

Chickens and Eggs



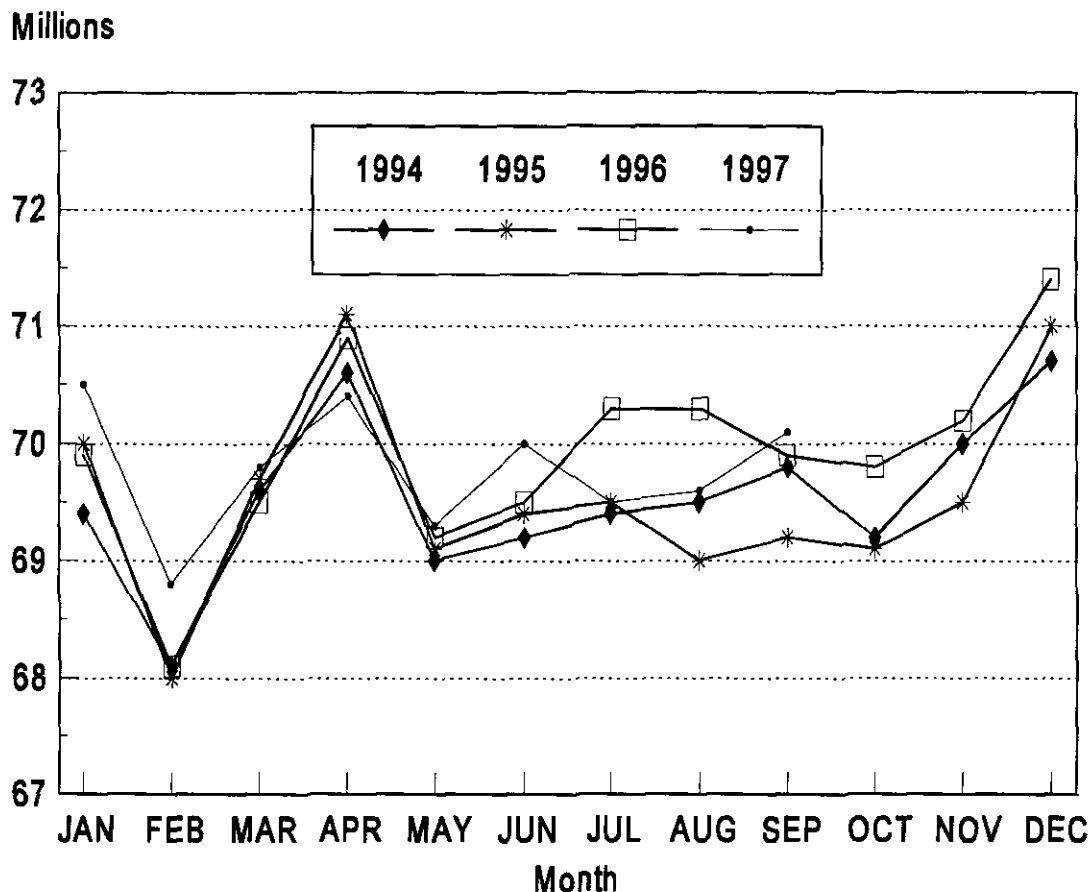
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August Egg Production Up Fractionally

U.S. egg production totaled 6.47 billion during August 1997, up fractionally from the 6.45 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.45 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 962 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 1997 averaged 299 million, up 1 percent from the average number of layers during August 1996. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, compared with 2,172 in August 1996.

All Layers: 1st of Month Rate of Lay United States, 1994-97



All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 1997, totaled 300 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 300 million layers consisted of 245 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 52.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.43 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 1997, averaged 70.0 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from the 69.9 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.14 billion eggs during August, up 1 percent from August 1996. The average number of layers during August, at 283 million, was up 1 percent from a 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 2 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during August totaled 32.9 million, up 2 percent from August 1996. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 31.3 million on September 1, 1997, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 284,000 during August 1997, up 53 percent from the 186,000 of August 1996.

Broiler Hatch Up 3 Percent

The August 1997 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 709 million, was up 3 percent from August of the previous year. There were 590 million **eggs in incubators** on September 1, 1997, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.70 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during August 1997, up 3 percent from August 1996.

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

| Month | : | 1994 | : | 1995 | : | 1996 | : | 1997 |
|--------------|---|---------|---|---------|---|---------|---|---------|
| 1,000 Layers | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 1/ | : | 290,642 | | 299,160 | | 298,861 | | 303,669 |
| Jan | : | 290,041 | | 298,367 | | 298,814 | | 303,293 |
| Feb | : | 290,047 | | 297,293 | | 298,357 | | 302,971 |
| Mar | : | 290,719 | | 296,561 | | 298,209 | | 303,244 |
| Apr | : | 290,073 | | 295,464 | | 296,605 | | 302,666 |
| May | : | 288,784 | | 293,198 | | 294,458 | | 301,235 |
| Jun | : | 287,974 | | 290,313 | | 293,915 | | 299,427 |
| Jul | : | 287,990 | | 288,213 | | 295,349 | | 298,548 |
| Aug | : | 290,321 | | 288,359 | | 296,785 | | 299,017 |
| Sep | : | 293,381 | | 290,337 | | 297,696 | | |
| Oct | : | 295,172 | | 292,516 | | 299,196 | | |
| Nov | : | 297,134 | | 296,724 | | 301,604 | | |

1/ December preceding year.

