

Chickens and Eggs



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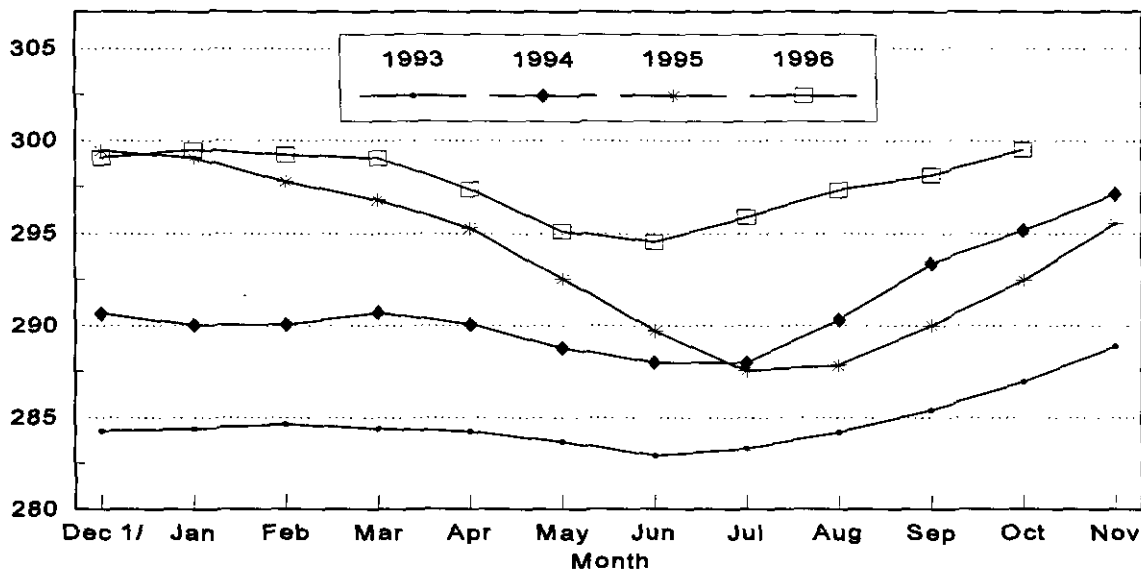
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October Egg Production up 4 percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.50 billion during October 1996, up 4 percent from the 6.26 billion produced in 1995. Production included 5.55 billion table eggs and 957 million hatching eggs, of which 898 million were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 1996 averaged 300 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers during October 1995. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,171 eggs, compared with 2,140 in October 1995.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1993-96

Million Layers



1/ Previous Year

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 1996, totaled 300 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 300 million layers consisted of 249 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 48.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.54 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 1996, averaged 70.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.5 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.16 billion eggs during October, up 4 percent from October 1995. The average number of layers during October, at 283 million, was up 3 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 Down 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during October totaled 33.2 million, down 1 percent from October 1995. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 28.5 million on November 1, 1996, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 233,000 during October 1996, down 25 percent from the 309,000 of October 1995.

Broiler Hatch Down Slightly

The October 1996 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 652 million, was down slightly from October of the previous year. There were 527 million **eggs in incubators** on November 1, 1996, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.22 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during October 1996, up 3 percent from October 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		299,518
Nov	:	288,875		297,134		295,562		

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		6,504		5,301		5,547		959		957
Nov	:	6,232				5,298				934		
During Year:	:	74,258		69,871		62,932		59,237		11,326		10,634

1/ December preceding year.

