

Chickens and Eggs



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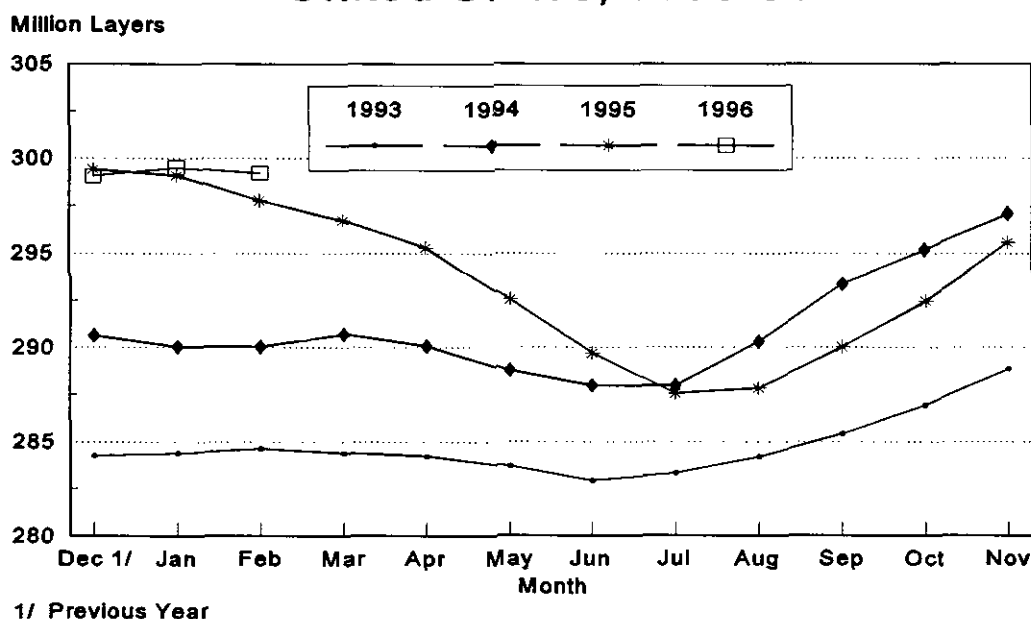
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February Egg Production up 5 percent

U.S. egg production totaled 5.97 billion during February 1996, up 5 percent from the 5.71 billion produced February 1995. Production included 5.05 billion table eggs and 918 million hatching egg type, of which 861 million were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 1996 averaged 299 million, up slightly from the average number of layers during February 1995. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,996 eggs, compared with 1,919 in February 1995.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1993-96



All layers in the U.S. on March 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, 51.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 1996, averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.7 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 5.65 billion eggs during February, up 5 percent from February 1995. The average number of layers during February, 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 9 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during February totaled 34.7 million, up 9 percent from February 1995. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 34.7 million on March 1, 1996, up 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 238,000 during February 1995, down 5 percent from the 251,000 of February 1995.

Broiler Hatch Up 8 Percent

The February 1996 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 646 million, was 8 percent above February of the previous year. February 1996 contained 29 days due to the leap year. There were 574 million **eggs in incubators** on March 1, 1996, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.92 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during February 1996, up 8 percent from February 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		299,212
Mar	:	284,405		290,719		296,796		
Apr	:	284,234		290,073		295,293		
May	:	283,694		288,784		292,548		
Jun	:	282,914		287,974		289,705		
Jul	:	283,324		287,990		287,557		
Aug	:	284,192		290,321		287,837		
Sep	:	285,418		293,381		290,021		
Oct	:	286,948		295,172		292,459		
Nov	:	288,875		297,134		295,562		

1/ Data are for chart on cover page.

2/ February 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	5,972		4,854	5,054		860	918	
Mar	:	6,448			5,492			956		
Apr	:	6,177			5,238			939		
May	:	6,251			5,271			980		
Jun	:	6,010			5,060			950		
Jul	:	6,145			5,179			966		
Aug	:	6,146			5,191			955		
Sep	:	5,990			5,063			927		
Oct	:	6,260			5,301			959		
Nov	:	6,232			5,298			934		
During Year:	:	74,258	18,917		62,932	16,046		11,326	2,871	

1/ December preceding year.

