

# Chickens and Eggs



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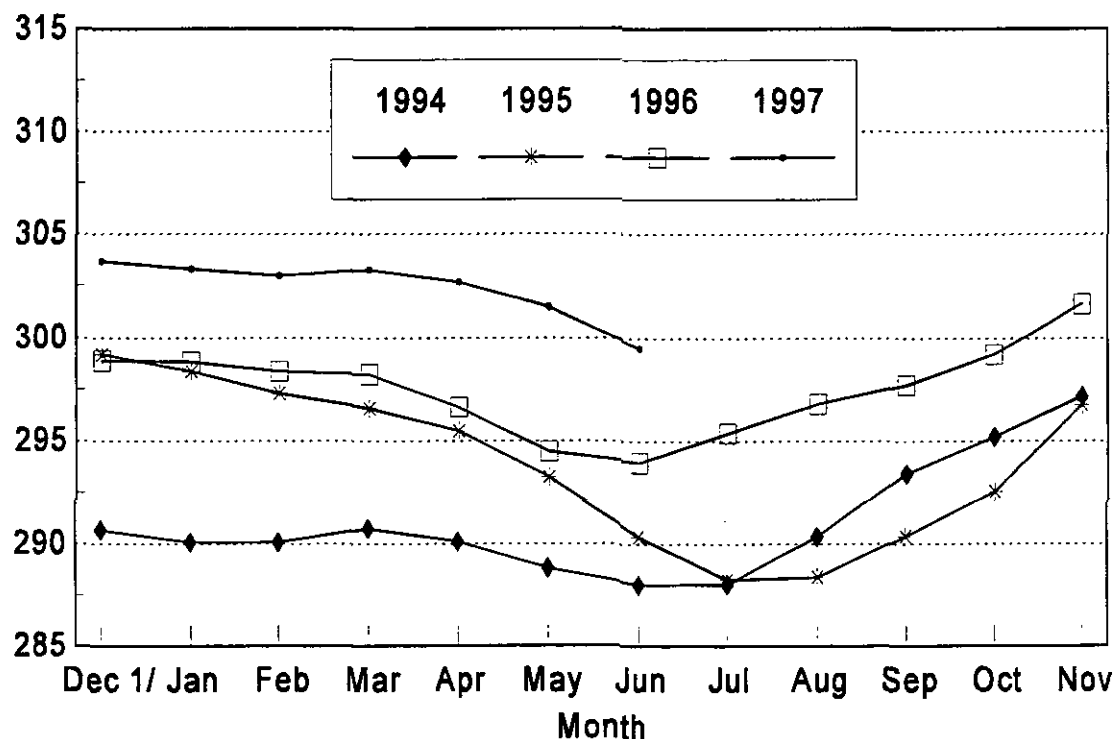
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## June Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.27 billion during June 1997, up 2 percent from the 6.17 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.25 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 958 million were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 1997 averaged 299 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers during June 1996. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,092 eggs, compared with 2,099 in June 1996.

## Average Number of All Layers United States, 1994-97

Million Layers



1/ Previous Year

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 1997, totaled 299 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 299 million layers consisted of 243 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.52 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 1997, averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.3 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 5.94 billion eggs during June, up 2 percent from June 1996. The average number of layers during June, at 284 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 June totaled 37.0 million, up 8 percent from June 1996. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 29.9 million on July 1, 1997, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 256,000 during June 1997, down 9 percent from the 282,000 of June 1996.

#### **Broiler Hatch Up 5 Percent**

The June 1997 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 703 million, was up 5 percent from June of the previous year. There were 588 million **eggs in incubators** on July 1, 1997, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.01 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during June 1997, down 3 percent from June 1996.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month,  
United States, 1994-97

Month	:	1994	:	1995	:	1996	:	1997
1,000 Layers								
Dec 1/	:	290,642		299,160		298,861		303,669
Jan	:	290,041		298,367		298,814		303,293
Feb	:	290,047		297,293		298,357		302,971
Mar	:	290,719		296,561		298,209		303,244
Apr	:	290,073		295,464		296,605		302,666
May	:	288,784		293,198		294,458		301,235
Jun	:	287,974		290,313		293,915		299,483
Jul	:	287,990		288,213		295,349		
Aug	:	290,321		288,359		296,785		
Sep	:	293,381		290,337		297,696		
Oct	:	295,172		292,516		299,196		
Nov	:	297,134		296,724		301,604		