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

| Month | : | Total Eggs | | : | Table Eggs | | : | Hatching Eggs | | |
|--------------|---|------------|--------|---|------------|--------|---|---------------|-------|--|
| | : | | | : | | | : | | | |
| | : | 1996 | 1997 | : | 1996 | 1997 | : | 1996 | 1997 | |
| Million Eggs | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 1/ | : | 6,523 | 6,678 | | 5,548 | 5,695 | | 975 | 983 | |
| Jan | : | 6,398 | 6,554 | | 5,420 | 5,567 | | 978 | 987 | |
| Feb | : | 5,954 | 5,887 | | 5,036 | 4,985 | | 918 | 902 | |
| Mar | : | 6,495 | 6,600 | | 5,505 | 5,580 | | 990 | 1,020 | |
| Apr | : | 6,243 | 6,334 | | 5,284 | 5,336 | | 959 | 998 | |
| May | : | 6,340 | 6,495 | | 5,341 | 5,449 | | 999 | 1,046 | |
| Jun | : | 6,169 | 6,265 | | 5,209 | 5,250 | | 960 | 1,015 | |
| Jul | : | 6,440 | 6,433 | | 5,457 | 5,400 | | 983 | 1,033 | |
| Aug | : | 6,447 | 6,471 | | 5,465 | 5,453 | | 982 | 1,018 | |
| Sep | : | 6,235 | | | 5,297 | | | 938 | | |
| Oct | : | 6,495 | | | 5,539 | | | 956 | | |
| Nov | : | 6,409 | | | 5,471 | | | 938 | | |
| During Year: | : | 76,148 | 57,717 | | 64,572 | 48,715 | | 11,576 | 9,002 | |

1/ December preceding year.

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

| Item | : | 1996 | : | 1997 | : | 1997 as % of 1996 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------|---------|---------|---|-------------------------|
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| Layers During Jul | (1,000) | : | | | | |
| All Layers | | : | 295,349 | 298,548 | : | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 243,171 | 243,046 | : | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 52,178 | 55,502 | : | 106 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 49,605 | 53,001 | : | 107 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 2,573 | 2,501 | : | 97 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Eggs per 100 Layers During Jul | (Number) | : | | | | |
| All Layers | | : | 2,180 | 2,155 | : | 99 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 2,244 | 2,222 | : | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 1,884 | 1,861 | : | 99 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 1,863 | 1,840 | : | 99 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 2,293 | 2,319 | : | 101 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Eggs Produced During Jul | (Million) | : | | | | |
| All Layers | | : | 6,440 | 6,433 | : | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 5,457 | 5,400 | : | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 983 | 1,033 | : | 105 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 924 | 975 | : | 106 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 59 | 58 | : | 98 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Layers on Aug 1 | (1,000) | : | | | | |
| All Layers | | : | 296,612 | 298,417 | : | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 244,521 | 242,925 | : | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 52,091 | 55,492 | : | 107 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 49,591 | 53,026 | : | 107 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 2,500 | 2,466 | : | 99 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Eggs per 100 Layers on Aug 1 | (Number) | : | | | | |
| All Layers | | : | 70.2 | 69.6 | : | 99 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 72.2 | 71.9 | : | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 60.9 | 59.5 | : | 98 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 60.2 | 58.7 | : | 98 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 74.5 | 75.7 | : | 102 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Forced Molt Layers on Aug 1 | | : | | | | |
| Percent Being Molted | | : | 4.7 | 3.5 | : | 74 |
| Percent with Molt Completed | | : | 22.0 | 21.9 | : | 100 |

1/ Revised.

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

| Item | : | 1996 1/ | : | 1997 2/ | : | 1997 as % of 1996 |
|---|---|---------|---|---------|---|-------------------------|
| Layers During Aug (1,000) | : | | : | | : | |
| All Layers | : | 296,785 | : | 299,017 | : | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | : | 244,647 | : | 244,037 | : | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | : | 52,138 | : | 54,980 | : | 105 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | : | 49,634 | : | 52,527 | : | 106 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | : | 2,504 | : | 2,453 | : | 98 |
| Eggs per 100 Layers During Aug (Number) | : | | : | | : | |
| All Layers | : | 2,172 | : | 2,164 | : | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | : | 2,234 | : | 2,234 | : | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | : | 1,883 | : | 1,852 | : | 98 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | : | 1,866 | : | 1,831 | : | 98 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | : | 2,236 | : | 2,283 | : | 102 |
| Eggs Produced During Aug (Million) | : | | : | | : | |
| All Layers | : | 6,447 | : | 6,471 | : | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | : | 5,465 | : | 5,453 | : | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | : | 982 | : | 1,018 | : | 104 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | : | 926 | : | 962 | : | 104 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | : | 56 | : | 56 | : | 100 |
| Layers on Sep 1 (1,000) | : | | : | | : | |
| All Layers | : | 296,911 | : | 299,578 | : | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | : | 244,751 | : | 245,130 | : | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | : | 52,160 | : | 54,448 | : | 104 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | : | 49,664 | : | 52,017 | : | 105 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | : | 2,496 | : | 2,431 | : | 97 |
| Eggs per 100 Layers on Sep 1 (Number) | : | | : | | : | |
| All Layers | : | 69.9 | : | 70.0 | : | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | : | 71.8 | : | 72.3 | : | 101 |
| Hatching Egg Type | : | 61.0 | : | 60.1 | : | 99 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | : | 60.3 | : | 59.4 | : | 99 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | : | 74.6 | : | 76.5 | : | 103 |
| Forced Molt Layers, Sep 1 | : | | : | | : | |
| Percent Being Molted | : | 4.3 | : | 4.0 | : | 93 |
| Percent with Molt Completed | : | 22.3 | : | 21.4 | : | 96 |

