

Chickens and Eggs



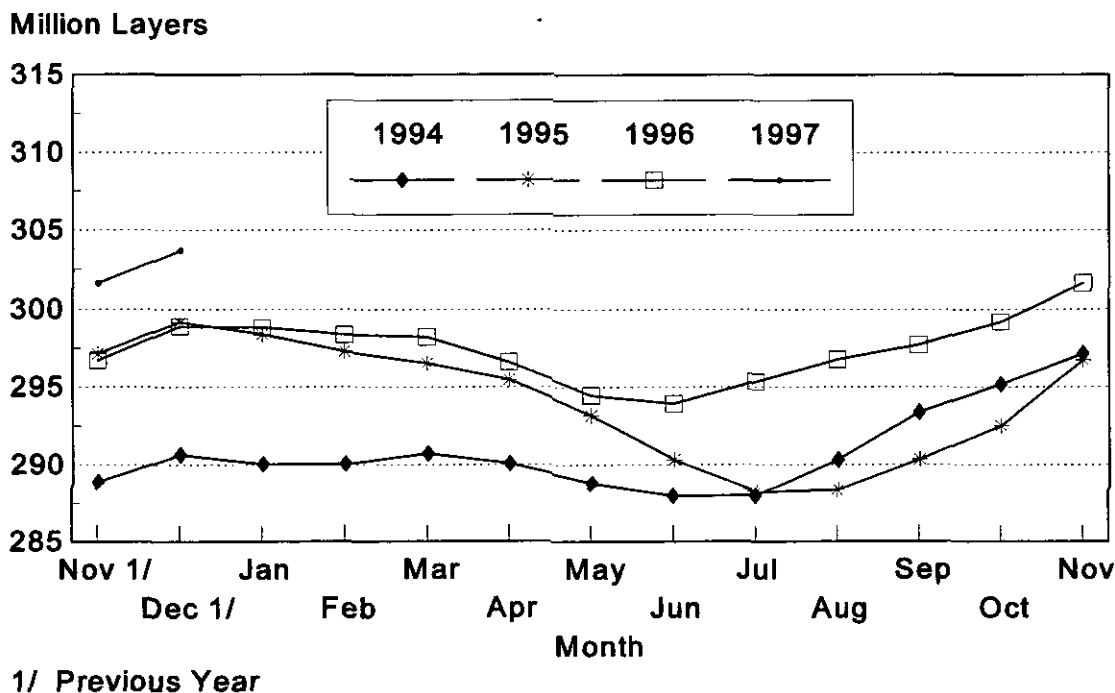
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December Egg Production up 2 percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.68 billion during December 1996, up 2 percent from the 6.52 billion produced in 1995. Production included 5.69 billion table eggs and 983 million hatching eggs, of which 923 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 1996 averaged 304 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers during December 1995. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,198 eggs, compared with 2,183 in December 1995.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1994-97



All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 1997, totaled 304 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 304 million layers consisted of 250 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs; 50.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.66 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 1997, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.9 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.33 billion eggs during December, up 3 percent from December 1995. The average number of layers during December, at 288 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 December 1996 totaled 33.2 million, up 8 percent from December 1995. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 30.2 million on January 1, 1997, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 215,000 during December 1996, down 7 percent from the 231,000 of December 1995.

Broiler Hatch Up 1 Percent

The December 1996 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 695 million, was up 1 percent from December of the previous year. There were 583 million **eggs in incubators** on January 1, 1997, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.95 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during December 1996, down 4 percent from December 1995.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month,
United States, 1994-97 1/

Month	:	1994	:	1995	:	1996	:	1997
1,000 Layers								
Dec 2/	:	290,642		299,160		298,861		303,685
Jan	:	290,041		298,367		298,814		
Feb	:	290,047		297,293		298,357		
Mar	:	290,719		296,561		298,209		
Apr	:	290,073		295,464		296,605		
May	:	288,784		293,198		294,458		
Jun	:	287,974		290,313		293,915		
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/ Data are for chart on cover page.

