

# Chickens and Eggs



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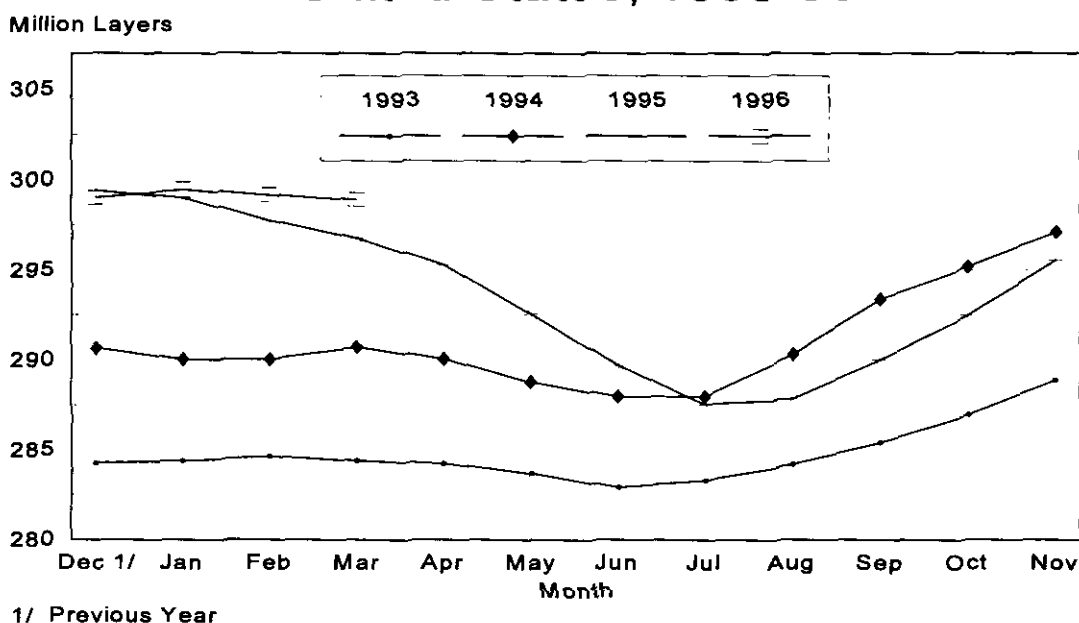
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## March Egg Production up 1 percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.51 billion during March 1996, up 1 percent from the 6.45 billion produced March 1995. Production included 5.52 billion table eggs and 990 million hatching egg type, of which 926 million were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 1996 averaged 299 million, up 1 percent from the average number of layers during March 1995. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,177 eggs, compared with 2,173 in March 1995.

## Average Number of Layers United States, 1993-96



All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 1996, totaled 299 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 299 million layers consisted of 245 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 50.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.74 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 1996, averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 71.1 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.16 billion eggs during March, up 1 percent from March 1995. The average number of layers during March, at 283 million, was up 1 percent 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 5 Percent**

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during March totaled 37.7 million, up 5 percent from March 1995. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 33.4 million on April 1, 1996, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 317,000 during March 1995, down 11 percent from the 356,000 of March 1995.

#### **Broiler Hatch Up 2 Percent**

The March 1996 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 690 million, was 2 percent above March of the previous year. There were 561 million **eggs in incubators** on April 1, 1996, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.37 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during March 1996, up 3 percent from March 1995.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month,  
United States, 1993-96 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		299,222
Mar	:	284,405		290,719		296,796		298,957
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/ March 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	
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	:	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	5,971		4,854	5,053		860	918	
Mar	:	6,448	6,509		5,492	5,519		956	990	
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	25,425		62,932	21,564		11,326	3,861	

1/ December preceding year.

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Feb (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	297,759		299,222		100
Table Egg Type	:	245,513		245,573		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,246		53,649		103
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,443		50,970		103
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,803		2,679		96
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	1,919		1,996		104
Table Egg Type	:	1,977		2,058		104
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,646		1,711		104
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,618		1,689		104
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,141		2,128		99
Eggs Produced During Feb (Million)	:					
All Layers	:	5,714		5,971		104
Table Egg Type	:	4,854		5,053		104
Hatching Egg Type	:	860		918		107
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	800		861		108
Egg-Type Hatching	:	60		57		95
Layers on Mar 1 (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	297,689		299,219		101
Table Egg Type	:	245,647		245,410		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,042		53,809		103
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,226		51,078		104
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,816		2,731		97
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1 (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	69.7		69.5		100
Table Egg Type	:	72.0		71.8		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	58.9		59.1		100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	57.9		58.3		101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	75.3		74.8		99
Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1	:					
Percent Being Molted	:	4.8		3.5		73
Percent with Molt Completed	:	24.1		23.4		97

1/ Revised.