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

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

| Item | : | 1996 | : | 1997 | : | 1997 as % of 1996 |
|--|-----------|------|---------|---------|---|-------------------------|
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| Layers During Jul | (1,000) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | 279,294 | 282,981 | : | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 230,800 | 231,281 | : | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 48,494 | 51,700 | : | 107 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 46,010 | 49,290 | : | 107 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 2,484 | 2,410 | : | 97 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Eggs per 100 Layers During Jul | (Number) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | 2,183 | 2,155 | : | 99 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 2,246 | 2,220 | : | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 1,883 | 1,863 | : | 99 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 1,860 | 1,840 | : | 99 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 2,295 | 2,324 | : | 101 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Eggs Produced During Jul | (Million) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | 6,096 | 6,098 | : | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 5,183 | 5,135 | : | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 913 | 963 | : | 105 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 856 | 907 | : | 106 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 57 | 56 | : | 98 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Layers on Aug 1 | (1,000) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | 280,696 | 282,876 | : | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 232,212 | 231,203 | : | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 48,484 | 51,673 | : | 107 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 46,082 | 49,300 | : | 107 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 2,402 | 2,373 | : | 99 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Eggs per 100 Layers on Aug 1 | (Number) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | 70.3 | 69.6 | : | 99 |
| Table Egg Type | | : | 72.3 | 71.9 | : | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | 60.9 | 59.5 | : | 98 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | 60.2 | 58.7 | : | 98 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | 74.7 | 75.5 | : | 101 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Forced Molt Layers on Aug 1 | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Percent Being Molting | | : | 4.7 | 3.5 | : | 74 |
| Percent with Molt Completed | | : | 22.2 | 21.9 | : | 99 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Layers Sold During Jul | (1,000) | : | 16,381 | 13,777 | : | 84 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason | | : | : | : | : | : |
| During Jul | (1,000) | : | 2,949 | 3,953 | : | 134 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Aug 1 | (1,000) | : | 71,448 | 77,621 | : | 109 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Pullets Added During Jul 3/ | (1,000) | : | 18,851 | 18,966 | : | 101 |

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

2/ Revised.

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

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

| Item | : | 1996 2/ | : | 1997 3/ | : | 1997 as % of 1996 |
|--|-----------|---------|---|---------|---|-------------------------|
| <hr/> | | | | | | |
| Layers During Aug | (1,000) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Table Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Eggs per 100 Layers During Aug | (Number) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Table Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Eggs Produced During Aug | (Million) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Table Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Layers on Sep 1 | (1,000) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Table Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Eggs per 100 Layers on Sep 1 | (Number) | : | : | : | : | : |
| All Layers | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Table Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Hatching Egg Type | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Forced Molt Layers, Sep 1 | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Percent Being Molted | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Percent with Molt Completed | | : | : | : | : | : |
| Layers Sold During Aug | (1,000) | : | : | : | : | : |
| Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason | | : | : | : | : | : |
| During Aug | (1,000) | : | : | : | : | : |
| Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Sep 1 | (1,000) | : | : | : | : | : |
| Pullets Added During Aug 4/ | (1,000) | : | : | : | : | : |

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

2/ Revised.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ 1996 is pullets added less than 20 weeks old to pullet flocks. 1997 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 July 1996-97 1/

