

Chickens and Eggs



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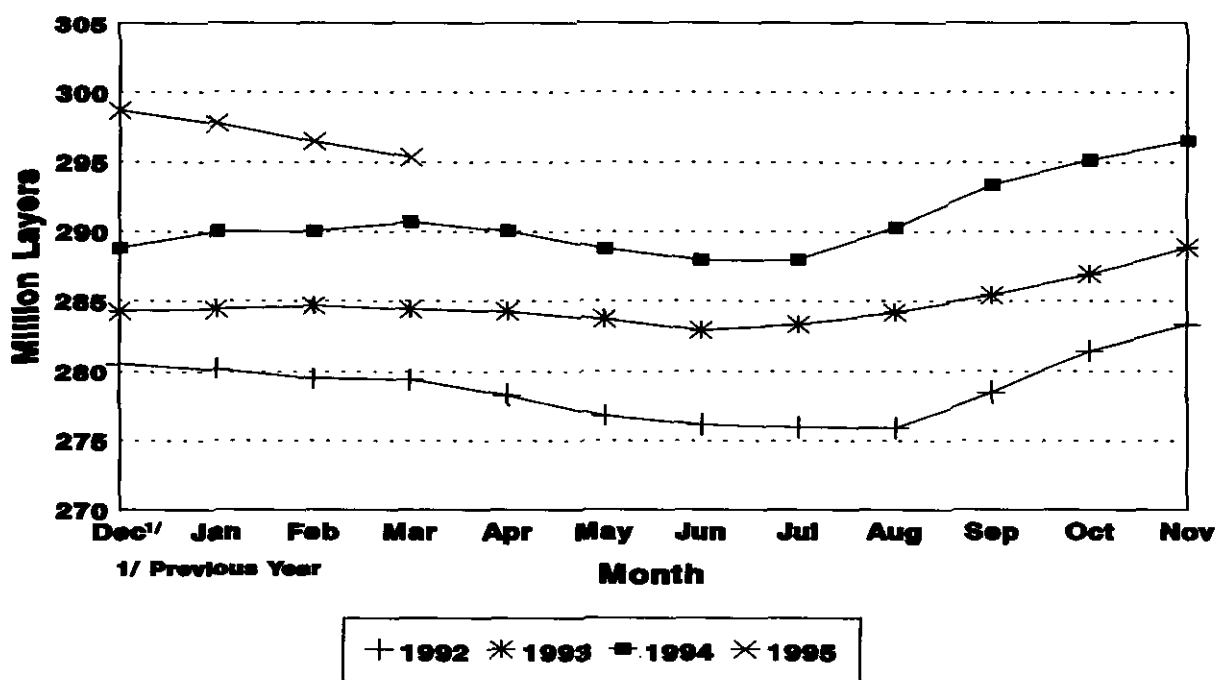
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March Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.45 billion during March 1995, up 2 percent from the 6.32 billion produced March 1994. Production included 5.49 billion table eggs and 958 million hatching egg type, of which 892 million were broiler-type and 66.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 1995 averaged 295 million, up 2 percent from the 291 million during March 1994. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,183 eggs, compared with 2,174 in March 1994.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1992 - 95



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All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 1995, totaled 294 million, compared with 291 million a year ago. The 294 million layers consisted of 242 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 49.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.94 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 1995, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 70.6 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.09 billion eggs during March, up 2 percent from March 1994. The average number of layers during March, at 279 million, was also 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 4 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during March totaled 34.8 million, up 4 percent from March 1994. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 33.1 million on April 1, 1995, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 356,000 during March 1995, up 37 percent from the 259,000 of March 1994.

Broiler Hatch Up 6 Percent

The March 1995 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 677 million, was 6 percent above March of the previous year. There were 559 million **eggs in incubators** on April 1, 1995, up 6 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.16 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during March 1995, down 2 percent from March 1994.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month,
United States, 1992-1995 1/

Month :	1992	:	1993	:	1994	:	1995

	1,000 Layers						
Dec <u>2/</u>	280,572		284,267		288,832		298,709
Jan	280,171		284,398		290,041		297,805
Feb	279,450		284,638		290,047		296,477
Mar	279,373		284,405		290,719		295,348
Apr	278,284		284,234		290,073		
May	276,790		283,694		288,784		
Jun	276,142		282,914		287,974		
Jul	275,953		283,324		287,990		
Aug	275,891		284,192		290,321		
Sep	278,461		285,418		293,381		
Oct	281,573		286,948		295,172		
Nov	283,305		288,875		296,547		

1/ Data are for chart on cover page.