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995	
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Layers During Mar	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	296,796	:	298,957	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	244,606	:	245,451	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,190	:	53,506	:	103
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,307	:	50,767	:	103
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,883	:	2,739	:	95
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	2,173	:	2,177	:	100
Table Egg Type		:	2,245	:	2,249	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,832	:	1,850	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,805	:	1,824	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,289	:	2,337	:	102
Eggs Produced During Mar	(Million)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	6,448	:	6,509	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	5,492	:	5,519	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	956	:	990	:	104
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	890	:	926	:	104
Egg-Type Hatching		:	66	:	64	:	97
Layers on Apr 1	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	296,290	:	298,653	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	243,972	:	245,474	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,318	:	53,179	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,376	:	50,440	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,942	:	2,739	:	93
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	71.1	:	70.9	:	100
Table Egg Type		:	73.6	:	73.2	:	99
Hatching Egg Type		:	59.5	:	60.1	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	58.5	:	59.2	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	76.0	:	76.9	:	101
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1		:	:	:	:	:	
Percent Being Molted		:	3.4	:	2.0	:	59
Percent with Molt Completed		:	23.8	:	22.8	:	96

1/ Preliminary.

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 2/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Feb	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Eggs Produced During Feb	(Million)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Layers on Mar 1	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	:	:	:	:
Table Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Hatching Egg Type		:	:	:	:	:
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Egg-Type Hatching		:	:	:	:	:
Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1		:	:	:	:	:
Percent Being Molted		:	:	:	:	:
Percent with Molt Completed		:	:	:	:	:
Layers Sold During Feb	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Feb	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Mar 1	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
Pullets Added During Feb	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:

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, March-April, 30 Selected States, 1995-96 1/

Item	:	1995	:	1996 2/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Mar	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	280,309	:	283,008	101
Table Egg Type		:	231,541	:	233,054	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	48,768	:	49,954	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	45,968	:	47,317	103
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,800	:	2,637	94
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Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	2,171	:	2,177	100
Table Egg Type		:	2,242	:	2,247	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,833	:	1,852	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,803	:	1,824	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,321	:	2,351	101
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Eggs Produced During Mar	(Million)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	6,085	:	6,161	101
Table Egg Type		:	5,191	:	5,236	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	894	:	925	103
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	829	:	863	104
Egg-Type Hatching		:	65	:	62	95
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Layers on Apr 1	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	279,970	:	282,798	101
Table Egg Type		:	231,056	:	233,151	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	48,914	:	49,647	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	46,040	:	47,004	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,874	:	2,643	92
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Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	71.1	:	70.9	100
Table Egg Type		:	73.5	:	73.2	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	59.5	:	60.0	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	58.5	:	59.1	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	75.9	:	76.6	101
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Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1		:	:	:	:	:
Percent Being Molted		:	3.4	:	2.0	59
Percent with Molt Completed		:	23.9	:	22.9	96
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Layers Sold During Mar	(1,000)	:	17,183	:	15,444	90
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Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Mar	(1,000)	:	2,662	:	2,641	99
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Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Apr 1	(1,000)	:	72,019	:	70,464	98
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Pullets Added During Mar	(1,000)	:	21,187	:	17,335	82