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,  
United States, 1996-97

Month	:	Total Eggs		:	Table Eggs		:	Hatching Eggs	
	:	1996	1997	:	1996	1997	:	1996	1997
Million Eggs									
Dec 1/	:	6,523	6,678		5,548	5,695		975	983
Jan	:	6,398	6,554		5,420	5,567		978	987
Feb	:	5,954	5,887		5,036	4,985		918	902
Mar	:	6,495	6,600		5,505	5,580		990	1,020
Apr	:	6,243	6,334		5,284	5,336		959	998
May	:	6,340	6,495		5,341	5,449		999	1,046
Jun	:	6,169	6,266		5,209	5,251		960	1,015
Jul	:	6,440			5,457			983	
Aug	:	6,447			5,465			982	
Sep	:	6,235			5,297			938	
Oct	:	6,495			5,539			956	
Nov	:	6,409			5,471			938	
During Year:	:	76,148	44,814		64,572	37,863		11,576	6,951

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,  
and Forced Molt, United States, May-June 1996-97 1/

Item	:	1996	:	1997	:	1997 as % of 1996
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Layers During May (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	294,458		301,235		102
Table Egg Type	:	241,542		245,265		102
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,916		55,970		106
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	50,226		53,278		106
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,690		2,692		100
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Eggs per 100 Layers During May (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	2,153		2,156		100
Table Egg Type	:	2,211		2,222		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,888		1,869		99
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,862		1,843		99
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,379		2,377		100
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Eggs Produced During May (Million)	:					
All Layers	:	6,340		6,495		102
Table Egg Type	:	5,341		5,449		102
Hatching Egg Type	:	999		1,046		105
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	935		982		105
Egg-Type Hatching	:	64		64		100
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Layers on Jun 1 (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	293,740		300,171		102
Table Egg Type	:	240,780		243,898		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,960		56,273		106
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	50,290		53,586		107
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,670		2,687		101
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Eggs per 100 Layers on Jun 1 (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	69.5		70.0		101
Table Egg Type	:	71.3		72.2		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	61.0		60.2		99
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	60.3		59.5		99
Egg-Type Hatching	:	75.6		75.6		100
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Forced Molt Layers on Jun 1	:					
Percent Being Molted	:	4.7		4.4		94
Percent with Molt Completed	:	22.2		20.8		94

1/ Revised.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,  
and Forced Molt, United States, June-July 1996-97

Item	:	1996 1/	:	1997 2/	:	1997 as % of 1996
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Layers During Jun	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	293,915	299,483		102
Table Egg Type		:	241,303	243,591		101
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,612	55,892		106
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,955	53,281		107
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,657	2,611		98
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Eggs per 100 Layers During Jun	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	2,099	2,092		100
Table Egg Type		:	2,159	2,156		100
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,825	1,816		100
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,804	1,798		100
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,221	2,183		98
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Eggs Produced During Jun	(Million)	:				
All Layers		:	6,169	6,266		102
Table Egg Type		:	5,209	5,251		101
Hatching Egg Type		:	960	1,015		106
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	901	958		106
Egg-Type Hatching		:	59	57		97
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Layers on Jul 1	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	294,044	298,752		102
Table Egg Type		:	241,803	243,266		101
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,241	55,486		106
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,605	52,963		107
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,636	2,523		96
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Eggs per 100 Layers on Jul 1	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	70.3	69.5		99
Table Egg Type		:	72.5	71.5		99
Hatching Egg Type		:	60.5	60.6		100
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	59.8	59.8		100
Egg-Type Hatching		:	72.8	77.0		106
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Forced Molt Layers, Jul 1		:				
Percent Being Molted		:	4.0	4.8		120
Percent with Molt Completed		:	22.9	21.1		92

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced  
Molt, May-June, 30 Selected States, 1996-97 1/ 2/

