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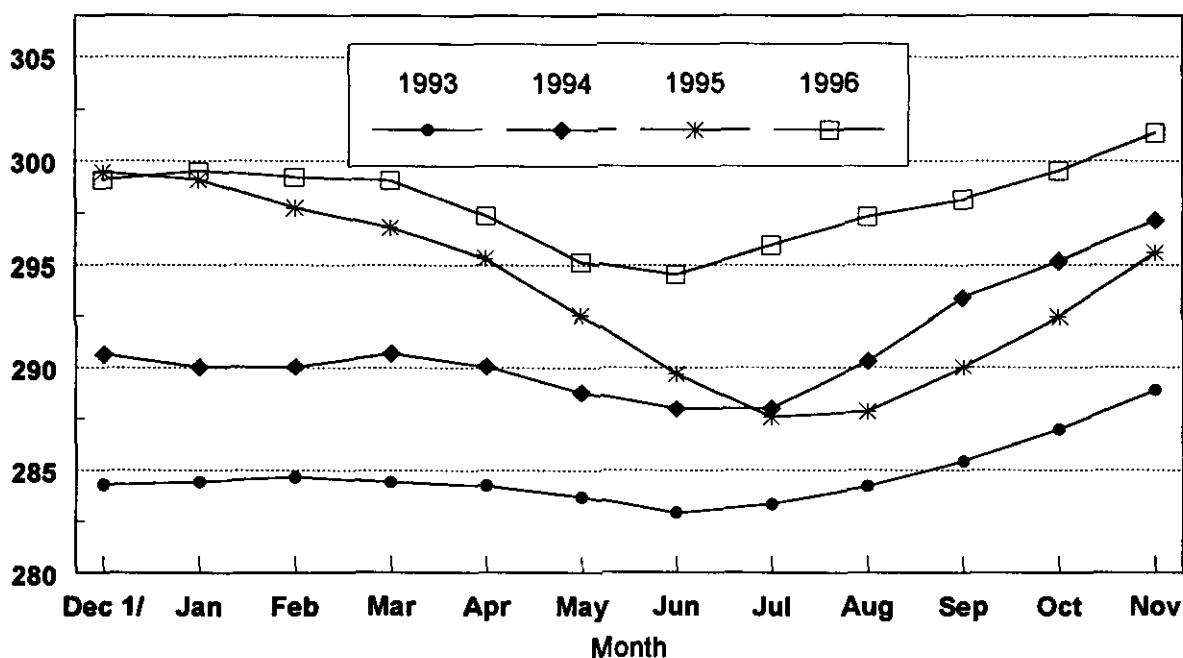
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## November Egg Production up 3 percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.40 billion during November 1996, up 3 percent from the 6.23 billion produced in 1995. Production included 5.46 billion table eggs and 937 million hatching eggs, of which 878 million were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 1996 averaged 301 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers during November 1995. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,124 eggs, compared with 2,109 in November 1995.

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

Million Layers



1/ Previous Year

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 1996, totaled 303 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 303 million layers consisted of 251 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 49.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 1996, averaged 71.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 71.0 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.06 billion eggs during November, up 3 percent from November 1995. The average number of layers during November, at 285 million, was up 2 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 8 Percent**

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 31.5 million, up 8 percent from November 1995. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.6 million on December 1, 1996, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 291,000 during November 1996, up 135 percent from the 124,000 of November 1995.

#### **Broiler Hatch Up 1 Percent**

The November 1996 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 631 million, was up 1 percent from November of the previous year. There were 574 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 1996, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.51 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 1996, down 2 percent from November 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	:	299,066
Apr	:	284,234	:	290,073	:	295,293	:	297,367
May	:	283,694	:	288,784	:	292,548	:	295,133
Jun	:	282,914	:	287,974	:	289,705	:	294,534
Jul	:	283,324	:	287,990	:	287,557	:	295,914
Aug	:	284,192	:	290,321	:	287,837	:	297,331
Sep	:	285,418	:	293,381	:	290,021	:	298,151
Oct	:	286,948	:	295,172	:	292,459	:	299,287
Nov	:	288,875	:	297,134	:	295,562	:	301,365

1/ Data are for chart on cover page.