2/ 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	:
Million Eggs									
Dec 1/	:	6,523		6,676		5,548		5,693	
Jan	:	6,398				5,420			
Feb	:	5,954				5,036			
Mar	:	6,495				5,505			
Apr	:	6,243				5,284			
May	:	6,340				5,341			
Jun	:	6,169				5,209			
Jul	:	6,440				5,457			
Aug	:	6,447				5,465			
Sep	:	6,235				5,297			
Oct	:	6,495				5,539			
Nov	:	6,409				5,471			
During Year:	:	76,148		6,676		64,572		5,693	
	:							11,576	
	:								983

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, November-December 1995-96 1/

Item	:	1995	:	1996	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Nov (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	296,724		301,604		102
Table Egg Type	:	244,177		249,823		102
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,547		51,781		99
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,971		49,235		99
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,576		2,546		99
Eggs per 100 Layers During Nov (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	2,108		2,125		101
Table Egg Type	:	2,180		2,190		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,774		1,811		102
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,755		1,785		102
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,135		2,317		109
Eggs Produced During Nov (Million)	:					
All Layers	:	6,256		6,409		102
Table Egg Type	:	5,324		5,471		103
Hatching Egg Type	:	932		938		101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	877		879		100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	55		59		107
Layers on Dec 1 (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	298,753		303,248		102
Table Egg Type	:	245,761		250,645		102
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,992		52,603		99
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	50,487		50,070		99
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,505		2,533		101
Eggs per 100 Layers on Dec 1 (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	71.0		71.3		100
Table Egg Type	:	73.6		73.6		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	59.1		60.3		102
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	58.4		59.4		102
Egg-Type Hatching	:	73.3		77.5		106
Forced Molt Layers on Dec 1	:					
Percent Being Molted	:	2.2		2.1		95
Percent with Molt Completed	:	25.4		23.5		93

1/ Revised.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, December-January 1995-97

Item	:	1995 1/	:	1996 2/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Dec (1,000)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	298,861	:	303,685	:	102
Table Egg Type	:	245,806	:	250,570	:	102
Hatching Egg Type	:	53,055	:	53,115	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	50,519	:	50,509	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,536	:	2,606	:	103
Eggs per 100 Layers During Dec (Number)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	2,183	:	2,198	:	101
Table Egg Type	:	2,257	:	2,272	:	101
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,838	:	1,851	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,819	:	1,827	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,208	:	2,302	:	104
Eggs Produced During Dec (Million)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	6,523	:	6,676	:	102
Table Egg Type	:	5,548	:	5,693	:	103
Hatching Egg Type	:	975	:	983	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	919	:	923	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	56	:	60	:	107
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	:	1996 1/	:	1997 2/	:	1997 as % of 1996
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Layers on Jan 1 (1,000)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	299,261	:	304,071	:	102
Table Egg Type	:	246,166	:	250,473	:	102
Hatching Egg Type	:	53,095	:	53,598	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	50,538	:	50,935	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,557	:	2,663	:	104
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jan 1 (Number)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	69.9	:	70.5	:	101
Table Egg Type	:	72.2	:	72.9	:	101
Hatching Egg Type	:	59.3	:	59.5	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	58.4	:	58.6	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	75.5	:	75.5	:	100
Forced Molt Layers on Jan 1	:		:		:	
Percent Being Molted	:	3.7	:	3.8	:	103
Percent with Molt Completed	:	24.3	:	22.3	:	92

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, November-December, 30 Selected States, 1995-96 1/ 2/

Item		1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
Layers During Nov	(1,000)			
All Layers		280,590	285,544	102
Table Egg Type		231,550	237,220	102
Hatching Egg Type		49,040	48,324	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		46,555	45,873	99
Egg-Type Hatching		2,485	2,451	99
Eggs per 100 Layers During Nov	(Number)			
All Layers		2,109	2,124	101
Table Egg Type		2,181	2,188	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,770	1,809	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,751	1,783	102
Egg-Type Hatching		2,133	2,285	107
Eggs Produced During Nov	(Million)			
All Layers		5,917	6,065	103
Table Egg Type		5,049	5,191	103
Hatching Egg Type		868	874	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		815	818	100
Egg-Type Hatching		53	56	106
Layers on Dec 1	(1,000)			
All Layers		282,686	287,158	102
Table Egg Type		233,254	237,979	102
Hatching Egg Type		49,432	49,179	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		47,017	46,745	99
Egg-Type Hatching		2,415	2,434	101
Eggs per 100 Layers on Dec 1	(Number)			
All Layers		71.0	71.3	100
Table Egg Type		73.5	73.6	100
Hatching Egg Type		59.0	60.2	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.3	59.3	102
Egg-Type Hatching		73.1	77.4	106
Forced Molt Layers on Dec 1				
Percent Being Molted		2.3	2.1	91
Percent with Molt Completed		25.6	23.5	92
Layers Sold During Nov	(1,000)	13,759	14,002	102
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason				
During Nov	(1,000)	2,490	2,604	105
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Dec 1	(1,000)	73,956	71,667	97
Pullets Added During Nov	(1,000)	21,627	20,862	96