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

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

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Feb (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	297,759		299,212		100
Table Egg Type	:	245,513		245,563		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		5,972		105
Table Egg Type	:	4,854		5,054		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		299,198		101
Table Egg Type	:	245,647		245,389		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		71
Percent with Molt Completed	:	24.1		23.4		97

1/ Preliminary.

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

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

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

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		:	281,073	283,190	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	232,257	233,080	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	48,816	50,110	:	103
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	46,113	47,527	:	103
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,703	2,583	:	96
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Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	1,919	1,996	:	104
Table Egg Type		:	1,976	2,057	:	104
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,647	1,712	:	104
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,616	1,687	:	104
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,183	2,168	:	99
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Eggs Produced During Feb	(Million)	:				
All Layers		:	5,394	5,652	:	105
Table Egg Type		:	4,590	4,794	:	104
Hatching Egg Type		:	804	858	:	107
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	745	802	:	108
Egg-Type Hatching		:	59	56	:	95
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Layers on Mar 1	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	281,050	283,168	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	232,444	232,926	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	48,606	50,242	:	103
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	45,887	47,618	:	104
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,719	2,624	:	97
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Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	69.6	69.5	:	100
Table Egg Type		:	71.9	71.7	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	58.9	59.1	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	57.9	58.2	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	75.2	74.9	:	100
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Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1		:				
Percent Being Molted		:	4.8	3.5	:	71
Percent with Molt Completed		:	24.1	23.5	:	98
:						
Layers Sold During Feb	(1,000)	:	14,856	14,980	:	101
:						
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Feb	(1,000)	:	3,014	2,667	:	88
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Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Mar 1	(1,000)	:	70,345	71,201	:	101
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Pullets Added During Feb	(1,000)	:	19,565	20,521	:	105

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 January 1995-96

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

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

2/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

**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	6,048	14,041	13,887	1,716	1,757
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	227,594	281,073	283,190	1,919	1,996
Oth Sts 3/	11,864	11,154	16,686	16,022	1,918	1,997
US	238,239	238,748	297,759	299,212	1,919	1,996

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,
January 1995-96

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

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

2/ 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	244	124	121	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	5,652	4,590	4,794	804	858
Oth Sts 3/	320	320	264	260	56	60
US	5,714	5,972	4,854	5,054	860	918

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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		23.8	
May	5.7		22.4	
Jun	6.0		23.0	
Jul	4.9		23.4	
Aug	4.1		23.4	
Sep	4.6		23.3	
Oct	5.1		23.3	
Nov	3.6		24.2	
Dec	2.2		25.5	

1/ As of first of month.

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

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
AL	5.0	1.5	13.0	12.5
AR	2.5	2.0	10.5	9.5
CA	9.5	6.5	43.5	46.5
CO	2.0	2.5	25.0	25.0
CT	3.5	.0	11.5	12.5
FL	20.5	5.5	30.0	28.0
GA	4.0	2.5	20.5	23.0
HI	6.5	5.0	50.0	52.5
IL	8.0	4.5	22.5	42.0
IN	1.0	3.0	34.0	23.5
IA	3.5	8.0	33.0	27.5
ME	.5	.0	.5	.5
MD	3.5	4.0	23.5	33.0
MI	2.5	1.5	13.0	23.0
MN	6.5	1.5	24.5	33.5
MS	2.5	.5	17.0	15.0
MO	3.0	1.5	20.5	28.5
NE	5.5	7.5	23.0	33.0
NY	2.0	.0	10.0	8.5
NC	2.5	3.5	18.0	13.5
OH	3.0	.0	16.0	12.0
OK	1.5	3.0	18.0	11.5
OR	12.0	3.5	32.5	36.0
PA	2.0	4.0	23.5	20.0
SC	8.5	3.0	28.0	30.5
SD	2.0	1.0	49.0	23.0
TX	4.5	6.0	25.5	20.0
VA	12.0	5.0	17.0	15.5
WA	8.5	6.5	38.5	39.5
WI	8.0	.0	28.0	27.5
30 Sts	4.8	3.5	24.1	23.5
Oth Sts 2/	4.6	2.9	23.3	21.3
US	4.8	3.5	24.1	23.4

1/ As of first of month.