2/ December preceding year.

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

Month	:	Total Eggs		:	Table Eggs		:	Hatching Eggs				
	:	1995	:	1996	:	1995	:	1996	:	1995	:	1996
	:	Million Eggs										
Dec 1/	:	6,516		6,534		5,568		5,559		948		975
Jan	:	6,369		6,411		5,417		5,433		952		978
Feb	:	5,714		5,971		4,854		5,053		860		918
Mar	:	6,448		6,513		5,492		5,523		956		990
Apr	:	6,177		6,254		5,238		5,295		939		959
May	:	6,251		6,351		5,271		5,354		980		997
Jun	:	6,010		6,182		5,060		5,226		950		956
Jul	:	6,145		6,450		5,179		5,468		966		982
Aug	:	6,146		6,458		5,191		5,474		955		984
Sep	:	5,990		6,243		5,063		5,305		927		938
Oct	:	6,260		6,497		5,301		5,540		959		957
Nov	:	6,232		6,401		5,298		5,464		934		937
During Year:	:	74,258		76,265		62,932		64,694		11,326		11,571

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,  
and Forced Molt, United States, October-November

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Oct	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	292,459	299,287	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	240,384	248,150	:	103
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,075	51,137	:	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,387	48,593	:	98
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,688	2,544	:	95
:						
Eggs per 100 Layers During Oct	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	2,140	2,171	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	2,205	2,233	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,842	1,871	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,818	1,848	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,269	2,319	:	102
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Eggs Produced During Oct	(Million)	:				
All Layers		:	6,260	6,497	:	104
Table Egg Type		:	5,301	5,540	:	105
Hatching Egg Type		:	959	957	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	898	898	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching		:	61	59	:	97
:						
Layers on Nov 1	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	294,486	299,729	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	242,405	248,791	:	103
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,081	50,938	:	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,445	48,394	:	98
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,636	2,544	:	97
:						
Eggs per 100 Layers on Nov 1	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	69.5	70.2	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	71.7	72.2	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	59.2	60.5	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	58.4	59.7	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	74.1	75.1	:	101
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Forced Molt Layers, Nov 1		:				
Percent Being Molted		:	3.6	3.1	:	86
Percent with Molt Completed		:	24.2	23.8	:	98

1/ Revised.

**Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,  
and Forced Molt, United States, November-December 1995-96**

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Nov	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	295,562	301,365	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	243,015	249,756	:	103
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,547	51,609	:	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,972	49,065	:	98
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,575	2,544	:	99
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Eggs per 100 Layers During Nov	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	2,109	2,124	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	2,180	2,188	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,777	1,816	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,759	1,789	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,136	2,319	:	109
:						
Eggs Produced During Nov	(Million)	:				
All Layers		:	6,232	6,401	:	103
Table Egg Type		:	5,298	5,464	:	103
Hatching Egg Type		:	934	937	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	879	878	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching		:	55	59	:	107
:						
Layers on Dec 1	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	298,293	302,955	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	245,301	250,696	:	102
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,992	52,259	:	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	50,487	49,729	:	98
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,505	2,530	:	101
:						
Eggs per 100 Layers on Dec 1	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	71.0	71.4	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	73.6	73.6	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	59.1	60.5	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	58.4	59.6	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	73.3	77.5	:	106
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Forced Molt Layers, Dec 1		:				
Percent Being Molted		:	2.2	2.1	:	95
Percent with Molt Completed		:	25.5	23.5	:	92

1/ Preliminary.