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, 30 Selected States, December-January 1995-97 1/

Item	:	1995 2/	:	1996 3/	:	1996 as % of 1995
Layers During Dec (1,000)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	282,680	:	287,726	:	102
Table Egg Type	:	233,162	:	238,121	:	102
Hatching Egg Type	:	49,518	:	49,605	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	47,070	:	47,109	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,448	:	2,496	:	102
Eggs per 100 Layers During Dec (Number)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	2,182	:	2,198	:	101
Table Egg Type	:	2,256	:	2,271	:	101
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,834	:	1,851	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,814	:	1,826	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,206	:	2,324	:	105
Eggs Produced During Dec (Million)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	6,167	:	6,325	:	103
Table Egg Type	:	5,259	:	5,407	:	103
Hatching Egg Type	:	908	:	918	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	854	:	860	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	54	:	58	:	107
	:		:		:	
	:	1996 2/	:	1997 3/	:	1997 as % of 1996
Layers on Jan 1	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	282,981	:	288,253	:	102
Table Egg Type	:	233,394	:	238,247	:	102
Hatching Egg Type	:	49,587	:	50,006	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	47,114	:	47,462	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,473	:	2,544	:	103
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jan 1 (Number)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	69.9	:	70.5	:	101
Table Egg Type	:	72.2	:	72.8	:	101
Hatching Egg Type	:	59.3	:	59.5	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	58.4	:	58.6	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	75.5	:	76.1	:	101
Forced Molt Layers on Jan 1	:		:		:	
Percent Being Molted	:	3.7	:	3.8	:	103
Percent with Molt Completed	:	24.4	:	22.4	:	92
Layers Sold During Dec (1,000)	:	14,363	:	12,703	:	88
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Dec (1,000)	:	2,489	:	2,962	:	119
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Jan 1 (1,000)	:	72,071	:	70,949	:	98
Pullets Added During Dec 4/ (1,000)	:	18,557	:	16,981	:	92

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

2/ Revised.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ 1995 pullets added less than 20 weeks old. 1996 is pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During November 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	: 4,538	4,110	11,307	10,364	1,946	1,959
AR	: 5,627	4,923	15,797	14,628	1,829	1,907
CA	: 25,080	25,783	25,636	26,331	2,142	2,176
CO	: 2,589	2,742	3,123	3,299	2,081	2,092
CT	: 3,380	3,469	3,542	3,600	2,202	2,222
FL	: 8,757	8,213	9,420	8,878	2,091	2,095
GA	: 10,947	11,073	18,958	19,016	1,999	2,040
HI	: 731	711	780	736	1,923	2,049
IL	: 2,729	3,109	2,928	3,303	2,220	2,331
IN	: 19,849	19,821	20,787	20,774	2,179	2,258
IA	: 17,089	19,424	17,953	20,310	2,156	2,142
ME	: 4,761	5,140	4,881	5,256	2,336	2,359
MD	: 3,262	3,094	3,696	3,557	2,246	2,249
MI	: 5,070	4,727	5,345	4,971	2,127	2,280
MN	: 10,323	11,233	11,176	12,051	2,130	2,058
MS	: 2,272	2,142	6,142	6,617	1,954	1,889
MO	: 5,850	5,435	6,905	6,518	2,085	2,148
NE	: 8,858	9,154	9,008	9,304	2,076	2,154
NY	: 3,699	3,261	4,020	3,547	2,289	2,255
NC	: 6,170	5,512	13,861	12,452	1,876	1,887
OH	: 21,840	25,488	22,290	25,986	2,239	2,186
OK	: 1,998	1,800	3,843	3,730	1,978	1,903
OR	: 2,332	2,546	2,520	2,741	2,381	2,189
PA	: 20,165	19,905	21,488	21,170	2,252	2,239
SC	: 3,792	3,734	4,809	4,763	2,163	2,225
SD	: 1,825	1,840	2,048	2,048	2,259	2,175
TX	: 12,843	13,366	16,061	16,707	2,092	2,101
VA	: 1,729	2,016	3,806	4,026	1,971	1,937
WA	: 4,977	4,864	5,203	5,177	2,229	2,221
WI	: 2,740	3,112	3,257	3,684	2,211	2,117
30 Sts	: 225,822	231,747	280,590	285,544	2,109	2,124
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,306	11,436	16,134	16,060	2,101	2,142
US	: 237,128	243,183	296,724	301,604	2,108	2,125