2/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, February-March 1994-95

Item	1994	1995 <u>1/</u>	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Feb (1,000)			
All Layers	290,047	296,477	102
Table Egg Type	240,294	244,231	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,753	52,246	105
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,875	49,443	105
Egg-Type Hatching	2,878	2,803	97
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb (Number)			
All Layers	1,930	1,929	100
Table Egg Type	1,987	1,988	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,654	1,654	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,630	1,626	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,050	2,141	104
Eggs Produced During Feb (Million)			
All Layers	5,598	5,720	102
Table Egg Type	4,775	4,856	102
Hatching Egg Type	823	864	105
Broilers-Type Hatching	764	804	105
Egg-Type Hatching	59	60	102
Layers on Mar 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	290,416	296,203	102
Table Egg Type	240,507	244,161	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,909	52,042	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	47,013	49,226	105
Egg-Type Hatching	2,896	2,816	97
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.6	69.6	100
Table Egg Type	71.8	71.9	100
Hatching Egg Type	59.2	58.9	99
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.4	57.9	99
Egg-Type Hatching	72.7	75.3	104
Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1			
Percent Being Molting	3.7	4.8	130
Percent with Molt Completed	21.1	24.0	114

1/ Revised.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, March-April 1994-95

Item	1994	1995 <u>1</u> /	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Mar (1,000)			
All Layers	290,719	295,348	102
Table Egg Type	240,634	243,158	101
Hatching Egg Type	50,085	52,190	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	47,215	49,307	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,870	2,883	100
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar (Number)			
All Layers	2,174	2,183	100
Table Egg Type	2,246	2,257	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,829	1,836	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,807	1,809	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,195	2,289	104
Eggs Produced During Mar (Million)			
All Layers	6,320	6,447	102
Table Egg Type	5,404	5,489	102
Hatching Egg Type	916	958	105
Broilers-Type Hatching	853	892	105
Egg-Type Hatching	63	66	105
Layers on Apr 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	290,979	294,451	101
Table Egg Type	240,736	242,133	101
Hatching Egg Type	50,243	52,318	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	47,411	49,376	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,832	2,942	104
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1 (Number)			
All Layers	70.6	71.0	101
Table Egg Type	73.0	73.5	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.3	59.5	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.4	58.5	100
Egg-Type Hatching	75.2	76.0	101
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1			
Percent Being Molted	2.7	3.4	126
Percent with Molt Completed	21.0	23.7	113

1/ Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, February-March, 30 Selected States, 1994-95 ^{1/}

Item	1994	1995 ^{2/}	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Feb (1,000)			
All Layers	273,820	279,783	102
Table Egg Type	227,106	230,967	102
Hatching Egg Type	46,714	48,816	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	44,037	46,113	105
Egg-Type Hatching	2,677	2,703	101
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb (Number)			
All Layers	1,930	1,930	100
Table Egg Type	1,986	1,988	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,657	1,655	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,630	1,624	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,092	2,183	104
Eggs Produced During Feb (Million)			
All Layers	5,284	5,400	102
Table Egg Type	4,510	4,592	102
Hatching Egg Type	774	808	104
Broilers-Type Hatching	718	749	104
Egg-Type Hatching	56	59	105
Layers on Mar 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	274,258	279,552	102
Table Egg Type	227,336	230,946	102
Hatching Egg Type	46,922	48,606	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	44,209	45,887	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,713	2,719	100
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.6	69.6	100
Table Egg Type	71.7	71.9	100
Hatching Egg Type	59.1	58.9	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.3	57.9	99
Egg-Type Hatching	73.0	75.2	103
Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1			
Percent Being Molting	3.7	4.8	130
Percent with Molt Completed	21.0	24.1	115
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Mar 1 (1,000)	73,488	70,169	95
Pullets Added During Feb (1,000)	20,068	19,546	97
Layers Sold During Feb (1,000)	14,039	14,821	106
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Feb (1,000)	2,447	3,017	123

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} 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, March-April, 30 Selected States, 1994-95 ^{1/}