| State | : Table Egg Layers in : : Flocks 30,000 and Above : All Layers 2/ | | | | : Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/ | |
|------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | : 1996 | : 1997 | : 1996 | : 1997 | : 1996 | : 1997 |
| | : ----- 1,000 ----- | | | | : ----- Number ----- | |
| AL | : 3,878 | : 3,986 | : 10,349 | : 10,853 | : 2,029 | : 1,963 |
| AR | : 5,033 | : 4,140 | : 14,431 | : 14,266 | : 1,933 | : 1,837 |
| CA | : 24,260 | : 24,629 | : 24,810 | : 25,255 | : 2,197 | : 2,198 |
| CO | : 2,633 | : 2,728 | : 3,163 | : 3,268 | : 2,181 | : 2,234 |
| CT | : 3,479 | : 3,180 | : 3,612 | : 3,319 | : 2,298 | : 2,290 |
| FL | : 8,169 | : 7,962 | : 8,786 | : 8,617 | : 2,197 | : 2,112 |
| GA | : 10,453 | : 10,859 | : 18,447 | : 19,568 | : 2,103 | : 2,090 |
| HI | : 706 | : 685 | : 736 | : 708 | : 1,953 | : 2,015 |
| IL | : 3,024 | : 2,684 | : 3,225 | : 2,840 | : 2,357 | : 2,183 |
| IN | : 20,225 | : 20,248 | : 21,329 | : 21,108 | : 2,246 | : 2,293 |
| IA | : 18,619 | : 20,268 | : 19,459 | : 21,186 | : 2,261 | : 2,214 |
| ME | : 4,886 | : 4,823 | : 5,027 | : 4,934 | : 2,407 | : 2,452 |
| MD | : 2,998 | : 2,881 | : 3,470 | : 3,317 | : 2,248 | : 2,171 |
| MI | : 4,471 | : 4,743 | : 4,706 | : 4,980 | : 2,300 | : 2,241 |
| MN | : 11,385 | : 10,715 | : 12,223 | : 11,533 | : 2,184 | : 2,116 |
| MS | : 2,237 | : 1,851 | : 6,617 | : 6,603 | : 2,010 | : 1,984 |
| MO | : 5,583 | : 5,487 | : 6,703 | : 6,659 | : 2,104 | : 2,178 |
| NE | : 9,092 | : 9,318 | : 9,242 | : 9,468 | : 2,148 | : 2,167 |
| NY | : 3,357 | : 3,211 | : 3,635 | : 3,402 | : 2,283 | : 2,352 |
| NC | : 5,403 | : 4,530 | : 12,680 | : 12,477 | : 1,940 | : 1,916 |
| OH | : 23,865 | : 24,596 | : 24,326 | : 25,152 | : 2,302 | : 2,242 |
| OK | : 1,915 | : 1,625 | : 3,875 | : 3,575 | : 1,987 | : 1,986 |
| OR | : 2,462 | : 2,826 | : 2,646 | : 3,000 | : 2,457 | : 2,267 |
| PA | : 19,355 | : 19,420 | : 20,640 | : 20,675 | : 2,277 | : 2,268 |
| SC | : 3,589 | : 3,742 | : 4,598 | : 4,779 | : 2,175 | : 2,176 |
| SD | : 1,870 | : 1,748 | : 2,080 | : 2,023 | : 2,362 | : 2,173 |
| TX | : 12,404 | : 13,411 | : 15,549 | : 16,737 | : 2,116 | : 2,127 |
| VA | : 1,928 | : 1,508 | : 4,189 | : 3,550 | : 2,172 | : 1,803 |
| WA | : 5,034 | : 4,861 | : 5,273 | : 5,232 | : 2,352 | : 2,294 |
| WI | : 2,995 | : 3,264 | : 3,468 | : 3,897 | : 2,278 | : 2,335 |
| 30 Sts | : 225,308 | : 225,929 | : 279,294 | : 282,981 | : 2,183 | : 2,155 |
| Oth Sts 3/ | : 11,075 | : 10,701 | : 16,055 | : 15,567 | : 2,136 | : 2,146 |
| US | : 236,383 | : 236,630 | : 295,349 | : 298,548 | : 2,180 | : 2,155 |

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 August 1996-97 1/

| State | : Table Egg Layers in : : Flocks 30,000 and Above : | | : All Layers 2/ : | | : Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/ : | |
|------------|--|---------|-------------------|---------|---|--------|
| | : 1996 | : 1997 | : 1996 | : 1997 | : 1996 | : 1997 |
| | : ----- 1,000 ----- | | | | : ----- Number ----- | |
| AL | : 3,961 | 4,021 | 10,402 | 10,726 | 1,990 | 1,958 |
| AR | : 4,933 | 4,546 | 14,358 | 14,452 | 1,936 | 1,841 |
| CA | : 24,623 | 24,636 | 25,186 | 25,235 | 2,176 | 2,191 |
| CO | : 2,659 | 2,827 | 3,220 | 3,402 | 2,174 | 2,205 |
| CT | : 3,503 | 3,115 | 3,634 | 3,254 | 2,229 | 2,336 |
| FL | : 8,136 | 8,095 | 8,726 | 8,730 | 2,269 | 2,176 |
| GA | : 10,670 | 11,016 | 18,607 | 19,723 | 2,085 | 2,069 |
| HI | : 722 | 687 | 749 | 711 | 1,922 | 1,950 |
| IL | : 3,031 | 2,561 | 3,226 | 2,712 | 2,387 | 2,212 |
| IN | : 20,497 | 20,300 | 21,611 | 21,150 | 2,253 | 2,293 |
| IA | : 18,800 | 20,160 | 19,662 | 21,081 | 2,243 | 2,201 |
| ME | : 4,929 | 4,796 | 5,059 | 4,902 | 2,431 | 2,428 |
| MD | : 3,089 | 2,862 | 3,528 | 3,275 | 2,154 | 2,229 |
| MI | : 4,564 | 4,774 | 4,791 | 5,010 | 2,229 | 2,272 |
| MN | : 11,445 | 10,770 | 12,273 | 11,605 | 2,167 | 2,103 |
| MS | : 2,140 | 1,883 | 6,580 | 6,667 | 2,006 | 1,995 |
| MO | : 5,705 | 5,637 | 6,745 | 6,818 | 2,194 | 2,288 |
| NE | : 9,030 | 9,383 | 9,180 | 9,533 | 2,189 | 2,186 |
| NY | : 3,331 | 3,133 | 3,610 | 3,331 | 2,299 | 2,342 |
| NC | : 5,446 | 4,397 | 12,747 | 12,314 | 1,961 | 1,933 |
| OH | : 23,748 | 24,661 | 24,230 | 25,211 | 2,295 | 2,297 |
| OK | : 1,890 | 1,673 | 3,890 | 3,578 | 1,979 | 1,956 |
| OR | : 2,518 | 2,733 | 2,710 | 2,900 | 2,325 | 2,310 |
| PA | : 19,350 | 19,825 | 20,593 | 21,053 | 2,253 | 2,275 |
| SC | : 3,628 | 3,617 | 4,660 | 4,674 | 2,232 | 2,246 |
| SD | : 1,883 | 1,840 | 2,095 | 2,118 | 2,344 | 2,170 |
| TX | : 12,631 | 13,482 | 15,973 | 16,889 | 2,016 | 2,096 |
| VA | : 1,969 | 1,422 | 4,130 | 3,324 | 2,349 | 1,895 |
| WA | : 4,892 | 4,882 | 5,122 | 5,253 | 2,362 | 2,303 |
| WI | : 3,020 | 3,167 | 3,485 | 3,800 | 2,181 | 2,368 |
| 30 Sts | : 226,743 | 226,901 | 280,782 | 283,431 | 2,174 | 2,166 |
| Oth Sts 3/ | : 11,158 | 10,717 | 16,003 | 15,586 | 2,137 | 2,137 |
| US | : 237,901 | 237,618 | 296,785 | 299,017 | 2,172 | 2,164 |

