



# Chickens and Eggs

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## May Egg Production Up 3 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.38 billion during May 2021, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 8.07 billion table eggs, and 1.31 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.23 billion were broiler-type and 79.9 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during May 2021 totaled 385 million, down slightly from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,435 eggs, up 3 percent from May 2020.

Total layers in the United States on June 1, 2021 totaled 383 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 383 million layers consisted of 316 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.20 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2021, averaged 78.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 4 percent from June 1, 2020.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 9 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during May 2021 totaled 57.3 million, up 9 percent from May 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 51.3 million on June 1, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 306 thousand during May 2021, up 31 percent from May 2020.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 5 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2021 totaled 851 million, up 5 percent from May 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 720 million on June 1, 2021, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.71 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2021, up 6 percent from May 2020.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2020-2021

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Month	2020		2021	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		403,445		391,780
January .....		401,419		393,284
February .....		396,916		393,963
March .....		395,613		393,176
April .....		392,770		390,020
May .....		387,045		385,159
June .....		383,152		
July .....		381,014		
August .....		382,184		
September .....		384,655		
October .....		386,660		
November .....		389,355		

<sup>1</sup> December previous year.

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2020-2021

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,790.2	9,610.3	8,583.4	8,356.4	1,206.8	1,253.9
January .....	9,690.4	9,530.9	8,470.3	8,260.7	1,220.1	1,270.2
February .....	8,946.0	8,595.5	7,793.0	7,439.5	1,153.0	1,156.0
March .....	9,538.5	9,543.1	8,299.5	8,248.1	1,239.0	1,295.0
April .....	9,096.4	9,209.8	7,894.5	7,942.7	1,201.9	1,267.1
May .....	9,120.9	9,380.4	7,883.3	8,066.7	1,237.6	1,313.7
June .....	8,831.8		7,625.8		1,206.0	
July .....	9,317.2		8,063.5		1,253.7	
August .....	9,352.5		8,096.8		1,255.7	
September .....	9,057.2		7,838.1		1,219.1	
October .....	9,505.2		8,250.4		1,254.8	
November .....	9,327.0		8,119.4		1,207.6	

<sup>1</sup> December previous year.

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2020-2021

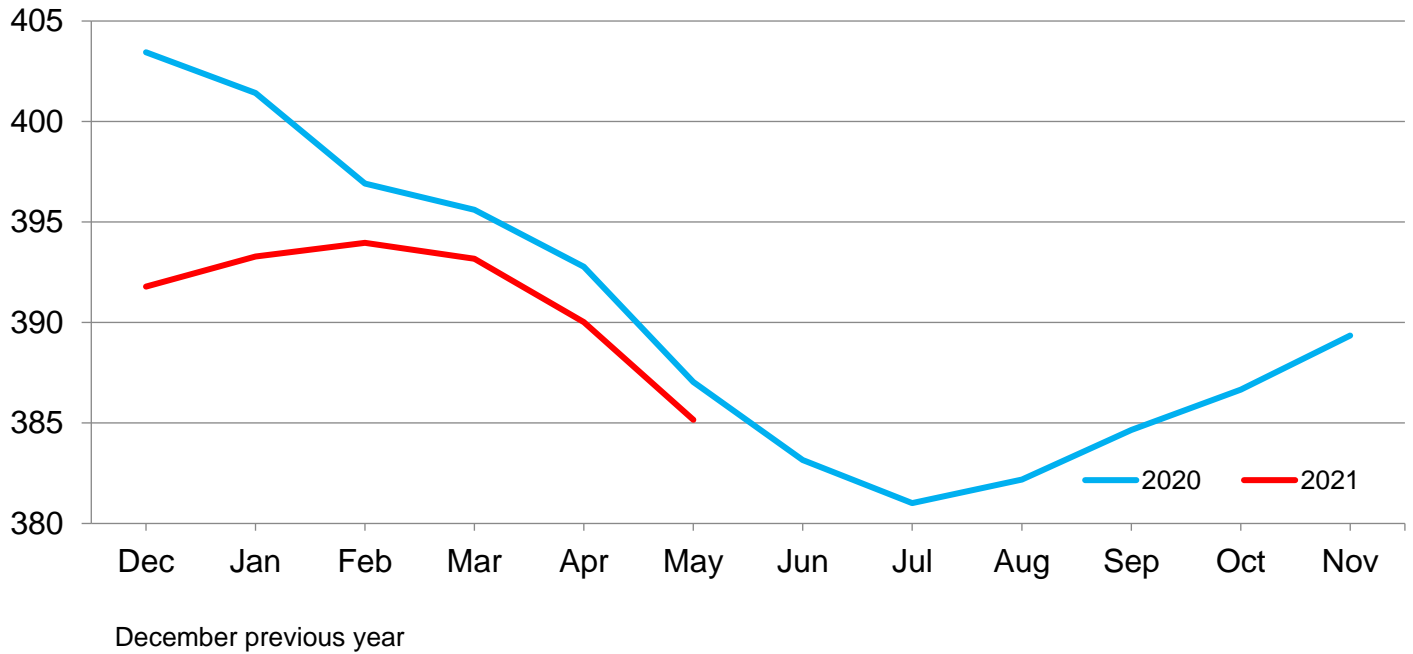
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	815,849.7	800,858.2	715,283.2	696,366.6	100,566.5	104,491.6
January .....	807,533.2	794,241.9	705,858.4	688,391.7	101,674.8	105,850.2
February .....	745,499.5	716,292.5	649,416.6	619,959.1	96,082.9	96,333.4
March .....	794,875.2	795,258.6	691,625.0	687,341.9	103,250.2	107,916.7
April .....	758,032.8	767,483.9	657,874.6	661,891.7	100,158.2	105,592.2
May .....	760,074.7	781,699.9	656,941.5	672,225.0	103,133.2	109,474.9
June .....	735,983.1		635,483.2		100,499.9	
July .....	776,433.5		671,958.2		104,475.3	
August .....	779,375.1		674,733.2		104,641.9	
September .....	754,767.0		653,175.2		101,591.8	
October .....	792,100.1		687,533.5		104,566.6	
November .....	777,250.0		676,616.6		100,633.4	