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 February 1995-96 1/

State	: Table Egg Layers in : : Flocks 30,000 and Above : All Layers 2/				: Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	: ----- 1,000 -----				----- Number -----	
AL	4,620	4,054	11,711	10,891	1,733	1,763
AR	6,191	5,712	16,224	16,053	1,707	1,757
CA	25,515	25,103	26,100	25,661	1,893	2,007
CO	2,624	2,654	3,173	3,232	1,986	2,073
CT	3,323	3,381	3,509	3,529	2,023	2,125
FL	8,591	8,346	9,203	9,040	1,999	1,991
GA	10,368	10,834	18,075	18,941	1,826	1,906
HI	731	727	776	774	1,868	1,946
IL	2,703	2,990	2,909	3,192	2,097	2,162
IN	20,823	20,729	21,731	21,791	2,016	2,047
IA	15,820	17,285	16,700	18,131	1,820	2,035
ME	4,753	4,837	4,911	4,967	2,118	2,275
MD	3,025	3,612	3,622	4,119	1,988	2,039
MI	5,107	4,845	5,400	5,105	2,066	2,071
MN	10,270	10,860	11,106	11,693	1,981	2,070
MS	2,359	2,310	6,231	6,252	1,733	1,823
MO	5,935	5,525	6,790	6,641	1,900	1,942
NE	8,850	8,976	9,000	9,126	2,072	2,004
NY	3,510	3,548	3,852	3,847	2,129	2,184
NC	6,388	6,058	14,041	13,897	1,716	1,749
OH	22,246	22,861	22,531	23,295	2,019	2,164
OK	1,955	2,000	3,725	3,868	1,826	1,939
OR	2,350	2,650	2,543	2,843	2,045	2,110
PA	20,570	19,880	21,980	21,230	2,047	2,124
SC	4,024	3,775	5,049	4,808	2,020	1,913
SD	1,508	1,558	1,743	1,730	1,882	2,074
TX	12,520	13,214	15,801	16,450	1,873	1,939
VA	1,707	1,617	3,845	3,710	1,795	1,887
WA	5,139	4,888	5,411	5,118	2,070	2,149
WI	2,850	2,775	3,381	3,266	1,893	1,990
30 Sts	226,375	227,604	281,073	283,200	1,919	1,995
Oth Sts 3/	11,864	11,154	16,686	16,022	1,918	1,997
US	238,239	238,758	297,759	299,222	1,919	1,996

1/ 1996 Revised.

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

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.



Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State  
and United States, During March 1995-96 1/

State	: Table Egg Layers in : : Flocks 30,000 and Above :		: All Layers 2/ :		: Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/ :	
	: 1995	: 1996	: 1995	: 1996	: 1995	: 1996
	: ----- 1,000 -----				: ----- Number -----	
AL	: 4,736	: 4,044	: 11,720	: 10,810	: 1,988	: 1,924
AR	: 6,017	: 5,686	: 16,024	: 16,008	: 1,922	: 1,887
CA	: 25,487	: 24,706	: 26,073	: 25,246	: 2,178	: 2,242
CO	: 2,673	: 2,574	: 3,224	: 3,174	: 2,171	: 2,237
CT	: 3,359	: 3,342	: 3,549	: 3,484	: 2,282	: 2,296
FL	: 8,587	: 8,416	: 9,202	: 9,099	: 2,282	: 2,187
GA	: 10,412	: 10,923	: 18,109	: 18,962	: 2,098	: 2,120
HI	: 725	: 733	: 768	: 776	: 2,080	: 2,083
IL	: 2,642	: 2,948	: 2,839	: 3,141	: 2,325	: 2,356
IN	: 20,522	: 20,549	: 21,416	: 21,624	: 2,265	: 2,238
IA	: 15,840	: 17,351	: 16,725	: 18,210	: 2,033	: 2,186
ME	: 4,822	: 4,737	: 4,977	: 4,870	: 2,331	: 2,485
MD	: 3,242	: 3,641	: 3,823	: 4,109	: 2,223	: 2,166
MI	: 4,966	: 4,823	: 5,250	: 5,085	: 2,325	: 2,217
MN	: 10,253	: 11,033	: 11,096	: 11,881	: 2,217	: 2,222
MS	: 2,330	: 2,358	: 6,189	: 6,309	: 1,971	: 2,013
MO	: 5,865	: 5,448	: 6,728	: 6,573	: 2,155	: 2,099
NE	: 8,850	: 9,022	: 9,000	: 9,172	: 2,313	: 2,186
NY	: 3,483	: 3,609	: 3,840	: 3,928	: 2,396	: 2,317
NC	: 6,416	: 6,029	: 14,101	: 13,787	: 1,929	: 1,908
OH	: 21,928	: 23,019	: 22,263	: 23,494	: 2,313	: 2,328
OK	: 2,035	: 1,998	: 3,750	: 3,888	: 2,053	: 2,032
OR	: 2,330	: 2,601	: 2,536	: 2,804	: 2,287	: 2,389
PA	: 20,385	: 19,830	: 21,790	: 21,175	: 2,322	: 2,333
SC	: 4,065	: 3,793	: 5,075	: 4,781	: 2,207	: 2,175
SD	: 1,493	: 1,585	: 1,725	: 1,760	: 2,275	: 2,201
TX	: 12,398	: 13,405	: 15,726	: 16,681	: 2,137	: 2,134
VA	: 1,717	: 1,602	: 3,864	: 3,695	: 2,045	: 1,976
WA	: 5,257	: 4,914	: 5,531	: 5,152	: 2,242	: 2,368
WI	: 2,864	: 2,837	: 3,396	: 3,330	: 2,179	: 2,222
30 Sts	: 225,699	: 227,556	: 280,309	: 283,008	: 2,171	: 2,177
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,682	: 11,069	: 16,487	: 15,949	: 2,202	: 2,176
US	: 237,381	: 238,625	: 296,796	: 298,957	: 2,173	: 2,177