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995
:						
Layers During Sep	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	290,021	298,151	:	103
Table Egg Type		:	238,049	246,403	:	104
Hatching Egg Type		:	51,972	51,748	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,245	49,229	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,727	2,519	:	92
:						
Eggs per 100 Layers During Sep	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	2,065	2,094	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	2,127	2,153	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,784	1,813	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,761	1,794	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,200	2,183	:	99
:						
Eggs Produced During Sep	(Million)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	5,990	6,243	:	104
Table Egg Type		:	5,063	5,305	:	105
Hatching Egg Type		:	927	938	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	867	883	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	60	55	:	92
:						
Layers on Oct 1	(1,000)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	290,889	298,801	:	103
Table Egg Type		:	238,839	247,487	:	104
Hatching Egg Type		:	52,050	51,314	:	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	49,319	48,782	:	99
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,731	2,532	:	93
:						
Eggs per 100 Layers on Oct 1	(Number)	:	:	:	:	:
All Layers		:	69.1	69.8	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	71.2	71.7	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	59.7	60.2	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	58.8	59.5	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	76.0	74.3	:	98
:						
Forced Molt Layers, Oct 1		:	:	:	:	:
Percent Being Molted		:	5.1	4.8	:	94
Percent with Molt Completed		:	23.3	23.0	:	99

1/ Revised.

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995
Layers During Oct	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	292,459	299,518	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	240,384	248,381	:	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
Eggs Produced During Oct	(Million)	:				
All Layers		:	6,260	6,504	:	104
Table Egg Type		:	5,301	5,547	:	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	300,190	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	242,405	249,252	:	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
Forced Molt Layers, Nov 1		:				
Percent Being Molted		:	3.6	3.0	:	83
Percent with Molt Completed		:	24.2	23.9	:	99

1/ Preliminary.

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

Item	1995	1996 2/	1996 as % of 1995
Layers During Sep (1,000)			
All Layers	274,072	282,087	103
Table Egg Type	225,565	233,822	104
Hatching Egg Type	48,507	48,265	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	45,879	45,832	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,628	2,433	93
Eggs per 100 Layers During Sep (Number)			
All Layers	2,071	2,097	101
Table Egg Type	2,133	2,154	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,779	1,817	102
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,757	1,796	102
Egg-Type Hatching	2,169	2,219	102
Eggs Produced During Sep (Million)			
All Layers	5,675	5,914	104
Table Egg Type	4,812	5,037	105
Hatching Egg Type	863	877	102
Broiler-Type Hatching	806	823	102
Egg-Type Hatching	57	54	95
Layers on Oct 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	275,058	282,828	103
Table Egg Type	226,366	234,948	104
Hatching Egg Type	48,692	47,880	98
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,052	45,434	99
Egg-Type Hatching	2,640	2,446	93
Eggs per 100 Layers on Oct 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.2	69.8	101
Table Egg Type	71.3	71.8	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.5	60.1	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.6	59.4	101
Egg-Type Hatching	75.9	74.0	97
Forced Molt Layers, Oct 1			
Percent Being Molted	5.1	4.8	94
Percent with Molt Completed	23.4	23.1	99
Layers Sold During Sep (1,000)	14,224	14,594	103
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Sep (1,000)	2,659	2,843	107
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Oct 1 (1,000)	68,962	69,671	101
Pullets Added During Sep (1,000)	19,236	20,110	105

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 2/	:	1996 as % of 1995
:						
Layers During Oct	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	276,443	283,481	:	103
Table Egg Type		:	227,774	235,807	:	104
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	6,160	:	104
Table Egg Type		:	5,028	5,269	:	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	284,100	:	102
Table Egg Type		:	229,668	236,649	:	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	3.0	:	83
Percent with Molt Completed		:	24.3	24.1	:	99
:						
Layers Sold During Oct	(1,000)	:	14,605	15,645	:	107
:						
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Oct	(1,000)	:	2,512	2,887	:	115
:						
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Nov 1	(1,000)	:	69,237	69,658	:	101
:						
Pullets Added During Oct	(1,000)	:	20,631	22,325	:	108