<sup>1</sup> December previous year.

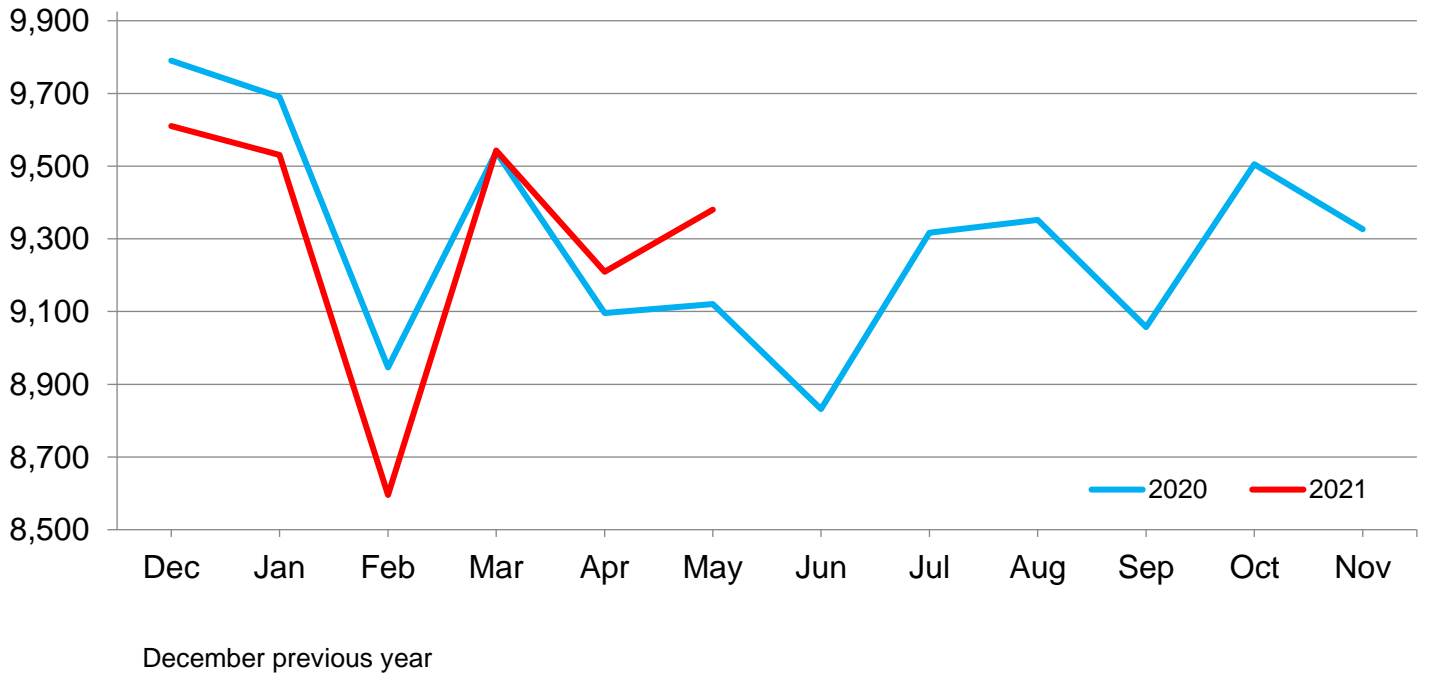
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: April-May 2020 and 2021**