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,  
February 1995-96 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	203	192	92	80	111	112
AR	277	282	120	109	157	173
CA	494	515				
CO	63	67				
CT	71	75				
FL	184	180	174	168	10	12
GA	330	361	199	217	131	144
HI	14	15	14	15	0	0
IL	61	69	60	68	1	1
IN	438	446	428	437	10	9
IA	304	369				
ME	104	113				
MD	72	84	63	76	9	8
MI	111	106				
MN	220	242	211	232	9	10
MS	108	114	45	47	63	67
MO	129	129				
NE	186	183	186	183	0	0
NY	82	84				
NC	241	243	124	120	117	123
OH	455	504				
OK	68	75	43	46	25	29
OR	52	60	50	58	2	2
PA	450	451	434	436	16	15
SC	102	92	85	75	17	17
SD	33	36	33	36	0	0
TX	296	319	252	269	44	50
VA	69	70	34	36	35	34
WA	112	110				
WI	64	65				
30 Sts	5,394	5,651	4,590	4,793	804	858
Oth Sts 3/	320	320	264	260	56	60
US	5,714	5,971	4,854	5,053	860	918

1/ 1996 Revised.

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

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

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

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	233	208	109	87	124	121
AR	308	302	133	117	175	185
CA	568	566				
CO	70	71				
CT	81	80				
FL	210	199	199	185	11	14
GA	380	402	234	246	146	156
HI	16	16	16	16	0	0
IL	66	74	65	73	1	1
IN	485	484	475	475	10	9
IA	340	398				
ME	116	121				
MD	85	89	75	81	10	8
MI	122	113				
MN	246	264	236	253	10	11
MS	122	127	52	54	70	73
MO	145	138				
NE	208	200	208	200	0	0
NY	92	91				
NC	272	263	142	131	130	132
OH	515	547				
OK	77	79	49	49	28	30
OR	58	67	56	65	2	2
PA	506	494	488	477	18	17
SC	112	104	94	86	18	18
SD	39	39	39	39	0	0
TX	336	356	286	302	50	54
VA	79	73	40	36	39	37
WA	124	122				
WI	74	74				
30 Sts	6,085	6,161	5,191	5,236	894	925
Oth Sts 3/	363	348	301	283	62	65
US	6,448	6,509	5,492	5,519	956	990

1/ 1996 preliminary.

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

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

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	3.5	24.1	23.4
Apr	3.4	2.0	23.8	22.8
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, April 1995-96 1/

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
AL	2.0	1.0	15.0	10.0
AR	2.0	2.0	11.5	9.0
CA	7.0	1.5	44.5	46.5
CO	2.0	4.0	24.5	17.5
CT	3.5	3.0	11.0	12.0
FL	15.0	2.0	26.5	32.5
GA	1.0	3.0	23.5	22.5
HI	5.5	8.0	47.0	47.0
IL	3.5	4.5	26.5	28.5
IN	2.0	1.5	32.0	23.5
IA	2.0	2.0	34.0	25.5
ME	.5	.0	.5	.0
MD	6.0	12.0	23.5	31.0
MI	.0	2.0	15.5	21.0
MN	3.5	1.0	26.5	31.5
MS	1.5	2.5	18.5	13.5
MO	.0	.0	18.0	25.5
NE	4.0	4.0	22.0	34.5
NY	1.0	.0	6.0	3.5
NC	2.5	1.5	18.0	14.5
OH	3.5	.5	12.0	11.0
OK	1.5	1.5	17.0	13.0
OR	7.5	5.0	37.5	37.5
PA	2.0	1.5	22.5	21.5
SC	6.5	.0	23.0	32.5
SD	.5	3.0	45.5	23.0
TX	3.0	3.5	25.5	21.0
VA	8.5	.0	13.0	10.0
WA	7.0	3.0	38.0	40.5
WI	3.5	.5	34.0	26.0
30 Sts	3.4	2.0	23.9	22.9
Oth Sts 2/	3.3	2.5	22.8	20.2
US	3.4	2.0	23.8	22.8