Item	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
Layers During May (1,000)			
All Layers	278,480	285,420	102
Table Egg Type	229,116	233,212	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,364	52,208	106
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,768	49,632	106
Egg-Type Hatching	2,596	2,576	99
Eggs per 100 Layers During May (Number)			
All Layers	2,153	2,160	100
Table Egg Type	2,210	2,225	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,890	1,869	99
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,862	1,844	99
Egg-Type Hatching	2,388	2,368	99
Eggs Produced During May (Million)			
All Layers	5,997	6,165	103
Table Egg Type	5,064	5,189	102
Hatching Egg Type	933	976	105
Broiler-Type Hatching	871	915	105
Egg-Type Hatching	62	61	98
Layers on Jun 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	277,627	284,465	102
Table Egg Type	228,319	231,921	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,308	52,544	107
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,728	49,971	107
Egg-Type Hatching	2,580	2,573	100
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jun 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.5	70.0	101
Table Egg Type	71.3	72.2	101
Hatching Egg Type	61.1	60.4	99
Broiler-Type Hatching	60.3	59.6	99
Egg-Type Hatching	75.3	75.9	101
Forced Molt Layers on Jun 1			
Percent Being Molting	4.7	4.5	96
Percent with Molt Completed	22.4	20.6	92
Layers Sold During May (1,000)	19,312	15,028	78
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, or Composted Disappeared For Any Reason During May (1,000)	3,141	3,361	107
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Jun 1 (1,000)	71,748	76,686	107
Pullets Added During May 3/ (1,000)	22,675	18,990	84

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

2/ Revised.

3/ 1996 is pullets added less than 20 weeks old to pullet flocks. 1997 is pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, 30 Selected States, June-July, 1996-97 1/

Item	:	1996 2/	:	1997 3/	:	1997 as % of 1996
Layers During Jun (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	277,761		283,880		102
Table Egg Type	:	228,856		231,745		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	48,905		52,135		107
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	46,333		49,626		107
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,572		2,509		98
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jun (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	2,100		2,092		100
Table Egg Type	:	2,158		2,154		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,826		1,816		99
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,804		1,797		100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,216		2,192		99
Eggs Produced During Jun (Million)	:					
All Layers	:	5,832		5,939		102
Table Egg Type	:	4,939		4,992		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	893		947		106
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	836		892		107
Egg-Type Hatching	:	57		55		96
Layers on Jul 1 (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	277,862		283,261		102
Table Egg Type	:	229,378		231,555		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	48,484		51,706		107
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	45,927		49,271		107
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,557		2,435		95
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jul 1 (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	70.4		69.4		99
Table Egg Type	:	72.5		71.4		98
Hatching Egg Type	:	60.6		60.6		100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	59.9		59.8		100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	72.5		77.5		107
Forced Molt Layers, Jul 1	:					
Percent Being Molted	:	4.0		4.9		123
Percent with Molt Completed	:	23.1		21.1		91
Layers Sold During Jun (1,000)	:	17,144		15,355		90
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jun (1,000)	:	3,109		3,323		107
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Jul 1 (1,000)	:	72,652		77,036		106
Pullets Added During Jun 4/ (1,000)	:	21,170		17,325		82

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2/ Revised.

3/ Preliminary.

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Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State  
and United States, During May 1996-97 1/

State	: Table Egg Layers in : : Flocks 30,000 and Above :		: All Layers 2/ :		: Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/ :	
	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997
	: ----- 1,000 -----				: ----- Number -----	
AL	: 4,056	4,140	10,566	11,092	1,978	1,983
AR	: 5,219	4,300	15,204	14,469	1,934	1,901
CA	: 23,744	24,474	24,300	25,096	2,202	2,172
CO	: 2,676	2,514	3,272	3,096	2,109	2,099
CT	: 3,345	3,318	3,483	3,456	2,239	2,228
FL	: 8,126	8,003	8,799	8,650	2,103	2,116
GA	: 10,296	10,773	18,225	19,623	2,052	2,033
HI	: 719	695	754	719	1,956	2,031
IL	: 3,027	3,083	3,222	3,224	2,390	2,140
IN	: 20,214	20,233	21,288	21,094	2,189	2,233
IA	: 17,667	20,496	18,538	21,470	2,249	2,278
ME	: 4,835	4,930	4,984	5,039	2,528	2,441
MD	: 3,423	2,975	3,888	3,402	2,109	2,293
MI	: 4,759	4,782	5,021	5,024	2,217	2,176
MN	: 11,045	10,778	11,875	11,564	2,189	2,153
MS	: 2,290	1,825	6,505	6,604	1,983	1,999
MO	: 5,348	5,381	6,516	6,631	2,056	2,066
NE	: 8,764	9,251	8,914	9,401	2,189	2,263
NY	: 3,626	3,143	3,947	3,354	2,382	2,326
NC	: 5,445	4,691	13,021	12,807	1,943	1,944
OH	: 23,377	25,127	23,866	25,706	2,258	2,287
OK	: 1,960	1,600	3,833	3,533	2,009	2,010
OR	: 2,503	2,827	2,703	3,016	2,257	2,255
PA	: 19,250	20,030	20,565	21,308	2,256	2,314
SC	: 3,673	3,556	4,723	4,608	2,181	2,192
SD	: 1,945	1,805	2,160	2,075	2,145	2,241
TX	: 12,788	13,261	15,985	16,795	2,089	2,078
VA	: 1,659	2,082	3,805	3,758	1,971	1,996
WA	: 4,938	4,873	5,173	5,234	2,300	2,293
WI	: 2,845	2,926	3,345	3,572	2,272	2,156
30 Sts	: 223,562	227,872	278,480	285,420	2,153	2,160
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,142	10,982	15,978	15,815	2,147	2,087
US	: 234,704	238,854	294,458	301,235	2,153	2,156