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
<b>Layers during April</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	392,770	390,020	99
Table egg type ..... 1,000	327,805	322,537	98
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,965	67,483	104
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	61,604	64,398	105
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,361	3,085	92
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during April</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,316	2,361	102
Table egg type ..... number	2,408	2,463	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,850	1,878	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,810	1,849	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,577	2,483	96
<b>Eggs produced during April</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,096.4	9,209.8	101
Table egg type ..... million	7,894.5	7,942.7	101
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,201.9	1,267.1	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,115.3	1,190.5	107
Egg-type hatching ..... million	86.6	76.6	88
<b>Eggs produced during April</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	758,032.8	767,483.9	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	657,874.6	661,891.7	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	100,158.2	105,592.2	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	92,941.5	99,208.7	107
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,216.7	6,383.5	88
<b>Layers on May 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	389,069	387,558	100
Table egg type ..... 1,000	324,252	320,008	99
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,817	67,550	104
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	61,478	64,476	105
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,339	3,074	92
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on May 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	76.2	78.6	103
Table egg type ..... number	79.1	82.0	104
Hatching egg type ..... number	61.8	62.5	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	60.6	61.7	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.6	80.5	95
<b>Molted layers on May 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	3.5	2.5	71
Molt completed ..... percent	11.0	12.8	116
Layers sold for slaughter during April ..... 1,000	14,559.5	16,660.0	114
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during April ..... 1,000	18,196.0	13,691.8	75
Pullets on May 1 ..... 1,000	125,154	124,303	99
Pullets added during April <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,694.0	29,380.4	106

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: May-June 2020 and 2021

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
<b>Layers during May</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	387,045	385,159	100
Table egg type ..... 1,000	322,633	317,843	99
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	64,412	67,316	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	61,161	64,176	105
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,251	3,140	97
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during May</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,357	2,435	103
Table egg type ..... number	2,443	2,538	104
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,921	1,952	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,884	1,923	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,630	2,545	97
<b>Eggs produced during May</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,120.9	9,380.4	103
Table egg type ..... million	7,883.3	8,066.7	102
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,237.6	1,313.7	106
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,152.1	1,233.8	107
Egg-type hatching ..... million	85.5	79.9	93
<b>Eggs produced during May</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	760,074.7	781,699.9	103
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	656,941.5	672,225.0	102
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	103,133.2	109,474.9	106
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	96,008.4	102,816.3	107
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,124.8	6,658.6	93
<b>Layers on June 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	384,983	382,723	99
Table egg type ..... 1,000	320,999	315,659	98
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	63,984	67,064	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	60,828	63,866	105
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,156	3,198	101
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on June 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	75.4	78.5	104
Table egg type ..... number	78.0	81.7	105
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.3	63.4	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	61.1	62.3	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	85.6	83.7	98
<b>Molted layers on June 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	4.6	2.1	46
Molt completed ..... percent	11.8	12.9	109
Layers sold for slaughter during May ..... 1,000	17,539.0	17,771.5	101
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during May ..... 1,000	12,718.9	13,488.6	106
Pullets on June 1 ..... 1,000	122,952	127,517	104
Pullets added during May <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	25,972.4	31,245.9	120