1/ 1997 preliminary, 1996 Revised.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

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

| State | Total Production | | Table Eggs 2/ | | Hatching Eggs 2/ | |
|------------|------------------|-------|---------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1996 | 1997 | 1996 | 1997 |
| | Million Eggs | | | | | |
| AL | 210 | 213 | 92 | 91 | 118 | 122 |
| AR | 279 | 262 | 107 | 79 | 172 | 183 |
| CA | 545 | 555 | | | | |
| CO | 69 | 73 | | | | |
| CT | 83 | 76 | | | | |
| FL | 193 | 182 | 181 | 170 | 12 | 12 |
| GA | 388 | 409 | 234 | 241 | 154 | 168 |
| HI | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| IL | 76 | 62 | 75 | 60 | 1 | 2 |
| IN | 479 | 484 | 469 | 473 | 10 | 11 |
| IA | 440 | 469 | | | | |
| ME | 121 | 121 | | | | |
| MD | 78 | 72 | 70 | 65 | 8 | 7 |
| MI | 108 | 111 | | | | |
| MN | 267 | 244 | 257 | 233 | 10 | 11 |
| MS | 133 | 131 | 50 | 43 | 83 | 88 |
| MO | 141 | 145 | | | | |
| NE | 199 | 205 | 199 | 205 | 0 | 0 |
| NY | 83 | 80 | | | | |
| NC | 246 | 239 | 121 | 99 | 125 | 140 |
| OH | 560 | 564 | | | | |
| OK | 77 | 71 | 46 | 39 | 31 | 32 |
| OR | 65 | 68 | 63 | 67 | 2 | 1 |
| PA | 470 | 469 | 455 | 454 | 15 | 15 |
| SC | 100 | 104 | 82 | 85 | 18 | 19 |
| SD | 49 | 44 | 49 | 44 | 0 | 0 |
| TX | 329 | 356 | | | | |
| VA | 91 | 64 | 45 | 31 | 46 | 33 |
| WA | 124 | 120 | | | | |
| WI | 79 | 91 | | | | |
| 30 Sts | 6,096 | 6,098 | 5,183 | 5,135 | 913 | 963 |
| Oth Sts 3/ | 344 | 335 | 274 | 265 | 70 | 70 |
| US | 6,440 | 6,433 | 5,457 | 5,400 | 983 | 1,033 |