Item	1994	1995 ^{2/}	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Mar (1,000)			
All Layers	274,525	278,894	102
Table Egg Type	227,480	230,126	101
Hatching Egg Type	47,045	48,768	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	44,345	45,968	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,700	2,800	104
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar (Number)			
All Layers	2,174	2,183	100
Table Egg Type	2,245	2,256	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,828	1,837	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,804	1,808	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,222	2,321	104
Eggs Produced During Mar (Million)			
All Layers	5,968	6,088	102
Table Egg Type	5,108	5,192	102
Hatching Egg Type	860	896	104
Broilers-Type Hatching	800	831	104
Egg-Type Hatching	60	65	108
Layers on Apr 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	274,761	278,208	101
Table Egg Type	227,607	229,294	101
Hatching Egg Type	47,154	48,914	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	44,477	46,040	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,677	2,874	107
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1 (Number)			
All Layers	70.6	71.0	101
Table Egg Type	73.0	73.5	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.1	59.5	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.2	58.5	101
Egg-Type Hatching	74.8	75.9	101
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1			
Percent Being Molted	2.7	3.4	126
Percent with Molt Completed	21.1	23.8	113
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Apr 1 (1,000)	75,828	72,182	95
Pullets Added During Mar (1,000)	17,827	20,965	118
Layers Sold During Mar (1,000)	15,264	17,106	112
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Mar (1,000)	2,834	2,636	93

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^{2/} The 30 States are listed in the table on page 8.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During February 1994-95 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in : Flocks 30,000 and Above : All Layers <u>2/</u>				Eggs per 100 for All Layers <u>2/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000				Number	
AL	5,015	4,620	11,626	11,511	1,763	1,764
AR	7,318	6,191	17,228	16,224	1,678	1,707
CA	24,907	25,515	25,619	26,100	1,913	1,893
CO	2,742	2,624	3,290	3,173	1,793	1,986
CT	3,490	3,323	3,695	3,509	2,030	2,023
FL	9,250	8,591	10,128	9,203	1,965	1,999
GA	11,401	10,368	19,074	18,075	1,908	1,826
HI	750	731	830	776	1,848	1,868
IL	2,794	2,703	2,963	2,909	1,789	2,097
IN	20,340	20,823	21,241	21,731	2,039	2,016
IA	13,765	14,620	14,500	15,500	1,986	1,961
ME	4,809	4,753	4,993	4,911	2,103	2,118
MD	2,612	3,025	3,226	3,622	1,984	1,988
MI	4,896	5,107	5,203	5,400	2,047	2,066
MN	9,528	10,270	10,419	11,106	1,910	1,981
MS	2,619	2,359	6,335	6,431	1,752	1,742
MO	6,150	5,935	6,696	6,790	1,912	1,900
NE	7,650	8,850	7,800	9,000	1,890	2,072
NY	3,480	3,510	3,819	3,852	2,095	2,129
NC	6,600	6,388	13,631	14,041	1,805	1,716
OH	19,637	22,246	20,054	22,531	2,039	2,019
OK	1,975	1,955	3,560	3,725	1,685	1,826
OR	2,476	2,350	2,680	2,543	1,940	2,045
PA	19,300	20,355	20,615	21,765	2,066	2,068
SC	4,065	4,024	5,013	5,049	1,995	2,020
SD	1,728	1,508	2,005	1,743	2,170	1,882
TX	12,440	12,520	15,500	15,801	1,910	1,873
VA	1,590	1,707	3,888	3,845	1,800	1,795
WA	4,597	5,139	4,834	5,411	2,151	2,070
WI	2,811	2,970	3,355	3,506	1,997	1,882
30 Sts	220,735	225,080	273,820	279,783	1,930	1,930
Oth Sts <u>3/</u>	11,701	11,864	16,227	16,694	1,929	1,917
US	232,436	236,944	290,047	296,477	1,930	1,929