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 2/	:	1996 as % of 1995	
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Layers During Oct	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	276,443	:	283,251	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	227,774	:	235,577	:	103
Hatching Egg Type		:	48,669	:	47,674	:	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	46,072	:	45,219	:	98
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,597	:	2,455	:	95
Eggs per 100 Layers During Oct	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	2,142	:	2,173	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	2,207	:	2,234	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,837	:	1,869	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,812	:	1,844	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,272	:	2,322	:	102
Eggs Produced During Oct	(Million)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	5,922	:	6,154	:	104
Table Egg Type		:	5,028	:	5,263	:	105
Hatching Egg Type		:	894	:	891	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	835	:	834	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching		:	59	:	57	:	97
Layers on Nov 1	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	278,298	:	283,641	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	229,668	:	236,190	:	103
Hatching Egg Type		:	48,630	:	47,451	:	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	46,085	:	44,997	:	98
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,545	:	2,454	:	96
Eggs per 100 Layers on Nov 1	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:	
All Layers		:	69.6	:	70.2	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	71.8	:	72.2	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	59.0	:	60.4	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	58.2	:	59.6	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	73.9	:	74.9	:	101
Forced Molt Layers, Nov 1		:	:	:	:	:	
Percent Being Molted		:	3.6	:	3.1	:	86
Percent with Molt Completed		:	24.3	:	24.0	:	99
Layers Sold During Oct	(1,000)	:	14,605	:	15,700	:	107
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Oct	(1,000)	:	2,512	:	2,879	:	115
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Nov 1	(1,000)	:	69,237	:	69,795	:	101
Pullets Added During Oct	(1,000)	:	20,631	:	22,349	:	108

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, November-December, 30 Selected States, 1995-96 1/

Item		1995	1996 2/	1996 as % of 1995
Layers During Nov	(1,000)			
All Layers		279,428	285,201	102
Table Egg Type		230,388	237,017	103
Hatching Egg Type		49,040	48,184	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		46,556	45,735	98
Egg-Type Hatching		2,484	2,449	99
Eggs per 100 Layers During Nov	(Number)			
All Layers		2,109	2,124	101
Table Egg Type		2,180	2,187	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,774	1,812	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,755	1,786	102
Egg-Type Hatching		2,134	2,287	107
Eggs Produced During Nov	(Million)			
All Layers		5,893	6,057	103
Table Egg Type		5,023	5,184	103
Hatching Egg Type		870	873	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		817	817	100
Egg-Type Hatching		53	56	106
Layers on Dec 1	(1,000)			
All Layers		282,226	286,723	102
Table Egg Type		232,794	237,825	102
Hatching Egg Type		49,432	48,898	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		47,017	46,467	99
Egg-Type Hatching		2,415	2,431	101
Eggs per 100 Layers on Dec 1	(Number)			
All Layers		71.0	71.3	100
Table Egg Type		73.5	73.6	100
Hatching Egg Type		59.0	60.4	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.3	59.5	102
Egg-Type Hatching		73.1	77.4	106
Forced Molt Layers, Dec 1				
Percent Being Molted		2.3	2.1	91
Percent with Molt Completed		25.6	23.5	92
Layers Sold During Nov	(1,000)	13,741	14,037	102
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Nov	(1,000)	2,503	2,552	102
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Dec 1	(1,000)	74,031	70,308	95
Pullets Added During Nov	(1,000)	21,609	20,736	96