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,
August 1996-97 1/

| State | Total Production | | Table Eggs 2/ | | Hatching Eggs 2/ | |
|------------|------------------|-------|---------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1996 | 1997 | 1996 | 1997 |
| | Million Eggs | | | | | |
| AL | 207 | 210 | 90 | 90 | 117 | 120 |
| AR | 278 | 266 | 104 | 91 | 174 | 175 |
| CA | 548 | 553 | | | | |
| CO | 70 | 75 | | | | |
| CT | 81 | 76 | | | | |
| FL | 198 | 190 | 187 | 178 | 11 | 12 |
| GA | 388 | 408 | 234 | 242 | 154 | 166 |
| HI | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| IL | 77 | 60 | 76 | 59 | 1 | 1 |
| IN | 487 | 485 | 477 | 475 | 10 | 10 |
| IA | 441 | 464 | | | | |
| ME | 123 | 119 | | | | |
| MD | 76 | 73 | 69 | 67 | 7 | 6 |
| MI | 107 | 114 | | | | |
| MN | 266 | 244 | 256 | 233 | 10 | 11 |
| MS | 132 | 133 | 50 | 44 | 82 | 89 |
| MO | 148 | 156 | | | | |
| NE | 201 | 208 | 201 | 208 | 0 | 0 |
| NY | 83 | 78 | | | | |
| NC | 250 | 238 | 125 | 97 | 125 | 141 |
| OH | 556 | 579 | | | | |
| OK | 77 | 70 | 45 | 39 | 32 | 31 |
| OR | 63 | 67 | 61 | 66 | 2 | 1 |
| PA | 464 | 479 | 450 | 465 | 14 | 14 |
| SC | 104 | 105 | 86 | 86 | 18 | 19 |
| SD | 49 | 46 | 49 | 46 | 0 | 0 |
| TX | 322 | 354 | | | | |
| VA | 97 | 63 | 48 | 32 | 49 | 31 |
| WA | 121 | 121 | | | | |
| WI | 76 | 90 | | | | |
| 30 Sts | 6,104 | 6,138 | 5,189 | 5,192 | 915 | 946 |
| Oth Sts 3/ | 343 | 333 | 276 | 261 | 67 | 72 |
| US | 6,447 | 6,471 | 5,465 | 5,453 | 982 | 1,018 |

1/ 1997 preliminary, 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.

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

| Month | Percent Being Molted | | Percent with Molt Completed | |
|-------|----------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1996 | 1997 |
| | Percent | | | |
| Jan | 3.7 | 3.8 | 24.3 | 22.3 |
| Feb | 5.4 | 5.1 | 22.3 | 21.6 |
| Mar | 3.5 | 2.4 | 23.3 | 22.9 |
| Apr | 1.9 | 3.1 | 22.9 | 21.8 |
| May | 5.4 | 5.3 | 22.2 | 19.8 |
| Jun | 4.7 | 4.4 | 22.2 | 20.8 |
| Jul | 4.0 | 4.8 | 22.9 | 21.1 |
| Aug | 4.7 | 3.5 | 22.0 | 21.9 |
| Sep | 4.3 | 4.0 | 22.3 | 21.4 |
| 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, September 1996-97 1/

| State | Percent Being Molted | | Percent with Molt Completed | |
|------------|----------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1996 | 1997 |
| | Percent | | | |
| AL | 2.0 | 2.0 | 16.0 | 12.0 |
| AR | 3.0 | 1.0 | 8.5 | 12.0 |
| CA | 8.5 | 9.0 | 40.0 | 35.5 |
| CO | 4.0 | 5.5 | 24.0 | 19.0 |
| CT | 3.0 | 3.5 | 12.5 | 9.0 |
| FL | 9.0 | 3.0 | 37.0 | 32.0 |
| GA | 3.5 | 4.5 | 24.5 | 22.0 |
| HI | 2.5 | 7.0 | 55.0 | 52.0 |
| IL | 6.0 | 2.5 | 18.0 | 30.5 |
| IN | 1.5 | 2.5 | 21.0 | 21.0 |
| IA | 5.5 | 3.0 | 27.5 | 23.0 |
| ME | .0 | .0 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| MD | 5.0 | 10.5 | 35.0 | 40.5 |
| MI | 8.0 | 4.0 | 12.5 | 21.5 |
| MN | 4.0 | 2.0 | 26.5 | 35.0 |
| MS | 1.0 | 1.0 | 14.5 | 14.0 |
| MO | 1.0 | 1.5 | 25.5 | 25.0 |
| NE | 8.0 | 8.0 | 31.5 | 23.5 |
| NY | 2.0 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 2.5 |
| NC | 2.0 | 1.0 | 14.5 | 10.5 |
| OH | 2.5 | 4.5 | 11.5 | 11.5 |
| OK | 2.0 | 2.0 | 14.5 | 8.5 |
| OR | 10.0 | 6.0 | 32.5 | 38.5 |
| PA | 5.0 | 6.5 | 20.5 | 13.5 |
| SC | 3.5 | 3.5 | 27.5 | 25.0 |
| SD | 16.0 | .5 | 41.5 | 57.0 |
| TX | 5.0 | 3.5 | 22.0 | 27.0 |
| VA | 3.0 | .0 | 9.0 | 11.5 |
| WA | 6.5 | 8.0 | 44.0 | 37.0 |
| WI | 3.0 | 3.5 | 23.5 | 24.0 |
| 30 Sts | 4.3 | 4.0 | 22.5 | 21.4 |
| Oth Sts 2/ | 4.6 | 4.3 | 18.6 | 21.9 |
| US | 4.3 | 4.0 | 22.3 | 21.4 |