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 September 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	4,600	4,135	11,533	10,481	1,882	1,918
AR	5,716	4,890	15,738	14,520	1,849	1,860
CA	24,083	25,017	24,638	25,571	2,102	2,088
CO	2,563	2,686	3,099	3,248	2,130	2,094
CT	3,453	3,497	3,623	3,626	2,181	2,151
FL	8,388	8,204	9,043	8,799	2,123	2,228
GA	10,222	10,628	17,878	18,441	1,974	2,028
HI	720	700	770	724	1,914	1,989
IL	2,607	3,059	2,805	3,251	2,103	2,338
IN	19,446	20,654	20,266	21,752	2,151	2,193
IA	15,597	19,100	16,480	19,967	1,966	2,179
ME	4,741	5,014	4,882	5,139	2,315	2,316
MD	3,315	3,689	3,744	4,125	2,324	2,061
MI	4,905	4,655	5,177	4,885	2,091	2,121
MN	10,073	11,315	10,908	12,155	2,072	2,123
MS	2,253	2,115	6,111	6,556	1,865	1,952
MO	5,780	5,683	6,709	6,663	2,027	2,146
NE	8,625	8,916	8,775	9,066	2,154	2,088
NY	3,636	3,212	3,960	3,495	2,247	2,260
NC	6,143	5,473	13,848	12,607	1,863	1,896
OH	21,697	23,954	22,081	24,436	2,228	2,185
OK	1,995	1,860	3,765	3,793	1,939	1,951
OR	2,413	2,475	2,619	2,675	2,138	2,280
PA	19,255	19,245	20,540	20,493	2,157	2,181
SC	3,713	3,655	4,748	4,718	2,148	2,183
SD	1,560	1,895	1,803	2,110	2,295	2,211
TX	13,035	12,903	16,451	16,361	2,049	1,913
VA	1,626	1,919	3,690	3,898	2,060	2,129
WA	4,994	4,811	5,238	5,045	2,253	2,240
WI	2,626	2,999	3,150	3,487	2,127	2,065
30 Sts	219,780	228,358	274,072	282,087	2,071	2,097
Oth Sts 3/	11,160	11,250	15,949	16,064	1,975	2,042
US	230,940	239,608	290,021	298,151	2,065	2,094

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 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	4,091	11,403	10,323	2,008	2,044
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	3,455	3,534	3,581	2,264	2,262
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	3,691	3,851	4,132	2,337	2,275
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	8,941	8,850	9,091	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	230,339	276,443	283,481	2,142	2,173
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,294	11,256	16,016	16,037	2,104	2,145
US	: 233,268	241,595	292,459	299,518	2,140	2,171

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,
September 1995-96 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	217	201	97	89	120	112
AR	291	270	117	100	174	170
CA	518	534				
CO	66	68				
CT	79	78				
FL	192	196	181	184	11	12
GA	353	374	211	226	142	148
HI	14	14	14	14	0	0
IL	59	76	58	75	1	1
IN	436	477	427	468	9	9
IA	324	435				
ME	113	119				
MD	87	85	81	79	6	6
MI	108	104				
MN	226	258	217	247	9	11
MS	114	128	47	48	67	80
MO	136	143				
NE	189	189	189	189	0	0
NY	89	79				
NC	258	239	133	120	125	119
OH	492	534				
OK	73	74	46	44	27	30
OR	56	61	54	59	2	2
PA	443	447	428	433	15	14
SC	102	103	84	85	18	18
SD	41	47	41	47	0	0
TX	337	313	288	256	49	57
VA	76	83	39	44	37	39
WA	118	113				
WI	67	72				
30 Sts	5,675	5,914	4,812	5,037	863	877
Oth Sts 3/	315	329	251	268	64	61
US	5,990	6,243	5,063	5,305	927	938

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,
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	94	84	87	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	6,160	5,028	5,269	894	891
Oth Sts 3/	338	344	273	278	65	66
US	6,260	6,504	5,301	5,547	959	957

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	3.0	24.2	23.9
Dec	2.2		25.5	

1/ As of first of month.