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 October 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	4,530	4,086	11,403	10,318	2,008	2,045
AR	5,585	5,005	15,640	14,713	1,912	1,917
CA	24,794	25,301	25,348	25,841	2,174	2,198
CO	2,647	2,745	3,164	3,275	2,118	2,168
CT	3,364	3,462	3,534	3,588	2,264	2,258
FL	8,381	8,130	9,039	8,762	2,179	2,214
GA	10,674	10,847	18,539	18,539	2,028	2,087
HI	726	701	776	725	1,969	2,089
IL	2,532	3,100	2,731	3,291	2,197	2,400
IN	19,528	20,517	20,355	21,597	2,221	2,278
IA	15,909	19,212	16,776	20,079	2,051	2,226
ME	4,771	5,165	4,917	5,290	2,400	2,382
MD	3,427	3,434	3,851	3,875	2,337	2,271
MI	4,960	4,654	5,236	4,891	2,093	2,288
MN	10,145	11,370	10,980	12,203	2,140	2,163
MS	2,240	2,143	6,099	6,534	1,968	2,020
MO	5,875	5,588	6,822	6,611	2,125	2,178
NE	8,700	8,966	8,850	9,116	2,176	2,155
NY	3,642	3,183	3,964	3,467	2,346	2,365
NC	6,081	5,461	13,795	12,298	1,935	1,935
OH	21,754	24,730	22,148	25,214	2,298	2,249
OK	2,023	1,858	3,788	3,753	2,033	1,998
OR	2,421	2,520	2,627	2,720	2,170	2,279
PA	19,640	19,490	20,946	20,766	2,258	2,268
SC	3,827	3,637	4,851	4,705	2,206	2,274
SD	1,503	1,878	1,738	2,090	2,362	2,238
TX	13,043	13,137	16,396	16,500	2,141	2,097
VA	1,645	1,940	3,757	3,891	2,050	2,030
WA	4,988	4,881	5,230	5,122	2,294	2,284
WI	2,619	2,968	3,143	3,477	2,195	2,128
30 Sts	221,974	230,109	276,443	283,251	2,142	2,173
Oth Sts 3/	11,294	11,256	16,016	16,036	2,104	2,139
US	233,268	241,365	292,459	299,287	2,140	2,171

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 November 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	: 4,538	: 4,110	: 11,307	: 10,228	: 1,963	: 1,975
AR	: 5,627	: 4,923	: 15,797	: 14,628	: 1,829	: 1,907
CA	: 25,080	: 25,783	: 25,636	: 26,331	: 2,142	: 2,176
CO	: 2,589	: 2,742	: 3,123	: 3,299	: 2,081	: 2,092
CT	: 3,380	: 3,469	: 3,542	: 3,593	: 2,202	: 2,227
FL	: 8,757	: 8,213	: 9,420	: 8,878	: 2,091	: 2,095
GA	: 10,947	: 11,073	: 18,958	: 19,010	: 1,999	: 2,041
HI	: 731	: 711	: 780	: 736	: 1,923	: 2,049
IL	: 2,729	: 3,109	: 2,928	: 3,303	: 2,220	: 2,331
IN	: 19,849	: 19,821	: 20,787	: 20,900	: 2,179	: 2,244
IA	: 15,885	: 19,424	: 16,749	: 20,310	: 2,161	: 2,142
ME	: 4,761	: 5,195	: 4,881	: 5,322	: 2,336	: 2,349
MD	: 3,411	: 3,042	: 3,844	: 3,508	: 2,237	: 2,252
MI	: 5,045	: 4,727	: 5,320	: 4,971	: 2,127	: 2,280
MN	: 10,323	: 11,233	: 11,176	: 12,051	: 2,130	: 2,058
MS	: 2,272	: 2,142	: 6,142	: 6,601	: 1,954	: 1,894
MO	: 5,850	: 5,435	: 6,905	: 6,518	: 2,085	: 2,148
NE	: 8,890	: 9,154	: 9,040	: 9,304	: 2,076	: 2,154
NY	: 3,699	: 3,261	: 4,020	: 3,547	: 2,289	: 2,255
NC	: 6,170	: 5,512	: 13,861	: 12,474	: 1,876	: 1,892
OH	: 21,840	: 25,391	: 22,290	: 25,872	: 2,239	: 2,188
OK	: 1,998	: 1,800	: 3,843	: 3,730	: 1,978	: 1,903
OR	: 2,332	: 2,546	: 2,520	: 2,741	: 2,381	: 2,189
PA	: 19,915	: 19,905	: 21,238	: 21,170	: 2,251	: 2,239
SC	: 3,792	: 3,734	: 4,809	: 4,763	: 2,163	: 2,225
SD	: 1,495	: 1,840	: 1,730	: 2,048	: 2,250	: 2,175
TX	: 13,268	: 13,290	: 16,486	: 16,631	: 2,093	: 2,098
VA	: 1,729	: 2,016	: 3,806	: 4,033	: 1,971	: 1,934
WA	: 4,977	: 4,872	: 5,203	: 5,111	: 2,229	: 2,230
WI	: 2,770	: 3,069	: 3,287	: 3,590	: 2,190	: 2,089
30 Sts	: 224,649	: 231,542	: 279,428	: 285,201	: 2,109	: 2,124
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,306	: 11,402	: 16,134	: 16,164	: 2,101	: 2,128
US	: 235,955	: 242,944	: 295,562	: 301,365	: 2,109	: 2,124