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, August-September 1997-97

| Item | : | 1997 | : | 1997 | : | 1997 as % of 1997 |
|--|---|-------------|---|-----------|---|-------------------------|
| | : | | : | | : | |
| | : | ----- 1,000 | : | ----- | : | Percent |
| Egg-Type | : | | : | | : | |
| Eggs in Incubators on Sep 1 | : | 27,792 | : | 31,318 | : | 113 |
| Chicks Hatched During Aug | : | 32,393 | : | 32,903 | : | 102 |
| Chicks Hatched Jan thru Aug | : | 277,659 | : | 287,746 | : | 104 |
| Pullets Hatched During Jul for Intended: | : | | : | | : | |
| Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks | : | 186 | : | 284 | : | 153 |
| 7-18 Month Earlier 1/ | : | 2,924 | : | 2,929 | : | 100 |
| Broiler-Type | : | | : | | : | |
| Eggs in Incubators on Sep 1 | : | 567,598 | : | 590,336 | : | 104 |
| Chicks Hatched During Aug | : | 690,838 | : | 709,281 | : | 103 |
| Chicks Hatched Jan thru Aug | : | 5,439,577 | : | 5,580,442 | : | 103 |
| Pullets Hatched During Jul for Intended: | : | | : | | : | |
| Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks | : | 6,510 | : | 6,697 | : | 103 |
| 7-15 Months Earlier 2/ | : | 55,752 | : | 56,719 | : | 102 |

1/ 1997 includes pullet chicks hatched Feb 1996 through Jan 1997.

2/ 1997 includes pullet chicks hatched May 1996 through Jan 1997.

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

| Geographic Division | : | 1996 | : | 1997 | : | 1997 as % of 1996 |
|------------------------|---|-------------|---|--------|---|-------------------------|
| | : | | : | | : | |
| | : | ----- 1,000 | : | ----- | : | Percent |
| North Atlantic | : | 5,215 | : | 5,980 | : | 115 |
| E North Central | : | 7,541 | : | 8,121 | : | 108 |
| W North Central | : | 4,667 | : | 5,625 | : | 121 |
| South Atlantic | : | 4,588 | : | 4,405 | : | 96 |
| South Central | : | 2,481 | : | 3,630 | : | 146 |
| West | : | 3,300 | : | 3,557 | : | 108 |
| US | : | 27,792 | : | 31,318 | : | 113 |

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,
August 1996-97

| State | August | | | Jan-Aug | | |
|------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 as % of 1996 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 as % of 1996 |
| | ----- 1,000 ----- | | Percent | ----- 1,000 ----- | | Percent |
| AR | 1,147 | 940 | 82 | 7,595 | 6,697 | 88 |
| FL | 979 | 1,179 | 120 | 8,600 | 9,666 | 112 |
| GA | 2,043 | 2,184 | 107 | 16,666 | 16,806 | 101 |
| IN | 7,505 | 7,141 | 95 | 58,491 | 58,082 | 99 |
| IA | 2,845 | 3,997 | 140 | 27,071 | 31,669 | 117 |
| KS | 343 | 142 | 41 | 2,047 | 2,128 | 104 |
| MN | 1,951 | 1,507 | 77 | 16,617 | 15,586 | 94 |
| MO | 382 | 400 | 105 | 2,764 | 3,121 | 113 |
| PA | 3,863 | 3,983 | 103 | 31,785 | 38,742 | 122 |
| Oth Sts 1/ | 11,335 | 11,430 | 101 | 106,023 | 105,249 | 99 |
| US | 32,393 | 32,903 | 102 | 277,659 | 287,746 | 104 |

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

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

| : By Months : | | | | | | | | | | Cumulative | | | |
|---|----------|--------|--------|-----|---------|---------|---------|-----|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Month: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| : 1995 : 1996 : 1997 : 1997 | | | | | | | | | | : 1997 | | | |
| : as % of: | | | | | | | | | | : 1995 : 1996 : 1997 : as % of | | | |
| : 1996 : | | | | | | | | | | : 1996 : | | | |
| : ----- 1,000 ----- Percent ----- 1,000 ----- Percent | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | : 32,374 | 31,523 | 33,331 | 106 | 32,374 | 31,523 | 33,331 | 106 | | | | | |
| Feb | : 32,743 | 34,627 | 35,318 | 102 | 65,117 | 66,150 | 68,649 | 104 | | | | | |
| Mar | : 36,019 | 37,474 | 37,648 | 100 | 101,136 | 103,624 | 106,297 | 103 | | | | | |
| Apr | : 35,078 | 35,628 | 38,746 | 109 | 136,214 | 139,252 | 145,043 | 104 | | | | | |
| May | : 37,540 | 38,607 | 38,891 | 101 | 173,754 | 177,859 | 183,934 | 103 | | | | | |
| Jun | : 34,996 | 34,076 | 36,955 | 108 | 208,750 | 211,935 | 220,889 | 104 | | | | | |
| Jul | : 29,572 | 33,331 | 33,954 | 102 | 238,322 | 245,266 | 254,843 | 104 | | | | | |
| Aug | : 31,442 | 32,393 | 32,903 | 102 | 269,764 | 277,659 | 287,746 | 104 | | | | | |
| Sep | : 33,586 | 32,070 | | | 303,350 | 309,729 | | | | | | | |
| Oct | : 33,383 | 33,065 | | | 336,733 | 342,794 | | | | | | | |
| Nov | : 29,129 | 31,437 | | | 365,862 | 374,231 | | | | | | | |
| Dec | : 30,639 | 33,017 | | | 396,501 | 407,248 | | | | | | | |