1/ 1995 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 1994-95 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in : Flocks 30,000 and Above : All Layers <u>2/</u>				Eggs per 100 for All Layers <u>2/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----				----- Number -----	
AL	5.013	4.736	11.476	11.520	2.030	2.005
AR	7.191	6.017	17.092	16.024	1.896	1.922
CA	25.077	25.487	25.751	26.073	2.225	2.178
CO	2.733	2.623	3.311	3.174	2.024	2.174
CT	3.434	3.301	3.641	3.490	2.252	2.321
FL	9.148	8.587	10.047	9.202	2.220	2.282
GA	11.304	10.412	19.020	18.109	2.124	2.098
HI	755	725	835	768	2.065	2.080
IL	2.823	2.642	2.993	2.839	2.172	2.325
IN	20.113	20.522	21.026	21.416	2.273	2.265
IA	13.683	14.640	14.451	15.525	2.235	2.190
ME	4.939	4.807	5.125	4.962	2.322	2.318
MD	2.640	3.242	3.261	3.823	2.147	2.223
MI	4.939	4.966	5.253	5.250	2.279	2.325
MN	9.660	10.253	10.540	11.096	2.182	2.217
MS	2.618	2.330	6.431	6.389	2.021	1.972
MO	6.158	5.865	6.815	6.728	2.172	2.155
NE	7.625	8.850	7.775	9.000	2.120	2.313
NY	3.455	3.483	3.795	3.840	2.345	2.396
NC	6.583	6.416	13.703	14.101	2.014	1.929
OH	20.019	21.928	20.420	22.263	2.267	2.313
OK	1.975	2.035	3.550	3.750	1.915	2.053
OR	2.549	2.330	2.753	2.536	2.216	2.287
PA	19.405	20.165	20.758	21.570	2.322	2.346
SC	4.051	4.065	5.033	5.075	2.265	2.207
SD	1.710	1.493	1.985	1.725	2.306	2.275
TX	12.609	12.398	15.750	15.726	2.102	2.137
VA	1.588	1.717	3.830	3.864	2.063	2.045
WA	4.516	5.257	4.763	5.531	2.372	2.242
WI	2.825	2.985	3.342	3.525	2.244	2.184
30 Sts	221.138	224.277	274.525	278.894	2.174	2.183
Oth						
Sts <u>3/</u>	11.670	11.682	16.194	16.454	2.167	2.182
US	232.808	235.959	290.719	295.348	2.174	2.183

1/ 1995 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 1994-95 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <u>2/</u>		Hatching Eggs <u>2/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Million Eggs					
AL	205	203	98	92	107	111
AR	289	277	138	120	151	157
CA	490	494				
CO	59	63				
CT	75	71				
FL	199	184	183	174	16	10
GA	364	330	237	199	127	131
HI	15	15	15	15	0	0
IL	53	61	52	60	1	1
IN	433	438	423	428	10	10
IA	288	304				
ME	105	104				
MD	64	72	55	63	9	9
MI	106	111				
MN	199	220	190	211	9	9
MS	111	112	51	45	60	67
MO	128	129				
NE	147	186	147	186	0	0
NY	80	82				
NC	246	241	137	124	109	117
OH	409	455				
OK	60	68	38	43	22	25
OR	52	52	50	50	2	2
PA	426	450	411	434	15	16
SC	100	102	84	85	16	17
SD	44	33	44	33	0	0
TX	296	296	256	252	40	44
VA	70	69	32	34	38	35
WA	104	112				
WI	67	66				
30 Sts	5,284	5,400	4,510	4,592	774	808
0th Sts <u>3/</u>	314	320	265	264	49	56
US	5,598	5,720	4,775	4,856	823	864

1/ 1995 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 1994-95 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <u>2/</u>		Hatching Eggs <u>2/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Million Eggs					
AL	233	231	115	109	118	122
AR	324	308	154	133	170	175
CA	573	568				
CO	67	69				
CT	82	81				
FL	223	210	205	199	18	11
GA	404	380	261	234	143	146
HI	17	16	17	16	0	0
IL	65	66	64	65	1	1
IN	478	485	467	475	11	10
IA	323	340				
ME	119	115				
MD	70	85	61	75	9	10
MI	120	122				
MN	230	246	221	236	9	10
MS	130	126	62	52	68	74
MO	148	145				
NE	165	208	165	208	0	0
NY	89	92				
NC	276	272	154	142	122	130
OH	463	515				
OK	68	77	43	49	25	28
OR	61	58	59	56	2	2
PA	482	506	465	488	17	18
SC	114	112	96	94	18	18
SD	46	39	46	39	0	0
TX	331	336	286	286	45	50
VA	79	79	40	40	39	39
WA	113	124				
WI	75	77				
30 Sts	5,968	6,088	5,108	5,192	860	896
Oth Sts <u>3/</u>	352	359	296	297	56	62
US	6,320	6,447	5,404	5,489	916	958

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Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 1994-95 1/

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Percent			
Jan	4.5	4.6	22.4	23.8
Feb	5.4	6.4	21.4	23.6
Mar	3.7	4.8	21.1	24.0
Apr	2.7	3.4	21.0	23.7
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