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 December 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	: 4,473	: 4,178	: 11,252	: 10,703	: 1,964	: 1,999
AR	: 5,550	: 4,763	: 15,839	: 14,597	: 1,900	: 1,952
CA	: 25,113	: 25,828	: 25,670	: 26,421	: 2,236	: 2,271
CO	: 2,599	: 2,777	: 3,185	: 3,367	: 2,166	: 2,138
CT	: 3,366	: 3,386	: 3,518	: 3,526	: 2,274	: 2,297
FL	: 8,929	: 8,339	: 9,612	: 9,057	: 2,216	: 2,197
GA	: 10,874	: 11,177	: 18,844	: 19,370	: 2,091	: 2,096
HI	: 734	: 709	: 782	: 734	: 2,009	: 2,117
IL	: 3,048	: 3,115	: 3,248	: 3,292	: 2,278	: 2,369
IN	: 20,264	: 19,781	: 21,329	: 20,607	: 2,246	: 2,295
IA	: 17,624	: 19,723	: 18,494	: 20,656	: 2,174	: 2,203
ME	: 4,789	: 5,074	: 4,882	: 5,176	: 2,438	: 2,415
MD	: 3,101	: 2,963	: 3,552	: 3,436	: 2,280	: 2,299
MI	: 5,105	: 4,774	: 5,375	: 5,016	: 2,142	: 2,288
MN	: 10,623	: 11,088	: 11,453	: 11,893	: 2,226	: 2,144
MS	: 2,331	: 2,135	: 6,257	: 6,731	: 2,030	: 1,917
MO	: 5,805	: 5,433	: 6,951	: 6,573	: 2,144	: 2,236
NE	: 9,025	: 9,218	: 9,175	: 9,368	: 2,148	: 2,285
NY	: 3,710	: 3,253	: 4,019	: 3,479	: 2,364	: 2,357
NC	: 6,105	: 5,407	: 13,772	: 12,702	: 1,939	: 1,952
OH	: 22,339	: 25,782	: 22,826	: 26,294	: 2,335	: 2,309
OK	: 1,965	: 1,735	: 3,900	: 3,723	: 2,051	: 2,015
OR	: 2,367	: 2,541	: 2,539	: 2,726	: 2,363	: 2,238
PA	: 20,075	: 20,210	: 21,415	: 21,451	: 2,344	: 2,340
SC	: 3,683	: 3,881	: 4,678	: 4,888	: 2,266	: 2,209
SD	: 1,568	: 1,820	: 1,778	: 2,025	: 2,285	: 2,244
TX	: 12,916	: 13,353	: 16,018	: 16,825	: 2,160	: 2,169
VA	: 1,725	: 2,380	: 3,819	: 4,111	: 2,016	: 2,019
WA	: 5,017	: 4,844	: 5,236	: 5,230	: 2,273	: 2,333
WI	: 2,752	: 3,124	: 3,262	: 3,749	: 2,299	: 2,241
30 Sts	: 227,575	: 232,791	: 282,680	: 287,726	: 2,182	: 2,198
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,321	: 11,360	: 16,181	: 15,959	: 2,200	: 2,199
US	: 238,896	: 244,151	: 298,861	: 303,685	: 2,183	: 2,198

1/ 1996 preliminary, 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.

Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
November 1995-96 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	220	203	103	94	117	109
AR	289	279	115	104	174	175
CA	549	573				
CO	65	69				
CT	78	80				
FL	197	186	186	173	11	13
GA	379	388	233	240	146	148
HI	15	15	15	15	0	0
IL	65	77	64	76	1	1
IN	453	469	444	460	9	9
IA	387	435				
ME	114	124				
MD	83	80	76	73	7	7
MI	114	113				
MN	238	248	229	238	9	10
MS	120	125	50	45	70	80
MO	144	140				
NE	187	200	187	200	0	0
NY	92	80				
NC	260	235	138	120	122	115
OH	499	568				
OK	76	71	48	42	28	29
OR	60	60	58	58	2	2
PA	484	474	469	459	15	15
SC	104	106	85	88	19	18
SD	46	45	46	45	0	0
TX	336	351	285	295	51	56
VA	75	78	39	43	36	35
WA	116	115				
WI	72	78				
30 Sts	5,917	6,065	5,049	5,191	868	874
Oth Sts 3/	339	344	275	280	64	64
US	6,256	6,409	5,324	5,471	932	938