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,  
October 1995-96 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	229	211	104	97	125	114
AR	299	282	119	106	180	176
CA	551	568				
CO	67	71				
CT	80	81				
FL	197	194	186	181	11	13
GA	376	387	229	237	147	150
HI	15	15	15	15	0	0
IL	60	79	59	78	1	1
IN	452	492	442	483	10	9
IA	344	447				
ME	118	126				
MD	90	88	84	81	6	7
MI	110	112				
MN	235	264	226	253	9	11
MS	120	132	48	49	72	83
MO	145	144				
NE	193	196	193	196	0	0
NY	93	82				
NC	267	238	140	121	127	117
OH	509	567				
OK	77	75	49	45	28	30
OR	57	62	55	60	2	2
PA	473	471	458	456	15	15
SC	107	107	88	88	19	19
SD	41	47	41	47	0	0
TX	351	346	300	288	51	58
VA	77	79	40	45	37	34
WA	120	117				
WI	69	74				
30 Sts	5,922	6,154	5,028	5,263	894	891
Oth Sts 3/	338	343	273	277	65	66
US	6,260	6,497	5,301	5,540	959	957

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,  
November 1995-96 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	222	202	103	94	119	108
AR	289	279	115	104	174	175
CA	549	573				
CO	65	69				
CT	78	80				
FL	197	186	186	173	11	13
GA	379	388	233	240	146	148
HI	15	15	15	15	0	0
IL	65	77	64	76	1	1
IN	453	469	444	460	9	9
IA	362	435				
ME	114	125				
MD	86	79	79	72	7	7
MI	113	113				
MN	238	248	229	238	9	10
MS	120	125	50	45	70	80
MO	144	140				
NE	188	200	188	200	0	0
NY	92	80				
NC	260	236	138	121	122	115
OH	499	566				
OK	76	71	48	42	28	29
OR	60	60	58	58	2	2
PA	478	474	463	459	15	15
SC	104	106	85	88	19	18
SD	39	45	39	45	0	0
TX	345	349	294	293	51	56
VA	75	78	39	43	36	35
WA	116	114				
WI	72	75				
30 Sts	5,893	6,057	5,023	5,184	870	873
Oth Sts 3/	339	344	275	280	64	64
US	6,232	6,401	5,298	5,464	934	937

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	22.9
May	5.7	5.5	22.4	22.2
Jun	6.0	4.7	23.0	22.3
Jul	4.9	4.0	23.4	22.9
Aug	4.1	4.6	23.4	22.0
Sep	4.6	4.3	23.3	22.4
Oct	5.1	4.8	23.3	23.0
Nov	3.6	3.1	24.2	23.8
Dec	2.2	2.1	25.5	23.5

1/ As of first of month.