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During April 2020 and 2021

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,355	1,372	10,591	10,940	1,879	1,864
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,390	17,410	1,975	2,076
California .....	12,829	13,209	13,545	13,947	2,427	2,339
Colorado .....	4,955	4,677	5,463	5,185	2,478	2,474
Georgia .....	9,567	9,475	20,231	20,115	2,106	2,097
Illinois .....	5,812	6,478	6,380	7,018	2,428	2,415
Indiana .....	33,184	34,374	34,417	35,631	2,452	2,445
Iowa .....	50,497	46,720	52,410	48,641	2,344	2,540
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,918	5,712	2,220	2,222
Maryland .....	2,455	2,317	2,659	2,521	2,448	2,467
Michigan .....	14,135	14,646	14,430	14,941	2,450	2,468
Minnesota .....	7,973	7,467	8,534	8,021	2,516	2,481
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,700	5,606	2,077	2,017
Missouri .....	7,577	7,518	12,671	13,298	2,409	2,421
Nebraska .....	7,858	7,405	8,462	8,035	2,200	2,432
New York .....	4,981	5,181	5,529	5,736	2,523	2,488
North Carolina .....	7,030	7,277	15,623	16,074	2,107	2,148
Ohio .....	34,112	33,424	35,323	34,695	2,290	2,495
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,887	2,319	1,915	2,031
Oregon .....	2,156	1,817	2,327	1,988	2,437	2,616
Pennsylvania .....	28,250	27,370	30,887	29,703	2,440	2,487
South Carolina .....	2,638	2,432	3,961	3,751	2,148	2,085
South Dakota .....	2,620	2,089	2,675	2,144	2,531	2,705
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,294	23,194	2,247	2,267
Utah .....	4,603	5,678	4,655	5,730	2,496	2,475
Virginia .....	866	823	2,692	2,763	2,043	2,204
Washington .....	6,471	6,504	6,635	6,669	2,609	2,537
Wisconsin .....	6,454	6,478	7,571	7,619	2,521	2,381
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,798	24,374	31,910	30,614	2,341	2,281
United States .....	312,120	306,171	392,770	390,020	2,316	2,361

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During May 2020 and 2021

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,328	1,349	10,523	10,823	1,936	1,922
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	15,403	17,394	2,033	2,165
California .....	12,707	13,106	13,434	13,779	2,428	2,477
Colorado .....	5,053	4,576	5,561	5,084	2,597	2,518
Georgia .....	9,596	8,939	20,112	19,456	2,045	2,160
Illinois .....	5,735	6,316	6,284	6,844	2,446	2,446
Indiana .....	32,159	33,725	33,356	35,007	2,534	2,563
Iowa .....	48,103	47,000	50,049	48,941	2,373	2,609
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,967	5,538	2,256	2,275
Maryland .....	2,449	2,306	2,653	2,514	2,544	2,554
Michigan .....	13,864	14,515	14,159	14,810	2,538	2,504
Minnesota .....	7,967	7,534	8,513	8,055	2,440	2,528
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,606	5,504	2,108	2,084
Missouri .....	7,899	7,175	13,004	13,007	2,480	2,526
Nebraska .....	7,848	7,184	8,433	7,844	1,970	2,483
New York .....	5,019	5,261	5,576	5,815	2,631	2,542
North Carolina .....	6,999	7,509	15,522	16,265	2,182	2,188
Ohio .....	32,938	32,676	34,159	33,997	2,259	2,528
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,734	2,169	1,993	2,070
Oregon .....	2,152	1,793	2,323	1,964	2,514	2,515
Pennsylvania .....	27,881	26,812	30,495	29,207	2,543	2,570
South Carolina .....	2,596	2,340	3,895	3,595	2,226	2,097
South Dakota .....	2,630	2,073	2,685	2,128	2,536	2,843
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,920	22,475	2,342	2,363
Utah .....	4,737	5,657	4,789	5,709	2,610	2,557
Virginia .....	865	872	2,690	2,795	2,271	2,301
Washington .....	6,537	6,496	6,701	6,661	2,634	2,501
Wisconsin .....	6,516	6,434	7,623	7,574	2,557	2,518
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,778	24,009	31,876	30,205	2,401	2,383
United States .....	306,948	301,477	387,045	385,159	2,357	2,435