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,
December 1995-96 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	221	214	99	98	122	116
AR	301	285	119	101	182	184
CA	574	600				
CO	69	72				
CT	80	81				
FL	213	199	201	185	12	14
GA	394	406	242	251	152	155
HI	16	16	16	16	0	0
IL	74	78	73	77	1	1
IN	479	473	470	464	9	9
IA	402	455				
ME	119	125				
MD	81	79	73	71	8	8
MI	115	115				
MN	255	255	246	245	9	10
MS	127	129	55	45	72	84
MO	149	147				
NE	197	214	197	214	0	0
NY	95	82				
NC	267	248	138	124	129	124
OH	533	607				
OK	80	75	49	43	31	32
OR	60	61	59	59	1	2
PA	502	502	485	487	17	15
SC	106	108	87	90	19	18
SD	41	45	41	45	0	0
TX	346	365				
VA	77	83	40	50	37	33
WA	119	122				
WI	75	84				
30 Sts	6,167	6,325	5,259	5,407	908	918
Oth Sts 3/	356	351	289	286	67	65
US	6,523	6,676	5,548	5,693	975	983

1/ 1996 preliminary, 1955 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.

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		22.3	
Mar	3.5		23.3	
Apr	1.9		22.9	
May	5.4		22.2	
Jun	4.7		22.2	
Jul	4.0		22.9	
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, January 1996-97 1/

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Percent			
AL	3.5	3.5	12.0	17.5
AR	2.5	2.5	11.0	9.0
CA	6.0	5.5	50.0	37.5
CO	3.5	3.5	21.0	28.5
CT	2.5	2.0	12.0	11.5
FL	4.0	5.5	38.0	36.0
GA	2.0	6.0	20.0	22.5
HI	7.0	8.0	48.0	53.5
IL	6.0	2.5	39.0	8.5
IN	4.5	3.5	25.5	21.5
IA	2.5	7.5	28.5	30.5
ME	.0	.0	.5	3.0
MD	1.5	.0	40.0	27.0
MI	5.0	1.5	24.0	17.0
MN	4.0	2.5	34.5	31.0
MS	1.0	2.0	14.5	15.0
MO	1.0	4.0	26.0	15.5
NE	10.0	6.5	29.0	28.0
NY	.0	1.0	6.0	6.0
NC	2.0	1.5	11.5	12.5
OH	3.0	1.0	13.0	12.5
OK	3.0	3.5	9.5	14.0
OR	9.0	13.5	34.0	32.5
PA	4.0	3.0	20.0	19.0
SC	3.0	4.0	43.0	26.0
SD	1.5	1.5	25.5	60.0
TX	3.5	4.0	22.0	22.0
VA	8.0	.5	15.0	13.0
WA	6.5	5.5	44.0	43.0
WI	2.0	3.5	26.5	29.5
30 Sts	3.7	3.8	24.4	22.4
Oth Sts 2/	2.8	3.3	22.4	20.9
US	3.7	3.8	24.3	22.3

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, December-January 1996-97

Item	: 1996	: 1997	: 1997 as % of 1996
	: ----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Jan 1	: 28,542	30,203	106
Chicks Hatched During Dec 1/	: 30,797	33,161	108
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Dec 1/	: 396,468	408,004	103
Pullets Hatched During Dec for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	: 231	215	93
7-18 Month Earlier 2/	: 3,131	2,857	91
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Jan 1	: 570,863	582,618	102
Chicks Hatched During Dec 1/	: 691,193	694,811	101
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Dec 1/	: 7,928,512	8,057,167	102
Pullets Hatched During Dec for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	: 6,218	5,947	96
7-15 Months Earlier 3/	: 54,720	56,222	103

1/ Previous year.

2/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Jun 1995 through May 1996.

3/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Sep 1995 through May 1996.