1/ 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 June 1996-97 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in : Flocks 30,000 and Above :		All Layers 2/ :		Eggs per 100 for All Layers 2/ :	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	1,000				Number	
AL	3,894	4,055	10,367	11,093	1,929	1,902
AR	5,136	4,116	14,788	14,135	1,880	1,825
CA	23,967	24,295	24,521	24,926	2,161	2,142
CO	2,617	2,601	3,178	3,156	2,077	2,123
CT	3,432	3,258	3,567	3,388	2,187	2,155
FL	8,216	7,854	8,863	8,516	2,042	2,020
GA	10,104	10,699	18,062	19,449	2,021	2,010
HI	707	702	738	725	1,929	1,956
IL	3,051	2,986	3,250	3,136	2,308	2,041
IN	19,952	20,357	21,057	21,241	2,170	2,184
IA	18,133	20,742	18,983	21,680	2,176	2,200
ME	4,859	4,867	5,008	4,982	2,416	2,389
MD	3,139	2,947	3,639	3,410	2,116	2,141
MI	4,558	4,803	4,810	5,046	2,190	2,082
MN	11,105	10,700	11,933	11,495	2,112	2,062
MS	2,276	1,824	6,623	6,544	1,948	1,925
MO	5,388	5,313	6,553	6,529	1,999	2,006
NE	8,903	9,304	9,053	9,454	2,046	2,151
NY	3,504	3,232	3,807	3,433	2,233	2,243
NC	5,347	4,808	12,707	12,810	1,873	1,881
OH	23,741	24,792	24,201	25,378	2,182	2,199
OK	1,958	1,570	3,868	3,525	1,965	1,957
OR	2,415	2,841	2,607	3,023	2,340	2,216
PA	19,230	19,390	20,538	20,663	2,196	2,221
SC	3,665	3,642	4,675	4,691	2,053	2,132
SD	1,905	1,748	2,118	2,020	2,196	2,193
TX	12,481	13,387	15,650	16,818	2,045	2,039
VA	1,737	1,572	3,961	3,614	1,969	1,826
WA	5,002	4,931	5,242	5,297	2,270	2,190
WI	2,900	3,060	3,394	3,703	2,239	2,160
30 Sts	223,322	226,396	277,761	283,880	2,100	2,092
Oth Sts 3/	11,161	10,779	16,154	15,603	2,080	2,089
US	234,483	237,175	293,915	299,483	2,099	2,092

1/ 1997 preliminary, 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.

Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,  
May 1996-97 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Million Eggs					
AL	209	220	90	96	119	124
AR	294	275	108	88	186	187
CA	535	545				
CO	69	65				
CT	78	77				
FL	185	183	172	171	13	12
GA	374	399	218	233	156	166
HI	15	15	15	15	0	0
IL	77	69	76	68	1	1
IN	466	471	456	461	10	10
IA	417	489				
ME	126	123				
MD	82	78	75	72	7	6
MI	111	109				
MN	260	249	249	239	11	10
MS	129	132	49	41	80	91
MO	134	137				
NE	195	213	195	213	0	0
NY	94	78				
NC	253	249	121	106	132	143
OH	539	588				
OK	77	71	47	39	30	32
OR	61	68	59	66	2	2
PA	464	493	447	477	17	16
SC	103	101	85	83	18	18
SD	46	47	46	47	0	0
TX	334	349				
VA	75	75	36	43	39	32
WA	119	120				
WI	76	77				
30 Sts	5,997	6,165	5,064	5,189	933	976
Oth Sts 3/	343	330	277	260	66	70
US	6,340	6,495	5,341	5,449	999	1,046

1/ 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,  
June 1996-97 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Million Eggs					
AL	200	211	86	91	114	120
AR	278	258	105	79	173	179
CA	530	534				
CO	66	67				
CT	78	73				
FL	181	172	169	160	12	12
GA	365	391	216	228	149	163
HI	14	14	14	14	0	0
IL	75	64	74	63	1	1
IN	457	464	447	454	10	10
IA	413	477				
ME	121	119				
MD	77	73	70	66	7	7
MI	105	105				
MN	252	237	242	227	10	10
MS	129	126	49	40	80	86
MO	131	131				
NE	185	203	185	203	0	0
NY	85	77				
NC	238	241	115	103	123	138
OH	528	558				
OK	76	69	46	38	30	31
OR	61	67	59	65	2	2
PA	451	459	435	444	16	15
SC	96	100	78	81	18	19
SD	47	44	47	44	0	0
TX	320	343				
VA	78	66	38	30	40	36
WA	119	116				
WI	76	80				
30 Sts	5,832	5,939	4,939	4,992	893	947
Oth Sts 3/	337	327	270	259	67	68
US	6,169	6,266	5,209	5,251	960	1,015

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Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,  
United States, 1996-97 1/

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Percent			
Jan	3.7	3.8	24.3	22.3
Feb	5.4	5.1	22.3	21.6
Mar	3.5	2.4	23.3	22.9
Apr	1.9	3.1	22.9	21.8
May	5.4	5.3	22.2	19.8
Jun	4.7	4.4	22.2	20.8
Jul	4.0	4.8	22.9	21.1
Aug	4.7		22.0	
Sep	4.3		22.3	
Oct	4.8		23.0	
Nov	3.1		23.9	
Dec	2.1		23.5	

1/ As of first of month.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State  
and United States, July 1996-97 1/

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Percent			
AL	4.5	2.0	10.5	8.5
AR	3.5	3.5	9.5	10.0
CA	8.0	9.0	45.0	36.5
CO	3.0	4.5	28.0	21.5
CT	.0	3.5	13.0	6.0
FL	13.5	8.5	41.5	32.5
GA	2.5	5.0	24.0	22.0
HI	6.0	10.0	55.5	50.5
IL	4.5	13.0	25.5	24.5
IN	1.0	1.5	22.5	19.0
IA	3.0	3.0	32.5	27.5
ME	1.5	.0	.5	1.0
MD	10.0	11.0	41.0	34.5
MI	.0	8.5	18.0	19.0
MN	3.0	8.0	25.0	34.0
MS	3.0	3.0	14.0	13.5
MO	4.5	1.0	23.5	18.5
NE	7.5	9.5	29.0	19.5
NY	1.5	2.0	7.0	.5
NC	3.5	3.0	15.5	12.0
OH	2.5	4.0	7.0	10.5
OK	2.5	1.0	13.0	9.0
OR	3.0	6.5	37.0	39.5
PA	3.0	2.5	20.5	16.0
SC	6.0	8.5	26.0	28.0
SD	6.5	.0	41.0	63.0
TX	4.0	7.0	20.0	26.0
VA	2.5	5.5	13.5	11.0
WA	5.0	8.5	43.5	39.5
WI	2.5	6.0	23.0	22.0
30 Sts	4.0	4.9	23.1	21.1
Oth Sts 2/	3.3	3.8	19.7	21.8
US	4.0	4.8	22.9	21.1