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: April 2020 and 2021

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	199.0	203.9	34.3	36.3	164.7	167.6
Arkansas .....	303.9	361.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	328.8	326.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	135.4	128.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	426.1	421.9	231.5	230.4	194.6	191.5
Illinois .....	154.9	169.5	150.9	166.0	4.0	3.5
Indiana .....	843.8	871.1	828.9	856.0	14.9	15.1
Iowa .....	1,228.7	1,235.3	1,203.9	1,211.9	24.8	23.4
Kentucky .....	131.4	126.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	65.1	62.2	63.6	60.8	1.5	1.4
Michigan .....	353.5	368.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	214.7	199.0	207.1	191.2	7.6	7.8
Mississippi .....	118.4	113.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	305.3	321.9	270.9	283.0	34.4	38.9
Nebraska .....	186.2	195.4	174.5	184.3	11.7	11.1
New York .....	139.5	142.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	329.2	345.3	174.7	183.5	154.5	161.8
Ohio .....	808.8	865.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	55.3	47.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	56.7	52.0	56.7	52.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	753.5	738.6	723.0	716.2	30.5	22.4
South Carolina .....	85.1	78.2	62.6	55.5	22.5	22.7
South Dakota .....	67.7	58.0	67.7	58.0	-	-
Texas .....	523.3	525.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	116.2	141.8	116.2	141.8	-	-
Virginia .....	55.0	60.9	24.8	30.0	30.2	30.9
Washington .....	173.1	169.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	190.9	181.4	184.7	175.6	6.2	5.8
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	746.9	698.4	671.5	623.1	75.4	75.3
United States .....	9,096.4	9,209.8	7,894.5	7,942.7	1,201.9	1,267.1

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: May 2020 and 2021

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	203.7	208.0	33.7	35.1	170.0	172.9
Arkansas .....	313.1	376.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	326.2	341.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	144.4	128.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	411.2	420.3	211.5	223.4	199.7	196.9
Illinois .....	153.7	167.4	150.1	163.8	3.6	3.6
Indiana .....	845.2	897.1	830.6	880.9	14.6	16.2
Iowa .....	1,187.6	1,276.7	1,161.8	1,252.2	25.8	24.5
Kentucky .....	134.6	126.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	67.5	64.2	65.8	62.5	1.7	1.7
Michigan .....	359.4	370.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	207.7	203.6	200.2	195.6	7.5	8.0
Mississippi .....	118.2	114.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	322.5	328.6	285.9	287.8	36.6	40.8
Nebraska .....	166.1	194.8	154.4	182.4	11.7	12.4
New York .....	146.7	147.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	338.7	355.9	178.4	190.5	160.3	165.4
Ohio .....	771.7	859.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	54.5	44.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	58.4	49.4	58.4	49.4	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	775.5	750.7	744.9	726.6	30.6	24.1
South Carolina .....	86.7	75.4	63.4	53.0	23.3	22.4
South Dakota .....	68.1	60.5	68.1	60.5	-	-
Texas .....	536.7	531.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	125.0	146.0	125.0	146.0	-	-
Virginia .....	61.1	64.3	29.2	32.1	31.9	32.2
Washington .....	176.5	166.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	194.9	190.7	188.5	184.2	6.4	6.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	765.3	719.7	688.9	642.6	76.4	77.1
United States .....	9,120.9	9,380.4	7,883.3	8,066.7	1,237.6	1,313.7

- Represents zero.

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: April 2020 and 2021

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama .....	16,583.3	16,991.7	2,858.3	3,025.0	13,725.0	13,966.7
Arkansas .....	25,324.9	30,125.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	27,400.0	27,183.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	11,283.3	10,691.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	35,508.3	35,158.4	19,291.7	19,200.0	16,216.6	15,958.4
Illinois .....	12,908.3	14,125.0	12,575.0	13,833.3	333.3	291.7
Indiana .....	70,316.6	72,591.7	69,075.0	71,333.3	1,241.6	1,258.4
Iowa .....	102,391.7	102,941.7	100,325.0	100,991.7	2,066.7	1,950.0
Kentucky .....	10,950.1	10,575.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,425.0	5,183.3	5,300.0	5,066.6	125.0	116.7
Michigan .....	29,458.3	30,733.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,891.7	16,583.3	17,258.3	15,933.3	633.4	650.0
Mississippi .....	9,866.7	9,425.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	25,441.7	26,825.0	22,575.0	23,583.3	2,866.7	3,241.7
Nebraska .....	15,516.6	16,283.3	14,541.6	15,358.3	975.0	925.0
New York .....	11,625.0	11,891.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	27,433.3	28,774.9	14,558.3	15,291.6	12,875.0	13,483.3
Ohio .....	67,400.0	72,125.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,608.3	3,925.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,725.0	4,333.3	4,725.0	4,333.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	62,791.6	61,550.0	60,250.0	59,683.3	2,541.6	1,866.7
South Carolina .....	7,091.7	6,516.7	5,216.7	4,625.0	1,875.0	1,891.7
South Dakota .....	5,641.7	4,833.3	5,641.7	4,833.3	-	-
Texas .....	43,608.3	43,808.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	9,683.3	11,816.6	9,683.3	11,816.6	-	-
Virginia .....	4,583.3	5,075.0	2,066.7	2,500.0	2,516.6	2,575.0
Washington .....	14,425.0	14,100.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	15,908.2	15,116.7	15,391.6	14,633.3	516.6	483.4
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	62,241.6	58,200.4	55,958.1	51,925.3	6,283.5	6,275.1
United States .....	758,032.8	767,483.9	657,874.6	661,891.7	100,158.2	105,592.2