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

Geographic Division	: 1996	: 1997	: 1997 as % of 1996
	: ----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	: 3,850	4,740	123
E North Central	: 7,816	8,357	107
W North Central	: 4,147	5,531	133
South Atlantic	: 4,773	4,828	101
South Central	: 4,046	2,942	73
West	: 3,910	3,805	97
US	: 28,542	30,203	106

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,
December 1995-96

State	December			Jan-Dec		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:
AR	497	590	119	12,148	10,016	82
FL	1,052	1,059	101	12,664	13,826	109
GA	1,412	1,848	131	20,381	24,063	118
IN	7,151	7,090	99	82,728	85,963	104
IA	3,003	3,430	114	41,402	39,793	96
KS	239	174	73	3,266	3,087	95
MN	2,186	2,010	92	26,447	24,427	92
MO	481	352	73	5,279	4,167	79
PA	2,954	4,670	158	39,414	49,305	125
Oth Sts 1/	11,822	11,938	101	152,739	153,357	100
US	30,797	33,161	108	396,468	408,004	103

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 -----	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	----- 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	31,495	108	351,411	365,671	374,843	103
Dec	30,166	30,797	33,161	108	381,577	396,468	408,004	103

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1996 : as % of: : 1995	Cumulative Potential Placements : Relative to Current Supply Flocks : 7-18 Months Earlier 2/		
	1994	1995	1996		1995	1996	1997
	-----	1,000	-----		-----	1,000	-----
Jan	: 213	236	171	72	3,022	3,108	2,905
Feb	: 184	251	238	95	3,009	3,089	2,929
Mar	: 259	356	317	89	3,075	2,943	2,938
Apr	: 277	317	252	79	3,106	2,920	2,877
May	: 334	193	291	151	3,119	2,951	2,801
Jun	: 257	234	282	121	3,187	2,835	2,968
Jul	: 254	235	259	110	3,045	2,941	2,952
Aug	: 309	163	172	106	3,068	2,876	
Sep	: 315	292	231	79	3,135	2,863	
Oct	: 278	309	233	75	3,232	2,824	
Nov	: 240	124	291	235	3,272	2,759	
Dec	: 125	231	215	93	3,131	2,857	
Total	: 3,045	2,941	2,952				

- 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 December 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jun 1995 through May 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, January 1, 1996-97

Geographic Division	1996		1997		1997 as % of 1996
	-----	1,000	-----	-----	
	-----	1,000	-----	-----	
North Atlantic	: 11,413		12,266		107
E North Central	: 7,864		7,316		93
W North Central	: 21,463		24,249		113
South Atlantic	: 227,532		226,050		99
South Central	: 281,182		290,309		103
West	: 21,409		22,428		105
US	: 570,863		582,618		102

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

State	December			Jan-Dec		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000	Percent	1,000	Percent		
AL	89,463	91,727	103	1,073,289	1,029,651	96
AR	108,981	107,117	98	1,239,038	1,248,668	101
DE	16,265	15,195	93	197,157	191,054	97
FL	10,669	10,001	94	121,359	120,848	100
GA	103,533	106,631	103	1,156,016	1,216,534	105
MD	31,472	30,828	98	372,925	366,908	98
MS	56,853	61,145	108	645,653	685,615	106
NC	64,849	60,041	93	748,789	736,426	98
PA	12,429	12,711	102	135,476	140,461	104
SC	15,692	15,785	101	183,829	182,658	99
TX	42,457	43,864	103	469,781	492,878	105
VA	24,456	23,936	98	282,295	276,954	98
CA TN & WV	34,679	35,155	101	407,651	406,469	100
15 Sts 1/	611,798	614,136	100	7,033,258	7,095,124	101
OR & WA	5,515	6,021	109	66,223	66,667	101
Oth Sts 2/	73,880	74,654	101	829,031	895,376	108
US	691,193	694,811	101	7,928,512	8,057,167	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	as % of 1995	1994	1995	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	631,292	101	6,898,721	7,237,319	7,362,356	102
Dec	663,595	691,193	694,811	101	7,562,316	7,928,512	8,057,167	102

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1996 : as % of: : 1995	Cumulative Potential Placements : Relative to Current Supply Flocks : 7-15 Months Earlier 2/		
	1994	1995	1996		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	57,596
Jul	6,104	6,302	6,422	102	55,376	56,585	57,169
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	6,508	98	54,649	55,921	
Dec	6,413	6,218	5,947	96	54,720	56,222	
Annual							
Total	73,150	73,940	74,997	101			
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	7,860	101			
Dec	7,908	7,750	7,709	99			
Annual							
Total	88,556	91,135	92,242	101			

- 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 Dec 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Sep 1995 through May 1996.
- 3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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

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