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, March-April 1995-96

Item	:	1995	:	1996	:	1996 as % of 1995
	:		:		:	
	:	----- 1,000	:	-----	:	Percent
Egg-Type	:		:		:	
Eggs in Incubators on Apr 1	:	33,169	:	33,374	:	101
Chicks Hatched During Mar	:	36,021	:	37,687	:	105
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Mar	:	101,141	:	103,886	:	103
Pullets Hatched During Mar for Intended:	:		:		:	
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	356	:	317	:	89
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	:	3,075	:	2,943	:	96
Broiler-Type	:		:		:	
Eggs in Incubators on Apr 1	:	561,304	:	560,715	:	100
Chicks Hatched During Mar	:	679,090	:	689,719	:	102
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Mar	:	1,941,682	:	2,022,163	:	104
Pullets Hatched During Mar for Intended:	:		:		:	
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	6,161	:	6,374	:	103
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	:	53,808	:	55,178	:	103

1/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Sep 1994 through Aug 1995.

2/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Dec 1994 through Aug 1995.

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

Geographic Division	:	1995	:	1996	:	1996 as % of 1995
	:		:		:	
	:	----- 1,000	:	-----	:	Percent
North Atlantic	:	4,249	:	4,591	:	108
E North Central	:	8,974	:	8,668	:	97
W North Central	:	6,439	:	6,080	:	94
South Atlantic	:	4,904	:	4,991	:	102
South Central	:	4,195	:	4,410	:	105
West	:	4,408	:	4,634	:	105
US	:	33,169	:	33,374	:	101

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,  
March 1995-96

State	March			Jan-Mar		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:
AR	1,066	803	75	3,128	2,911	93
FL	890	963	108	2,986	2,992	100
GA	1,869	2,362	126	5,303	6,391	121
IN	7,061	7,505	106	20,242	22,149	109
IA	3,689	3,829	104	10,710	9,223	86
KS	237	178	75	734	844	115
MN	2,251	2,037	90	6,149	6,278	102
MO	497	427	86	1,166	796	68
PA	3,260	4,121	126	9,863	11,427	116
Oth Sts 1/	15,201	15,462	102	40,860	40,875	100
US	36,021	37,687	105	101,141	103,886	103

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 -----	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Jan	33,236	32,375	31,547	97	33,236	32,375	31,547	97
Feb	31,086	32,745	34,652	106	64,322	65,120	66,199	102
Mar	33,489	36,021	37,687	105	97,811	101,141	103,886	103
Apr	35,657	35,020			133,468	136,161		
May	35,322	37,482			168,790	173,643		
Jun	31,985	34,948			200,775	208,591		
Jul	29,613	29,554			230,388	238,145		
Aug	31,295	31,434			261,683	269,579		
Sep	31,587	33,578			293,270	303,157		
Oct	32,066	33,384			325,336	336,541		
Nov	26,075	29,130			351,411	365,671		
Dec	30,166	30,797			381,577	396,468		

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched				Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier 2/		
	: 1996 : as % of:				: 1995 :		
	: 1994 : 1995 : 1996 :				: 1994 : 1995 : 1996		
	: 1994 : 1995 : 1996 :				: 1994 : 1995 : 1996		
	: ----- 1,000 -----			Percent	: ----- 1,000 -----		
Jan	: 213	236	171	72	3,021	3,022	3,108
Feb	: 184	251	238	95	3,041	3,009	3,089
Mar	: 259	356	317	89	2,997	3,075	2,943
Apr	: 277	317			3,033	3,106	2,920
May	: 334	193			3,051	3,119	2,951
Jun	: 257	234			2,944	3,187	2,835
Jul	: 254	235			3,025	3,045	2,941
Aug	: 309	163			3,011	3,068	2,876
Sep	: 315	292			3,052	3,135	2,863
Oct	: 278	309			3,019	3,232	2,824
Nov	: 240	124			3,021	3,272	
Dec	: 125	231			3,056	3,131	
Total	: 3,045	2,941					