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

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
AL	1.0	.5	15.5	14.5
AR	1.5	2.5	12.0	11.0
CA	5.5	4.5	47.0	41.5
CO	2.0	2.0	22.0	28.5
CT	1.0	.0	14.5	13.0
FL	1.5	2.0	47.0	31.0
GA	1.5	.0	22.0	24.0
HI	5.0	5.5	56.5	52.0
IL	1.0	3.5	41.5	20.0
IN	1.0	2.0	30.0	21.0
IA	3.0	4.5	32.0	32.5
ME	.0	1.5	1.0	1.5
MD	2.0	.0	41.5	32.5
MI	1.2	1.0	24.5	20.5
MN	2.0	2.5	35.5	33.0
MS	.0	.5	17.0	15.5
MO	1.0	.0	28.0	20.0
NE	8.0	2.5	25.0	26.5
NY	.0	1.0	6.5	6.5
NC	2.5	.0	15.0	12.0
OH	1.0	1.0	13.5	13.0
OK	2.5	1.5	12.0	13.5
OR	1.0	8.0	45.0	29.5
PA	1.5	1.0	20.0	21.0
SC	1.5	10.0	41.0	25.0
SD	3.5	.0	24.0	60.0
TX	3.5	1.5	21.5	24.0
VA	5.0	3.0	11.0	11.0
WA	4.0	5.0	42.0	44.5
WI	1.5	4.0	28.0	31.0
30 Sts	2.3	2.1	25.6	23.5
Oth Sts 2/	1.3	2.4	23.1	23.9
US	2.2	2.1	25.5	23.5

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, November-December 1995-96

Item	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
<b>Egg-Type</b>			
Eggs in Incubators on Dec 1	28,573	31,575	111
Chicks Hatched During Nov	29,130	31,495	108
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Nov	365,671	374,843	103
Pullets Hatched During Nov for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	124	291	235
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	3,272	2,759	84
<b>Broiler-Type</b>			
Eggs in Incubators on Dec 1	572,200	573,500	100
Chicks Hatched During Nov	627,767	631,292	101
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Nov	7,237,319	7,362,356	102
Pullets Hatched During Nov for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	6,656	6,508	98
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	54,649	55,921	102

1/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched May 1995 through Apr 1996.

2/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Aug 1995 through Apr 1996.

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

Geographic Division	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	3,794	5,077	134
E North Central	7,273	8,471	116
W North Central	5,589	5,863	105
South Atlantic	4,963	4,447	90
South Central	3,315	3,002	91
West	3,639	4,715	130
US	28,573	31,575	111

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

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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,  
November 1995-96

State	November			Jan-Nov		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
AR	1,061	655	62	11,651	9,426	81
FL	1,063	1,310	123	11,612	12,767	110
GA	941	1,524	162	18,969	22,215	117
IN	6,118	6,643	109	75,577	78,873	104
IA	2,960	3,606	122	38,399	36,363	95
KS	328	334	102	3,027	2,913	96
MN	2,448	1,961	80	24,261	22,417	92
MO	313	341	109	4,798	3,815	80
PA	2,851	3,729	131	36,460	44,635	122
Oth Sts 1/	11,047	11,392	103	140,917	141,419	100
US	29,130	31,495	108	365,671	374,843	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 as % of 1995	1994	1995	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
Jan	33,236	32,375	97	33,236	32,375	97
Feb	31,086	32,745	106	64,322	65,120	102
Mar	33,489	36,021	105	97,811	101,141	103
Apr	35,657	35,020	102	133,468	136,161	102
May	35,322	37,482	103	168,790	173,643	102
Jun	31,985	34,948	97	200,775	208,591	102
Jul	29,613	29,554	114	230,388	238,145	103
Aug	31,295	31,434	103	261,683	269,579	103
Sep	31,587	33,578	95	293,270	303,157	102
Oct	32,066	33,384	99	325,336	336,541	102
Nov	26,075	29,130	108	351,411	365,671	103
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 : 1996 : Relative to Current Supply Flocks : as % of: 7-18 Months Earlier 2/			
	1994	1995	1996	1995	1995	1996	1997
	-----	1,000	-----	Percent	-----	1,000	-----
Jan	213	236	171	72	3,022	3,108	2,905
Feb	184	251	238	95	3,009	3,089	2,929
Mar	259	356	317	89	3,075	2,943	2,938
Apr	277	317	252	79	3,106	2,920	2,877
May	334	193	291	151	3,119	2,951	2,801
Jun	257	234	282	121	3,187	2,835	2,968
Jul	254	235	259	110	3,045	2,941	
Aug	309	163	172	106	3,068	2,876	
Sep	315	292	231	79	3,135	2,863	
Oct	278	309	233	75	3,232	2,824	
Nov	240	124	291	235	3,272	2,759	
Dec	125	231			3,131	2,857	
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 November 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched May 1995 through Apr 1996. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region  
and United States, December 1, 1995-96