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: May 2020 and 2021

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama .....	16,975.0	17,333.3	2,808.3	2,925.0	14,166.7	14,408.3
Arkansas .....	26,091.7	31,375.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	27,183.4	28,441.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	12,033.3	10,666.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	34,266.6	35,024.9	17,625.0	18,616.6	16,641.6	16,408.3
Illinois .....	12,808.3	13,950.0	12,508.3	13,650.0	300.0	300.0
Indiana .....	70,433.3	74,758.4	69,216.6	73,408.4	1,216.7	1,350.0
Iowa .....	98,966.7	106,391.7	96,816.7	104,350.0	2,150.0	2,041.7
Kentucky .....	11,216.6	10,500.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,625.1	5,350.1	5,483.4	5,208.4	141.7	141.7
Michigan .....	29,949.9	30,908.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,308.4	16,966.7	16,683.4	16,300.0	625.0	666.7
Mississippi .....	9,850.0	9,558.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	26,875.0	27,383.3	23,825.0	23,983.3	3,050.0	3,400.0
Nebraska .....	13,841.6	16,233.3	12,866.6	15,200.0	975.0	1,033.3
New York .....	12,225.1	12,316.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,225.0	29,658.3	14,866.7	15,875.0	13,358.3	13,783.3
Ohio .....	64,308.3	71,608.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	4,541.6	3,741.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,866.6	4,116.6	4,866.6	4,116.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	64,625.0	62,558.3	62,075.0	60,550.0	2,550.0	2,008.3
South Carolina .....	7,225.0	6,283.3	5,283.3	4,416.6	1,941.7	1,866.7
South Dakota .....	5,675.0	5,041.6	5,675.0	5,041.6	-	-
Texas .....	44,724.9	44,258.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	10,416.7	12,166.6	10,416.7	12,166.6	-	-
Virginia .....	5,091.6	5,358.3	2,433.3	2,675.0	2,658.3	2,683.3
Washington .....	14,708.3	13,883.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	16,241.7	15,891.7	15,708.3	15,350.0	533.4	541.7
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	63,775.0	59,975.1	57,408.4	53,550.1	6,366.6	6,425.0
United States .....	760,074.7	781,699.9	656,941.5	672,225.0	103,133.2	109,474.9

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## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2020-2021

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	1.7	2.2	11.9	14.0
February .....	2.3	1.8	12.0	14.4
March .....	1.7	1.6	12.3	14.7
April .....	1.3	1.4	12.1	14.1
May .....	3.5	2.5	11.0	12.8
June .....	4.6	2.1	11.8	12.9
July .....	2.4		13.8	
August .....	1.6		14.7	
September .....	2.3		14.0	
October .....	2.3		14.7	
November .....	1.2		15.4	
December .....	1.1		14.9	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: May 1 and June 1, 2020-2021

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	May 1		June 1		May 1		June 1	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.5
Arkansas .....	-	1.5	3.5	1.5	10.5	14.5	9.0	13.5
California .....	2.0	1.5	-	1.5	6.0	9.5	7.5	8.5
Colorado .....	1.0	-	1.0	-	5.5	10.0	4.5	8.5
Georgia .....	1.0	2.5	3.0	2.0	9.5	11.5	9.0	11.0
Illinois .....	-	3.0	2.5	-	3.5	3.5	3.5	6.5
Indiana .....	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.5	12.5	12.0	13.5	12.0
Iowa .....	5.5	2.5	5.0	1.5	8.5	10.0	12.5	9.0
Kentucky .....	-	5.0	5.0	3.5	2.5	3.0	2.5	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	1.0	2.5	1.0	1.5	1.0	2.0	1.5	2.0
Minnesota .....	11.5	1.5	4.5	3.0	5.5	6.0	17.0	6.5
Mississippi .....	-	2.0	4.5	3.5	25.0	16.5	23.5	15.5
Missouri .....	-	5.5	2.0	4.5	0.5	2.0	-	7.5
Nebraska .....	30.0	-	28.5	-	8.5	3.0	9.0	1.0
New York .....	-	-	-	1.5	6.0	2.5	5.5	2.0
North Carolina .....	0.5	3.5	3.0	1.0	4.0	9.5	3.5	13.0
Ohio .....	10.5	2.0	8.0	3.5	13.5	14.0	16.0	14.0
Oklahoma .....	3.5	-	4.0	-	-	-	3.5	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	1.5	-	1.0	-
Pennsylvania .....	1.0	0.5	5.5	-	4.0	3.5	5.0	3.0
South Carolina .....	-	5.5	3.0	-	22.5	18.0	21.0	19.0
South Dakota .....	-	-	3.5	-	-	3.5	-	3.5
Texas .....	1.5	7.0	7.5	5.0	42.5	49.0	40.5	51.5
Utah .....	5.0	5.0	2.0	3.5	13.5	23.0	16.0	25.5
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	-	2.5	3.0	6.5	16.0	15.5	13.0	12.5
Wisconsin .....	8.5	-	8.5	1.0	8.0	22.5	16.0	22.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	1.0	3.3	3.1	3.4	18.8	24.5	16.7	23.5
United States .....	3.5	2.5	4.6	2.1	11.0	12.8	11.8	12.9

