784	108	81,188	84,987	105
Mississippi	61,687	63,918	104	180,320	185,853	103
Missouri	31,802	31,777	100	92,507	92,519	100
North Carolina	88,064	88,239	100	259,775	258,489	100
Oklahoma	20,816	20,148	97	57,542	58,017	101
Pennsylvania	29,526	30,245	102	87,620	88,429	101
South Carolina	20,518	20,359	99	59,880	59,269	99
Texas	66,494	67,218	101	192,031	196,405	102
Virginia	19,618	20,089	102	58,288	57,501	99
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	54,894	54,887	100	158,860	158,684	100
Other States ¹	42,242	58,153	138	123,747	168,357	136
United States	863,898	867,510	100	2,513,351	2,519,672	100

(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	852,857	869,331	102	852,857	869,331	102
February	796,596	782,831	98	1,649,453	1,652,162	100
March	863,898	867,510	100	2,513,351	2,519,672	100
April	842,966			3,356,317		
May	868,850			4,225,167		
June	844,444			5,069,611		
July	870,062			5,939,673		
August	874,850			6,814,523		
September	837,266			7,651,789		
October	842,542			8,494,331		
November	823,344			9,317,675		
December	878,103			10,195,778		

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	9,229	98	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	76,992
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	10,950	99		
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 March 2025, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched December 2023 through August 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 351 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
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
Total layers	0.5	0.9	1,561	160	5,209	9	15
			(million)	(million)	(million)		
Eggs	0.5	0.8	33	6	126	7	17

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Virtual Meeting

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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will hold a virtual meeting for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2025 Spring Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies – Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board – and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Representatives will provide agency updates, answer questions, and listen to concerns from data users.

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