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, June-July 1996-97

Item	:	1996	:	1997	:	1997 as % of 1996
	:		:		:	
	:	-----	:	1,000	:	-----
	:		:		:	Percent
Egg-Type	:		:		:	
Eggs in Incubators on Jul 1	:	30,281	:	29,947	:	99
Chicks Hatched During Jun	:	34,076	:	36,955	:	108
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jun	:	211,935	:	220,889	:	104
Pullets Hatched During May for Intended:	:		:		:	
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	282	:	256	:	91
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	:	2,835	:	2,956	:	104
Broiler-Type	:		:		:	
Eggs in Incubators on Jul 1	:	564,351	:	587,661	:	104
Chicks Hatched During Jun	:	672,168	:	702,511	:	105
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jun	:	4,068,973	:	4,162,011	:	102
Pullets Hatched During May for Intended:	:		:		:	
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	6,169	:	6,008	:	97
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	:	56,528	:	57,218	:	101

1/ 1997 includes pullet chicks hatched Dec 1995 through Nov 1996.

2/ 1997 includes pullet chicks hatched Mar 1996 through Nov 1996.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,  
July 1, 1996-97

Geographic Division	:	1996	:	1997	:	1997 as % of 1996
	:		:		:	
	:	-----	:	1,000	:	-----
	:		:		:	Percent
North Atlantic	:	5,743	:	5,860	:	102
E North Central	:	7,026	:	6,835	:	97
W North Central	:	6,080	:	6,067	:	100
South Atlantic	:	4,398	:	4,245	:	97
South Central	:	2,881	:	2,779	:	96
West	:	4,153	:	4,161	:	100
US	:	30,281	:	29,947	:	99

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,  
June 1996-97

State	June			Jan-Jun		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:
AR	895	825	92	5,550	4,950	89
FL	1,339	1,190	89	6,876	7,359	107
GA	1,957	2,055	105	12,663	12,662	100
IN	6,502	7,200	111	44,615	44,671	100
IA	3,658	4,316	118	19,873	22,849	115
KS	236	308	131	1,491	1,701	114
MN	2,022	1,828	90	12,675	12,285	97
MO	376	398	106	2,000	2,319	116
PA	3,984	5,517	138	23,382	30,089	129
Oth Sts 1/	13,107	13,318	102	82,810	82,004	99
US	34,076	36,955	108	211,935	220,889	104

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1995-97

Month:	By Months				Cumulative			
	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----			Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Jan	32,374	31,523	33,331	106	32,374	31,523	33,331	106
Feb	32,743	34,627	35,318	102	65,117	66,150	68,649	104
Mar	36,019	37,474	37,648	100	101,136	103,624	106,297	103
Apr	35,078	35,628	38,746	109	136,214	139,252	145,043	104
May	37,540	38,607	38,891	101	173,754	177,859	183,934	103
Jun	34,996	34,076	36,955	108	208,750	211,935	220,889	104
Jul	29,572	33,331			238,322	245,266		
Aug	31,442	32,393			269,764	277,659		
Sep	33,586	32,070			303,350	309,729		
Oct	33,383	33,065			336,733	342,794		
Nov	29,129	31,437			365,862	374,231		
Dec	30,639	33,017			396,501	407,248		

Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply  
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1995-97 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			Cumulative Potential Placements : 1997 : Relative to Current Supply Flocks : as % of: 7-18 Months Earlier 2/ : 1996 :			
	1995	1996	1997	1996	1997	1998	
	-----	1,000	-----	Percent	-----	1,000	-----
Jan	236	219	208	95	3,108	2,953	2,814
Feb	251	238	219	92	3,089	2,984	
Mar	356	317	206	65	2,943	3,007	
Apr	317	252	316	125	2,920	2,946	
May	193	291	268	92	2,951	2,870	
Jun	234	282	256	91	2,835	2,956	
Jul	235	266			2,941	2,940	
Aug	163	186			2,924	2,929	
Sep	292	231			2,911	2,910	
Oct	309	233			2,872	2,799	
Nov	124	210			2,807	2,863	
Dec	231	215			2,905	2,840	
Total	2,941	2,940					

- 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 June 1997, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Dec 1995 through Nov 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, July 1, 1996-97

Geographic Division	1996		1997		1997 as % of 1996
	-----	1,000	-----	Percent	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
North Atlantic	11,566		12,300	106	
E North Central	7,586		7,522	99	
W North Central	23,137		21,322	92	
South Atlantic	221,295		228,822	103	
South Central	278,845		295,011	106	
West	21,922		22,684	103	
US	564,351		587,661	104	



Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State  
and United States, June 1996-97

State	June			Jan-Jun		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	1,000	Percent	1,000	Percent		
AL	87,814	91,718	104	524,674	545,672	104
AR	104,259	106,195	102	629,488	636,802	101
DE	15,919	16,736	105	96,471	97,838	101
FL	10,305	9,169	89	61,104	56,972	93
GA	100,613	107,859	107	611,074	629,059	103
MD	31,092	30,323	98	185,830	183,588	99
MS	57,826	62,375	108	338,297	372,022	110
NC	59,739	61,597	103	375,403	366,586	98
PA	11,700	12,363	106	68,507	75,509	110
SC	14,750	15,405	104	90,708	91,462	101
TX	40,690	45,933	113	246,603	259,763	105
VA	22,750	23,434	103	139,677	141,587	101
CA TN & WV	34,858	34,887	100	206,429	208,529	101
15 Sts 1/	592,315	617,994	104	3,574,265	3,665,389	103
OR & WA	5,245	5,848	111	33,851	36,187	107
Oth Sts 2/	74,608	78,669	105	460,857	460,435	100
US	672,168	702,511	105	4,068,973	4,162,011	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, 1995-97

	By Months				Cumulative			
Month	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	1,000		Percent		1,000		Percent	
Jan	:662,467	689,994	700,467	102	662,467	689,994	700,467	102
Feb	:600,095	645,590	631,259	98	1,262,562	1,335,584	1,331,726	100
Mar	:679,066	692,287	716,374	103	1,941,628	2,027,871	2,048,100	101
Apr	:664,121	668,378	690,790	103	2,605,749	2,696,249	2,738,890	102
May	:691,935	700,556	720,610	103	3,297,684	3,396,805	3,459,500	102
Jun	:670,815	672,168	702,511	105	3,968,499	4,068,973	4,162,011	102
Jul	:673,666	679,766			4,642,165	4,748,739		
Aug	:674,054	690,838			5,316,219	5,439,577		
Sep	:638,882	658,976			5,955,101	6,098,553		
Oct	:655,036	652,232			6,610,137	6,750,785		
Nov	:629,208	631,142			7,239,345	7,381,927		
Dec	:693,007	695,011			7,932,352	8,076,938		

Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery  
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 1995-97 1/

	:				:	Cumulative Potential Placements		
	:	Pullet Chicks Hatched			:	1997	Relative to Current Supply Flocks	
Month	:				:	as % of: 7-15 Months Earlier 2/		
	:				:	1996		
	:	1995	: 1996	: 1997	:		1996	: 1997 : 1998
	:				:			
	:	----- 1,000 -----			:	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	
	:							
US	:							
Place-	:							
ments	:							
Jan	:	5,710	5,487	6,393	117	54,562	56,074	56,607
Feb	:	5,484	5,916	5,913	100	54,522	56,090	
Mar	:	6,161	6,093	6,439	106	55,178	55,944	
Apr	:	6,320	6,746	6,122	91	55,053	55,892	
May	:	6,135	6,776	7,056	104	55,356	56,626	
Jun	:	6,178	6,169	6,008	97	56,528	57,218	
Jul	:	6,302	6,029			56,585	57,072	
Aug	:	6,475	6,510			55,752	56,719	
Sep	:	6,288	6,166			55,533	55,856	
Oct	:	6,013	6,221			55,448	56,126	
Nov	:	6,656	6,508			55,892	56,219	
Dec	:	6,218	5,947			56,193	56,765	
	:							
Annual	:							
Total	:	73,940	74,568					
	:							
Total	:							
Place-	:							
ments3/	:							
Jan	:	7,040	6,693	7,665	115			
Feb	:	7,180	7,167	7,252	101			
Mar	:	7,577	7,501	8,030	107			
Apr	:	7,835	7,903	7,453	94			
May	:	7,873	8,234	8,660	105			
Jun	:	7,485	7,467	7,483	100			
Jul	:	7,730	7,572					
Aug	:	7,850	8,120					
Sep	:	7,730	7,771					
Oct	:	7,301	7,892					
Nov	:	7,784	7,860					
Dec	:	7,750	7,709					
	:							
Annual	:							
Total	:	91,135	91,889					

- 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 Jun 1997, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Mar 1996 through Nov 1996.
- 3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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