Geographic Division	1995		1996		1996 as % of 1995
	-----	1,000	-----	Percent	
North Atlantic	12,487		11,947	96	
E North Central	9,168		7,329	80	
W North Central	18,615		21,758	117	
South Atlantic	228,670		223,687	98	
South Central	280,513		286,040	102	
West	22,747		22,739	100	
US	572,200		573,500	100	



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

State	November			Jan-Nov		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
AL	80,477	81,704	102	983,826	937,924	95
AR	97,947	95,633	98	1,130,057	1,141,551	101
DE	14,479	14,887	103	180,892	175,859	97
FL	9,432	9,411	100	110,690	110,847	100
GA	92,850	94,824	102	1,052,483	1,109,903	105
MD	29,293	28,449	97	341,453	336,080	98
MS	50,646	54,273	107	588,800	624,470	106
NC	59,339	57,416	97	683,940	676,385	99
PA	11,136	11,377	102	123,047	127,750	104
SC	14,618	14,622	100	168,137	166,873	99
TX	36,745	38,542	105	427,324	449,014	105
VA	21,859	21,259	97	257,839	253,018	98
CA TN & WV	33,750	33,704	100	372,972	371,314	100
15 Sts 1/	552,571	556,101	101	6,421,460	6,480,988	101
OR & WA	4,931	5,045	102	60,708	60,646	100
Oth Sts 2/	70,265	70,146	100	755,151	820,722	109
US	627,767	631,292	101	7,237,319	7,362,356	102

1/ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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

**Broiler Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1994-96**

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	1994	1995	1996	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	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	665,443	100	2,444,066	2,605,832	2,687,606	103
May	658,689	692,004	698,176	101	3,102,755	3,297,836	3,385,782	103
Jun	647,342	670,839	670,593	100	3,750,097	3,968,675	4,056,375	102
Jul	646,875	673,687	677,611	101	4,396,972	4,642,362	4,733,986	102
Aug	654,309	674,068	688,591	102	5,051,281	5,316,430	5,422,577	102
Sep	626,706	638,901	656,696	103	5,677,987	5,955,331	6,079,273	102
Oct	620,679	654,221	651,791	100	6,298,666	6,609,552	6,731,064	102
Nov	600,055	627,767	631,292	101	6,898,721	7,237,319	7,362,356	102
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			: 1995 : : as % of:	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier 2/		
	1994	1995	1996		1995	1996	1997
	-----	-----	-----		-----	-----	-----
		1,000		Percent		1,000	
US							
Place-							
ments							
Jan	5,988	5,710	5,538	97	53,071	54,562	56,103
Feb	5,452	5,484	5,916	108	53,563	54,522	56,512
Mar	6,334	6,161	6,374	103	53,808	55,178	56,374
Apr	6,121	6,320	6,442	102	54,576	55,053	56,322
May	6,266	6,135	6,776	110	54,930	55,356	57,004
Jun	5,911	6,178	6,169	100	55,297	56,528	57,596
Jul	6,104	6,302	6,422	102	55,376	56,585	
Aug	6,064	6,475	6,518	101	54,965	55,803	
Sep	6,336	6,288	6,166	98	54,183	55,584	
Oct	6,342	6,013	6,221	103	54,433	55,781	
Nov	5,819	6,656	6,508	98	54,649	55,921	
Dec	6,413	6,218			54,720	56,222	
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	7,664	98			
May	7,394	7,873	8,234	105			
Jun	7,382	7,485	7,467	100			
Jul	7,146	7,730	7,923	102			
Aug	7,290	7,850	8,128	104			
Sep	7,545	7,730	7,771	101			
Oct	7,959	7,301	7,892	108			
Nov	7,251	7,784	7,860	101			
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 Nov 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Aug 1995 through Apr 1996.
- 3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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