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

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
AL	3.0	.5	13.0	15.0
AR	1.5	1.0	13.0	12.5
CA	8.0	5.5	43.5	42.0
CO	9.0	4.0	22.5	25.5
CT	1.0	.5	17.0	13.0
FL	7.5	6.0	43.5	36.0
GA	3.0	4.5	21.0	25.0
HI	8.5	5.0	51.0	54.0
IL	7.0	5.0	46.5	20.0
IN	3.0	.5	28.0	20.5
IA	1.0	3.0	33.0	34.5
ME	.0	.5	1.0	1.5
MD	7.0	4.0	37.0	39.5
MI	3.5	2.5	20.0	19.5
MN	2.5	4.0	35.0	33.5
MS	1.0	2.0	17.5	14.5
MO	1.0	.5	26.0	22.5
NE	8.5	5.0	23.0	29.5
NY	1.0	1.0	4.5	5.5
NC	2.0	2.5	14.5	14.0
OH	3.5	2.5	12.5	12.0
OK	1.5	2.5	12.0	15.0
OR	1.0	12.0	52.0	29.0
PA	1.5	2.5	20.0	22.0
SC	5.5	3.5	26.5	27.5
SD	16.5	4.5	16.0	56.5
TX	4.0	2.0	22.0	24.0
VA	2.0	2.5	14.0	10.0
WA	7.0	7.5	42.0	40.5
WI	4.0	3.5	26.0	26.0
30 Sts	3.6	3.0	24.3	24.1
Oth Sts 2/	3.0	3.4	22.1	21.2
US	3.6	3.0	24.2	23.9

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, October-November 1995-96

Item	:	1995	:	1996	:	1996 as % of 1995
	:		:		:	
	:		:	1,000	:	Percent
Egg-Type	:		:		:	
Eggs in Incubators on Nov 1	:	27,845	:	28,535	:	102
Chicks Hatched During Oct	:	33,384	:	33,176	:	99
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Oct	:	336,541	:	343,348	:	102
Pullets Hatched During Oct for Intended:	:		:		:	
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	309	:	233	:	75
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	:	3,232	:	2,824	:	87
Broiler-Type	:		:		:	
Eggs in Incubators on Nov 1	:	525,505	:	526,525	:	100
Chicks Hatched During Oct	:	654,221	:	651,791	:	100
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Oct	:	6,609,552	:	6,731,064	:	102
Pullets Hatched During Oct for Intended:	:		:		:	
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	6,013	:	6,221	:	103
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	:	54,433	:	55,781	:	102

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

2/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Jul 1995 through Mar 1996.

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

Geographic Division	:	1995	:	1996	:	1996 as % of 1995
	:		:		:	
	:		:	1,000	:	Percent
North Atlantic	:	3,689	:	4,844	:	131
E North Central	:	7,334	:	7,690	:	105
W North Central	:	5,747	:	5,725	:	100
South Atlantic	:	4,516	:	3,986	:	88
South Central	:	3,126	:	2,290	:	73
West	:	3,433	:	4,000	:	117
US	:	27,845	:	28,535	:	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,
October 1995-96

	:	October			:	Jan-Oct			
State	:			1996	:			1996	
	:	1995	1996	as % of	:	1995	1996	as % of	
	:			1995	:			1995	
	:	-----	1,000	-----	Percent	-----	1,000	-----	Percent
AR	:	873	585	67		10,590	8,771	83	
FL	:	1,118	1,536	137		10,549	11,457	109	
GA	:	1,837	1,912	104		18,028	20,691	115	
IN	:	6,859	6,886	100		69,459	72,230	104	
IA	:	4,053	2,766	68		35,439	32,757	92	
KS	:	232	201	87		2,699	2,579	96	
MN	:	2,134	1,984	93		21,813	20,456	94	
MO	:	324	351	108		4,485	3,474	77	
PA	:	3,128	3,728	119		33,609	40,906	122	
Oth Sts 1/	:	12,826	13,227	103		129,870	130,027	100	
US	:	33,384	33,176	99		336,541	343,348	102	