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2020 and 2021

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on June 1 .....	50,029	51,258	102
Chicks hatched during May .....	52,790	57,332	109
Chicks hatched January through May .....	270,892	282,683	104
<b>Pullets hatched during May for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	233	306	131
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,882	3,480	121
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on June 1 .....	701,760	719,864	103
Chicks hatched during May .....	807,648	850,654	105
Chicks hatched January through May .....	4,107,775	4,122,998	100
<b>Pullets hatched during May for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	8,188	8,708	106
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	73,677	75,331	102

<sup>1</sup> 2021 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2019 through October 2020.

<sup>2</sup> 2021 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2020 through October 2020.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2020-2021

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	47,563	50,735	107
February .....	50,382	53,521	106
March .....	49,101	59,970	122
April .....	57,435	55,684	97
May .....	49,502	53,802	109
June .....	50,029	51,258	102
July .....	46,093		
August .....	46,242		
September .....	47,296		
October .....	46,624		
November .....	44,601		
December .....	53,170		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2020-2021

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	52,727	50,882	97	52,727	50,882	97
February .....	48,148	52,273	109	100,875	103,155	102
March .....	56,212	62,319	111	157,087	165,474	105
April .....	61,015	59,877	98	218,102	225,351	103
May .....	52,790	57,332	109	270,892	282,683	104
June .....	55,537			326,429		
July .....	46,140			372,569		
August .....	50,007			422,576		
September .....	49,989			472,565		
October .....	50,597			523,162		
November .....	48,042			571,204		
December .....	51,765			622,969		

## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2020-2021

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2021 as percent of 2020	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2020	2021		2020	2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	265	279	105	2,791	3,352
February .....	482	202	42	2,887	3,391
March .....	322	327	102	2,818	3,567
April .....	243	266	109	2,954	3,482
May .....	233	306	131	2,882	3,480
June .....	373			2,838	3,451
July .....	294			2,872	3,610
August .....	370			2,869	3,624
September .....	201			3,150	3,344
October .....	197			3,283	3,349
November .....	169			3,231	3,372
December .....	461			3,249	3,445
Annual total .....	3,610				

<sup>1</sup> For May 2021, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched November 2019 through October 2020. 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 on the First of the Month – United States: 2020-2021

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Item	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	714,799	712,232	100
February .....	716,942	703,515	98
March .....	718,746	710,502	99
April .....	692,345	717,361	104
May .....	662,186	717,718	108
June .....	701,760	719,864	103
July .....	700,673		
August .....	687,521		
September .....	691,508		
October .....	665,148		
November .....	664,550		
December .....	706,563		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: May 2020 and 2021

State	During May			January-May		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	115,082	117,906	102	583,875	583,448	100
Arkansas .....	80,698	85,499	106	412,512	416,218	101
Delaware .....	14,118	17,523	124	85,018	84,561	99
Florida .....	4,258	4,379	103	21,154	21,027	99
Georgia .....	121,433	120,587	99	603,245	587,201	97
Kentucky .....	26,179	27,184	104	133,131	132,046	99
Louisiana .....	11,239	12,344	110	61,249	58,784	96
Maryland .....	27,186	28,617	105	141,940	139,293	98
Mississippi .....	61,453	61,933	101	318,575	306,540	96
Missouri .....	32,010	34,016	106	157,143	162,595	103
North Carolina .....	77,857	89,684	115	423,677	437,537	103
Oklahoma .....	24,809	26,986	109	128,914	122,292	95
Pennsylvania .....	22,136	23,983	108	108,306	113,723	105
South Carolina .....	19,541	20,183	103	96,228	97,308	101
Texas .....	63,224	66,464	105	307,233	313,072	102
Virginia .....	20,738	23,543	114	107,423	113,672	106
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	44,226	44,327	100	220,733	221,659	100
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	41,461	45,496	110	197,419	212,022	107
United States .....	807,648	850,654	105	4,107,775	4,122,998	100