2/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators, Chicks Hatched,
and Placements by Type, United States, February-March 1995-96

Item	: 1995	: 1996	: 1996 as % of 1995
	: ----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Egg-Type	:	:	:
Eggs in Incubators on Mar 1	: 32,320	: 34,669	: 107
Chicks Hatched During Feb	: 31,693	: 34,652	: 109
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Feb	: 63,220	: 66,199	: 105
Pullets Hatched During Feb for Intended:	:	:	:
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	: 251	: 238	: 95
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	: 2,937	: 3,064	: 104
Broiler-Type	:	:	:
Eggs in Incubators on Mar 1	: 549,742	: 573,793	: 104
Chicks Hatched During Feb	: 598,962	: 646,085	: 108
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Feb	: 1,260,351	: 1,332,444	: 106
Pullets Hatched During Feb for Intended:	:	:	:
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	: 5,481	: 5,916	: 108
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	: 53,376	: 54,557	: 102

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

2/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Nov 1994 through Jul 1995.

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

Geographic Division	: 1995	: 1996	: 1996 as % of 1995
	: ----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	: 4,369	: 4,624	: 106
E North Central	: 8,551	: 9,167	: 107
W North Central	: 5,079	: 6,287	: 124
South Atlantic	: 5,337	: 5,231	: 98
South Central	: 4,468	: 3,587	: 80
West	: 4,516	: 5,773	: 128
US	: 32,320	: 34,669	: 107

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,
February 1995-96**

State	February				Jan-Feb			
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995		1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	
	-----	1,000	-----	Percent	-----	1,000	-----	Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AR	1,060	1,277	120		2,139	2,108	99	
FL	1,026	986	96		2,096	2,029	97	
GA	1,620	1,899	117		3,434	4,029	117	
IN	6,299	7,364	117		13,181	14,644	111	
IA	2,369	3,301	139		4,885	5,394	110	
KS	258	326	126		497	666	134	
MN	2,215	2,326	105		3,898	4,241	109	
MO	346	322	93		669	369	55	
PA	3,356	4,046	121		6,603	7,306	111	
Oth Sts 1/	13,144	12,805	97		25,818	25,413	98	
US	31,693	34,652	109		63,220	66,199	105	

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

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

Month:	By Months				Cumulative			
	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	-----	1,000	-----	Percent	-----	1,000	-----	Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Jan	33,212	31,527	31,547	100	33,212	31,527	31,547	100
Feb	31,086	31,693	34,652	109	64,298	63,220	66,199	105
Mar	33,492	34,806			97,790	98,026		
Apr	35,668	34,101			133,458	132,127		
May	35,336	36,335			168,794	168,462		
Jun	31,986	33,392			200,780	201,854		
Jul	29,613	28,682			230,393	230,536		
Aug	31,295	30,399			261,688	260,935		
Sep	30,873	32,112			292,561	293,047		
Oct	31,766	31,682			324,327	324,729		
Nov	25,475	28,539			349,802	353,268		
Dec	29,072	30,012			378,874	383,280		

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			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
	: ----- 1,000 -----			Percent ----- 1,000 -----		
Jan	: 197	: 236	: 171	: 72	: 2,806	: 2,916
Feb	: 186	: 251	: 238	: 95	: 2,812	: 2,937
Mar	: 259	: 356			: 2,754	: 3,027
Apr	: 277	: 317			: 2,787	: 3,072
May	: 334	: 193			: 2,801	: 3,091
Jun	: 254	: 234			: 2,690	: 3,156
Jul	: 264	: 235			: 2,782	: 3,013
Aug	: 309	: 163			: 2,786	: 3,052
Sep	: 315	: 292			: 2,853	: 3,117
Oct	: 270	: 309			: 2,844	: 3,214
Nov	: 223	: 124			: 2,870	: 3,254
Dec	: 125	: 224			: 2,929	: 3,113
Total	: 3,013	: 2,934				

- 1/ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.
- 2/ For February 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Aug 1994 through Jul 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, March 1, 1995-96