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	33,236	32,375	31,547	97	33,236	32,375	31,547	97
Feb	31,086	32,745	34,652	106	64,322	65,120	66,199	102
Mar	33,489	36,021	37,687	105	97,811	101,141	103,886	103
Apr	35,657	35,020	35,553	102	133,468	136,161	139,439	102
May	35,322	37,482	38,477	103	168,790	173,643	177,916	102
Jun	31,985	34,948	33,998	97	200,775	208,591	211,914	102
Jul	29,613	29,554	33,828	114	230,388	238,145	245,742	103
Aug	31,295	31,434	32,474	103	261,683	269,579	278,216	103
Sep	31,587	33,578	31,956	95	293,270	303,157	310,172	102
Oct	32,066	33,384	33,176	99	325,336	336,541	343,348	102
Nov	26,075	29,130			351,411	365,671		
Dec	30,166	30,797			381,577	396,468		

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier 2/		
	: 1994 : 1995 : 1996 :			: 1995 : 1996 : 1997		
	: 1994 : 1995 : 1996 :			: 1995 : 1996 : 1997		
	: ----- 1,000 -----			Percent ----- 1,000 -----		
Jan	: 213	236	171	72	3,022	2,905
Feb	: 184	251	238	95	3,009	2,929
Mar	: 259	356	317	89	3,075	2,938
Apr	: 277	317	252	79	3,106	2,877
May	: 334	193	291	151	3,119	2,801
Jun	: 257	234	282	121	3,187	
Jul	: 254	235	259	110	3,045	
Aug	: 309	163	172	106	3,068	
Sep	: 315	292	231	79	3,135	
Oct	: 278	309	233	75	3,232	
Nov	: 240	124			3,272	
Dec	: 125	231			3,131	
Total	: 3,045	2,941				

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

Geographic Division	: 1995 :		: 1996 :		: 1996 as % of 1995	
	: ----- 1,000 -----		Percent			
North Atlantic	: 11,543		11,097		96	
E North Central	: 7,126		6,969		98	
W North Central	: 19,270		19,387		101	
South Atlantic	: 209,663		206,733		99	
South Central	: 256,325		259,772		101	
West	: 21,578		22,567		105	
US	: 525,505		526,525		100	

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

State	October			Jan-Oct		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000	Percent	1,000	Percent		
AL	84,950	85,034	100	903,349	856,220	95
AR	104,424	102,951	99	1,032,110	1,045,918	101
DE	15,963	15,591	98	166,413	160,972	97
FL	10,241	9,840	96	101,258	101,436	100
GA	98,824	98,430	100	959,633	1,015,079	106
MD	31,077	28,387	91	312,160	307,631	99
MS	52,641	57,890	110	538,154	570,197	106
NC	60,874	57,277	94	624,601	618,969	99
PA	11,295	11,404	101	111,911	116,373	104
SC	15,487	15,370	99	153,519	152,251	99
TX	39,371	40,464	103	390,579	410,472	105
VA	23,075	22,238	96	235,980	231,759	98
CA TN & WV	32,589	31,059	95	339,222	337,610	100
15 Sts 1/	580,811	575,935	99	5,868,889	5,924,887	101
OR & WA	4,772	5,042	106	55,777	55,601	100
Oth Sts 2/	68,638	70,814	103	684,886	750,576	110
US	654,221	651,791	100	6,609,552	6,731,064	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

	By Months				Cumulative			
Month	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000		Percent		1,000		Percent	
Jan	618,111	662,476	686,359	104	618,111	662,476	686,359	104
Feb	558,589	600,116	646,085	108	1,176,700	1,262,592	1,332,444	106
Mar	640,316	679,090	689,719	102	1,817,016	1,941,682	2,022,163	104
Apr	627,050	664,150	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			6,898,721	7,237,319		
Dec	663,595	691,193			7,562,316	7,928,512		

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			Cumulative Potential Placements : 1996 : Relative to Current Supply Flocks : as % of: 7-15 Months Earlier 2/			
	1994	1995	1996	1995	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	
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			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					
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 Oct 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jul 1995 through Mar 1996.
- 3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

Procedures and Reliability

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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