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

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2020-2021

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	860,517	849,965	99	860,517	849,965	99
February .....	806,947	759,210	94	1,667,464	1,609,175	97
March .....	861,074	841,946	98	2,528,538	2,451,121	97
April .....	771,589	821,223	106	3,300,127	3,272,344	99
May .....	807,648	850,654	105	4,107,775	4,122,998	100
June .....	828,490			4,936,265		
July .....	850,772			5,787,037		
August .....	837,852			6,624,889		
September .....	809,563			7,434,452		
October .....	805,553			8,240,005		
November .....	783,152			9,023,157		
December .....	848,536			9,871,693		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2020-2021

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2021 as percent of 2020	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2020	2021		2020	2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	7,482	8,095	108	72,170	72,886
February .....	8,135	8,245	101	73,411	73,590
March .....	8,547	8,232	96	73,604	73,660
April .....	8,161	8,110	99	73,624	74,741
May .....	8,188	8,708	106	73,677	75,331
June .....	8,074			73,936	74,992
July .....	8,235			74,341	74,246
August .....	8,211			74,484	74,180
September .....	9,708			73,852	74,237
October .....	8,072			73,682	74,395
November .....	7,796			73,333	74,270
December .....	7,801			73,427	74,767
Annual total .....	98,410				
Total placements <sup>2</sup>					
January .....	9,022	9,811	109		
February .....	9,581	9,954	104		
March .....	10,183	9,996	98		
April .....	9,700	9,908	102		
May .....	9,860	10,148	103		
June .....	9,713				
July .....	9,726				
August .....	9,902				
September .....	11,729				
October .....	9,975				
November .....	9,324				
December .....	9,177				
Annual total .....	117,892				

<sup>1</sup> For May 2021, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched February 2020 through October 2020.

<sup>2</sup> United States production of intended placements worldwide.

### Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

**Total Layers** includes both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

**Intended Placements** are 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 case of 30 dozen eggs.

**Molted Layers** is the same data series as the previously published Forced Molt Layers. Nomenclature changed as of January 2015.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** 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 at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 500 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Data for egg-type hatchery estimates are collected monthly from all egg-type hatcheries that hatch at least 50,000 chicks a year.

**Estimating Procedures:** Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

For chicken hatcheries, chicks hatched consist of all chicks of domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. Eggs set are eggs in incubators for the purpose of hatching. The relationship of egg-type chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings are carefully monitored. The disposition of egg-type chicks hatched prior to placement into the laying flock can vary significantly, which can make comparisons to changes in layer inventory inconsistent over time. Broiler chicks placed are specifically for meat production. Intended placement data reported by leading breeders include pullet chicks expected from eggs sold the preceding month. The breeders in this report account for a large percentage of replacement pullets for hatchery supply flocks. Production of replacement pullets by these breeders indicates the number of pullets available to hatchery supply layer flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the laying flocks. "Hatchery Supply Flocks" include all generations of layers which could lay eggs to supply a hatchery. This includes the generations of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, pedigree, etc. Also included are research flocks, vaccine flocks, and specific pathogen-free flocks. The broiler cumulative potential placements are a moving total of the intended placements 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months earlier represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

**Revision Policy:** The previous month's estimates are subject to revision if late reports or corrected data indicates a different level. Additionally, revisions after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the annual reports of *Chickens and Eggs Summary* and *Hatchery Production Summary*. Estimates will also be reviewed for chickens and eggs after data from the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Estimates are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets, or operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for total layers over the past 24 months is 0.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 385 million layers by more than 0.3 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.5 percent.

## Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
Total layers .....	(percent) 0.3	(percent) 0.5	(1,000) 895.3	(1,000) 34	(1,000) 2,642	(number) 19	(number) 5
Eggs .....	0.3	0.6	(million) 24.5	(million) 0	(million) 65	19	5

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