- 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 March 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Sep 1994 through Aug 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, April 1, 1995-96

Geographic Division	:	:	:	1996 as % of 1995
	:	:	:	
	:	1,000		Percent
	:			
North Atlantic	:	12,759	12,793	100
E North Central	:	8,310	7,385	89
W North Central	:	18,115	18,884	104
South Atlantic	:	222,668	223,253	100
South Central	:	276,728	276,343	100
West	:	22,724	22,057	97
	:			
US	:	561,304	560,715	100



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

State	March			Jan-Mar		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000	Percent	1,000	Percent		
AL	94,927	87,221	92	274,553	255,323	93
AR	105,016	107,806	103	302,613	318,505	105
DE	17,462	16,991	97	49,901	49,070	98
FL	9,893	10,466	106	27,623	30,988	112
GA	97,205	104,541	108	279,715	306,082	109
MD	32,378	32,015	99	93,320	95,676	103
MS	54,678	55,847	102	159,804	164,972	103
NC	64,044	64,572	101	181,429	188,662	104
PA	11,442	11,761	103	32,543	33,168	102
SC	16,363	15,682	96	45,814	45,838	100
TX	40,288	41,767	104	111,983	122,848	110
VA	24,360	24,387	100	70,162	70,646	101
CA TN & WV	35,696	35,706	100	99,353	101,386	102
15 Sts 1/	603,752	608,762	101	1,728,813	1,783,164	103
OR & WA	5,999	5,489	91	16,480	16,162	98
Oth Sts 2/	69,339	75,468	109	196,389	222,837	113
US	679,090	689,719	102	1,941,682	2,022,163	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

	By Months				Cumulative			
Month	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000			Percent	1,000			Percent
Jan	618,111	662,476	686,359	104	618,111	662,476	686,359	104
Feb	558,589	600,116	646,085	108	1,176,700	1,262,592	1,332,444	106
Mar	640,316	679,090	689,719	102	1,817,016	1,941,682	2,022,163	104
Apr	627,050	664,150			2,444,066	2,605,832		
May	658,689	692,004			3,102,755	3,297,836		
Jun	647,342	670,839			3,750,097	3,968,675		
Jul	646,875	673,687			4,396,972	4,642,362		
Aug	654,309	674,068			5,051,281	5,316,430		
Sep	626,706	638,901			5,677,987	5,955,331		
Oct	620,679	654,221			6,298,666	6,609,552		
Nov	600,055	627,767			6,898,721	7,237,319		
Dec	663,595	691,193			7,562,316	7,928,512		

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1996 : as % of: : 1995	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	5,988	5,710	5,538	97	49,351	53,071	54,562
Feb	5,452	5,484	5,916	108	49,810	53,563	54,522
Mar	6,334	6,161	6,374	103	50,568	53,808	55,178
Apr	6,121	6,320			50,583	54,576	55,053
May	6,266	6,135			50,432	54,930	55,356
Jun	5,911	6,178			51,552	55,297	56,528
Jul	6,104	6,302			51,343	55,376	56,585
Aug	6,064	6,475			51,667	54,965	55,803
Sep	6,336	6,288			51,076	54,183	55,584
Oct	6,342	6,013			51,743	54,433	55,781
Nov	5,819	6,656			51,798	54,649	
Dec	6,413	6,218			52,380	54,720	
Annual							
Total	73,150	73,940					
Total							
Place-							
ments3/							
Jan	7,171	7,040	6,782	96			
Feb	6,762	7,180	7,167	100			
Mar	7,464	7,577	7,645	101			
Apr	7,284	7,835					
May	7,394	7,873					
Jun	7,382	7,485					
Jul	7,146	7,730					
Aug	7,290	7,850					
Sep	7,545	7,730					
Oct	7,959	7,301					
Nov	7,251	7,784					
Dec	7,908	7,750					
Annual							
Total	88,556	91,135					

- 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 Mar 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Dec 1994 through Aug 1995.
- 3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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