Geographic Division	: 1995 : 1996 : 1996 : as % of : : 1995 :		
	: ----- 1,000 -----		
	Percent		
North Atlantic	: 11,655	: 12,531	: 108
E North Central	: 8,408	: 8,074	: 96
W North Central	: 16,132	: 19,331	: 120
South Atlantic	: 217,804	: 231,127	: 106
South Central	: 273,321	: 280,897	: 103
West	: 22,422	: 21,833	: 97
US	: 549,742	: 573,793	: 104

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

State	February			Jan-Feb		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	85,011	80,253	94	179,626	168,102	94
AR	93,942	101,870	108	197,597	210,699	107
DE	15,356	15,494	101	32,439	32,079	99
FL	8,370	9,910	118	17,731	20,522	116
GA	86,655	96,817	112	182,681	201,541	110
MD	28,294	32,022	113	60,942	63,661	104
MS	49,284	52,653	107	105,126	109,125	104
NC	55,270	59,255	107	117,385	124,090	106
PA	9,857	10,121	103	21,101	21,407	101
SC	14,386	14,511	101	29,451	30,156	102
TX	34,013	38,764	114	71,685	81,081	113
VA	21,952	22,395	102	45,802	46,259	101
CA TN & WV	29,471	31,198	106	63,712	65,680	103
15 Sts 1/	531,861	565,263	106	1,125,278	1,174,402	104
OR & WA	4,972	4,894	98	10,481	10,673	102
Oth Sts 2/	62,129	75,928	122	124,592	147,369	118
US	598,962	646,085	108	1,260,351	1,332,444	106

1/ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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

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

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	1994	1995	1996 as % of 1995	1994	1995	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Jan	618,112	661,389	104	618,112	661,389	104
Feb	558,590	598,962	108	1,176,702	1,260,351	106
Mar	639,967	677,334		1,816,669	1,937,685	
Apr	627,051	662,372		2,443,720	2,600,057	
May	658,690	689,650		3,102,410	3,289,707	
Jun	647,163	669,390		3,749,573	3,959,097	
Jul	646,456	672,822		4,396,029	4,631,919	
Aug	653,710	672,608		5,049,739	5,304,527	
Sep	625,867	634,272		5,675,606	5,938,799	
Oct	617,957	652,198		6,293,563	6,590,997	
Nov	597,276	626,487		6,890,839	7,217,484	
Dec	658,914	689,596		7,549,753	7,907,080	

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1996 : as % of: : 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	5,989	5,748	5,538	96	48,072	52,785	54,597
Feb	5,518	5,481	5,916	108	48,632	53,376	54,557
Mar	6,301	6,161			49,491	53,923	55,202
Apr	6,101	6,319			49,607	54,590	55,077
May	6,266	6,135			49,456	54,943	55,342
Jun	5,911	6,178			50,424	55,244	56,527
Jul	6,104	6,302			50,415	55,356	56,389
Aug	6,064	6,464			50,873	55,003	55,607
Sep	6,336	6,288			50,447	54,218	55,388
Oct	6,342	6,013			51,180	54,468	
Nov	5,819	6,666			51,314	54,684	
Dec	6,413	6,023			51,995	54,755	
Annual							
Total	73,164	73,778					
Total							
Place-							
ments3/							
Jan	7,168	7,038	6,782	96			
Feb	6,829	7,176	7,167	100			
Mar	7,544	7,577					
Apr	7,234	7,835					
May	7,394	7,873					
Jun	7,153	7,485					
Jul	7,146	7,730					
Aug	7,290	7,838					
Sep	7,545	7,730					
Oct	7,959	7,301					
Nov	7,251	7,816					
Dec	7,908	7,612					
Annual							
Total	88,421	91,011					

1/ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.

2/ For Feb 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Nov 1994 through Jul 1995.

3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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Data Sources: Primary data for the "**Chickens and Eggs**" report are from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for layer and egg estimates from each known contractor and independent producer who has over 30,000 table egg layers. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 900 contractors, independent egg producers, and started pullet operations are contacted each month. All known hatcheries, approximately 360, are contacted for information on a weekly and/or monthly basis.

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