1/ As of first of month.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, 1994-95 1/

State	April			
	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Percent			
AL	2.0	2.0	16.0	15.0
AR	3.0	2.0	12.5	11.5
CA	5.0	7.0	41.5	44.5
CO	2.5	2.0	25.5	24.5
CT	3.5	3.5	11.5	11.5
FL	2.0	15.0	35.5	26.5
GA	1.0	1.0	20.0	23.5
HI	2.5	5.5	41.0	47.0
IL	4.0	3.5	25.0	26.5
IN	3.0	2.0	24.0	32.0
IA	3.5	2.0	25.0	34.0
ME	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.5
MD	0.0	6.0	22.0	23.5
MI	0.0	0.0	12.0	15.5
MN	4.5	3.5	30.5	26.5
MS	1.0	1.5	18.0	18.5
MO	3.0	0.0	22.0	18.0
NE	5.0	4.0	15.0	22.0
NY	2.0	1.0	3.5	6.0
NC	1.0	2.5	16.0	18.0
OH	0.5	3.5	9.0	12.0
OK	0.0	1.5	5.5	17.0
OR	5.0	7.5	24.5	37.5
PA	3.5	2.0	10.5	21.0
SC	1.5	6.5	25.0	23.0
SD	3.5	0.5	31.0	45.5
TX	5.0	3.0	25.0	25.5
VA	1.5	8.5	15.0	13.0
WA	3.0	7.0	41.5	38.0
WI	0.5	3.0	22.5	29.0
30 Sts	2.7	3.4	21.1	23.8
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	3.3	3.0	19.9	21.2
US	2.7	3.4	21.0	23.7

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 1994-95

Item	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Apr 1	32,444	33,137	102
Chicks Hatched During Mar	33,492	34,806	104
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Mar	97,790	98,026	100
Pullets Hatched During Apr for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	259	356	137
7-18 Month Earlier <u>1/</u>	2,754	3,027	110
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Apr 1	528,926	559,251	106
Chicks Hatched During Mar	639,967	677,334	106
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Mar	1,816,669	1,937,685	107
Pullets Hatched During Apr for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	6,301	6,161	98
7-14 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>	44,486	48,254	108

1/ 1995 includes pullet chicks hatched Sep 1993 through Aug 1994.

2/ 1995 includes pullet chicks hatched Jan 1994 through Aug 1994.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
April 1, 1994-95

Geographic Division	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	5,271	4,627	88
E North Central	9,178	8,969	98
W North Central	5,404	5,327	99
South Atlantic	4,299	5,022	117
South Central	4,412	4,500	102
West	3,880	4,692	121
US	32,444	33,137	102

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 1994-95

State	March			Jan-Mar		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AR	1,186	1,072	90	3,728	3,211	86
FL	1,061	890	84	3,455	2,986	86
GA	1,520	1,869	123	4,230	5,303	125
IN	6,108	7,061	116	18,331	20,242	110
IA	2,310	2,647	115	6,883	7,532	109
KS	327	237	72	603	734	122
MN	1,790	2,233	125	6,165	6,131	99
MO	546	497	91	1,424	1,166	82
PA	4,500	3,260	72	13,285	9,863	74
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	14,144	15,040	106	39,686	40,858	103
US	33,492	34,806	104	97,790	98,026	100

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1993-95

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	1993	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1993	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----			Percent
Jan	34,855	33,212	31,527	95	34,855	33,212	31,527	95
Feb	34,009	31,086	31,693	102	68,864	64,298	63,220	98
Mar	38,264	33,492	34,806	104	107,128	97,790	98,026	100
Apr	37,163	35,668			144,291	133,458		
May	36,742	35,336			181,033	168,794		
Jun	35,587	31,986			216,620	200,780		
Jul	33,980	29,613			250,600	230,393		
Aug	31,455	31,295			282,055	261,688		
Sep	31,775	30,873			313,830	292,561		
Oct	31,634	31,766			345,464	324,327		
Nov	30,074	25,475			375,538	349,802		
Dec	30,448	29,072			405,986	378,874		

Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1993-95 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched				Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>		
	as % of:				1994		
	1993	1994	1995	1994	1993	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----				----- 1,000 -----		
				Percent			
Jan	193	197	236	120	2,529	2,806	2,916
Feb	119	186	251	135	2,553	2,812	2,937
Mar	268	259	356	137	2,604	2,754	3,027
Apr	251	277			2,655	2,787	3,072
May	275	334			2,637	2,801	3,091
Jun	267	254			2,696	2,690	3,156
Jul	243	264			2,738	2,782	3,013
Aug	219	309			2,750	2,786	3,052
Sep	270	315			2,596	2,853	3,117
Oct	251	270			2,678	2,844	3,214
Nov	158	223			2,751	2,870	
Dec	268	125			2,764	2,929	
Total	2,782	3,013					

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 1995, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Sep 1993 through Aug 1994.

Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region
and United States, April 1, 1994-95

Geographic Division	1994		1995		1995 as % of 1994
	as % of:		1994		1994
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	12,053		12,370		103
E North Central	6,067		8,457		139
W North Central	13,827		16,872		122
South Atlantic	210,590		222,074		105
South Central	263,233		276,827		105
West	23,156		22,651		98
US	528,926		559,251		106

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: Number by State
and United States, March 1994-95

State	March			Jan-Mar		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AL	91,167	94,927	104	260,886	274,553	105
AR	106,473	105,016	99	302,490	302,613	100
DE	15,546	17,462	112	44,573	49,901	112
FL	13,252	9,850	74	37,267	27,581	74
GA	90,335	97,205	108	255,800	279,886	109
MD	31,567	32,378	103	95,498	93,320	98
MS	50,869	54,678	107	144,005	159,804	111
NC	60,675	64,044	106	169,423	181,429	107
PA	11,865	11,442	96	33,662	32,543	97
SC	15,439	16,363	106	43,081	45,814	106
TX	35,943	40,275	112	103,527	111,960	108
VA	23,307	24,360	105	62,798	70,162	112
CA TN & WV	32,828	35,754	109	94,297	99,466	105
15 Sts <u>1/</u>	579,266	603,754	104	1,647,307	1,729,032	105
OR & WA	6,380	5,999	94	17,478	16,480	94
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	54,321	67,581	124	151,884	192,173	127
US	639,967	677,334	106	1,816,669	1,937,685	107

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, 1993-95

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	1993	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1993	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----			Percent
Jan	598,798	618,112	661,389	107	598,798	618,112	661,389	107
Feb	547,831	558,590	598,962	107	1,146,629	1,176,702	1,260,351	107
Mar	622,983	639,967	677,334	106	1,769,612	1,816,669	1,937,685	107
Apr	600,861	627,051			2,370,473	2,443,720		
May	634,371	658,690			3,004,844	3,102,410		
Jun	619,453	647,163			3,624,297	3,749,573		
Jul	619,009	646,456			4,243,306	4,396,029		
Aug	612,381	653,710			4,855,687	5,049,739		
Sep	582,781	625,867			5,438,468	5,675,606		
Oct	584,260	617,957			6,022,728	6,293,563		
Nov	574,803	597,276			6,597,531	6,890,839		
Dec	623,237	658,914			7,220,768	7,549,753		

Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 1993-95 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			1995 as % of: 1994	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-14 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>		
	1993	1994	1995		1993	1994	1995
	-----	1,000	-----		-----	1,000	-----
US Place- ments							
Jan	5,664	5,989	5,748	96	40,202	42,665	47,272
Feb	4,549	5,518	5,481	99	40,819	43,906	47,859
Mar	5,678	6,301	6,161	98	40,908	44,486	48,254
Apr	5,531	6,101			41,133	43,943	48,601
May	5,944	6,266			41,866	44,907	49,425
Jun	5,568	5,911			41,358	44,746	48,943
Jul	5,967	6,104			40,871	44,884	49,255
Aug	5,585	6,064			41,704	44,929	48,737
Sep	5,121	6,336			41,083	44,879	48,307
Oct	5,513	6,342			41,330	45,213	48,364
Nov	5,517	5,819			41,780	45,729	
Dec	5,669	6,413			42,504	46,874	
Annual Total	66,306	73,164					
Total Place- ments ^{3/}							
Jan	7,098	7,168	7,038	98			
Feb	5,664	6,829	7,176	105			
Mar	6,909	7,544	7,577	100			
Apr	6,420	7,234					
May	7,182	7,394					
Jun	6,723	7,153					
Jul	7,114	7,146					
Aug	6,587	7,290					
Sep	6,177	7,545					
Oct	6,634	7,959					
Nov	6,718	7,251					
Dec	6,949	7,908					
Annual Total	80,175	88,421					

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 1995, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jan 1994 through Aug 1994.

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

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