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

| Month | Pullet Chicks Hatched | | | Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks as % of: 7-18 Months Earlier 2/ | | | |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----|---|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1995 : 1996 : 1997 | | | 1996 : 1996 : 1997 : 1998 | | | |
| | 1,000 ----- | | | Percent ----- 1,000 ----- | | | |
| Jan | 236 | 219 | 208 | 95 | 3,108 | 2,953 | 2,814 |
| Feb | 251 | 238 | 219 | 92 | 3,089 | 2,984 | 2,747 |
| Mar | 356 | 317 | 206 | 65 | 2,943 | 3,007 | 2,845 |
| Apr | 317 | 252 | 316 | 125 | 2,920 | 2,946 | |
| May | 193 | 291 | 268 | 92 | 2,951 | 2,870 | |
| Jun | 234 | 282 | 256 | 91 | 2,835 | 2,956 | |
| Jul | 235 | 266 | 199 | 75 | 2,941 | 2,940 | |
| Aug | 163 | 186 | 284 | 153 | 2,924 | 2,929 | |
| Sep | 292 | 231 | | | 2,911 | 2,910 | |
| Oct | 309 | 233 | | | 2,872 | 2,799 | |
| Nov | 124 | 210 | | | 2,807 | 2,863 | |
| Dec | 231 | 215 | | | 2,905 | 2,840 | |
| Total | 2,941 | 2,940 | | | | | |

- 1/ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.
- 2/ For August 1997, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Feb 1996 through Jan 1997. 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, September 1, 1996-97

| Geographic Division | 1996 | | 1997 | | 1997 as % of 1996 | |
|---------------------|-------------|--|---------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| | 1,000 ----- | | Percent ----- | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| North Atlantic | 11,949 | | 12,316 | | 103 | |
| E North Central | 7,820 | | 6,892 | | 88 | |
| W North Central | 22,066 | | 22,904 | | 104 | |
| South Atlantic | 222,466 | | 225,926 | | 102 | |
| South Central | 281,757 | | 300,783 | | 107 | |
| West | 21,540 | | 21,515 | | 100 | |
| US | 567,598 | | 590,336 | | 104 | |

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

| State | August | | | Jan-Aug | | |
|------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 as % of 1996 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 as % of 1996 |
| | ----- 1,000 ----- | | Percent | ----- 1,000 ----- | | Percent |
| | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| AL | 89,106 | 93,944 | 105 | 702,198 | 732,372 | 104 |
| AR | 106,065 | 106,407 | 100 | 839,670 | 849,486 | 101 |
| DE | 17,124 | 17,704 | 103 | 129,717 | 132,349 | 102 |
| FL | 10,507 | 9,317 | 89 | 81,963 | 75,720 | 92 |
| GA | 103,340 | 107,987 | 104 | 817,962 | 846,482 | 103 |
| MD | 30,606 | 30,685 | 100 | 246,430 | 245,552 | 100 |
| MS | 58,548 | 60,829 | 104 | 455,242 | 495,743 | 109 |
| NC | 63,766 | 62,505 | 98 | 502,005 | 491,189 | 98 |
| PA | 12,266 | 13,158 | 107 | 93,067 | 101,625 | 109 |
| SC | 15,540 | 15,531 | 100 | 121,787 | 122,580 | 101 |
| TX | 41,219 | 44,575 | 108 | 328,490 | 350,506 | 107 |
| VA | 23,859 | 23,841 | 100 | 186,613 | 189,652 | 102 |
| CA TN & WV | 33,950 | 36,247 | 107 | 274,443 | 279,434 | 102 |
| 15 Sts 1/ | 605,896 | 622,730 | 103 | 4,779,587 | 4,912,690 | 103 |
| OR & WA | 5,704 | 5,359 | 94 | 45,511 | 47,736 | 105 |
| Oth Sts 2/ | 79,238 | 81,192 | 102 | 614,479 | 620,016 | 101 |
| US | 690,838 | 709,281 | 103 | 5,439,577 | 5,580,442 | 103 |

1/ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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

Broiler Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1995-97

| Month | By Months | | | | Cumulative | | | |
|-------|-------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 as % of 1996 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 as % of 1996 |
| | ----- 1,000 ----- | | | Percent | ----- 1,000 ----- | | | Percent |
| | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| Jan | 662,467 | 689,994 | 700,467 | 102 | 662,467 | 689,994 | 700,467 | 102 |
| Feb | 600,095 | 645,590 | 631,259 | 98 | 1,262,562 | 1,335,584 | 1,331,726 | 100 |
| Mar | 679,066 | 692,287 | 716,374 | 103 | 1,941,628 | 2,027,871 | 2,048,100 | 101 |
| Apr | 664,121 | 668,378 | 690,790 | 103 | 2,605,749 | 2,696,249 | 2,738,890 | 102 |
| May | 691,935 | 700,556 | 720,610 | 103 | 3,297,684 | 3,396,805 | 3,459,500 | 102 |
| Jun | 670,815 | 672,168 | 702,511 | 105 | 3,968,499 | 4,068,973 | 4,162,011 | 102 |
| Jul | 673,666 | 679,766 | 709,150 | 104 | 4,642,165 | 4,748,739 | 4,871,161 | 103 |
| Aug | 674,054 | 690,838 | 709,281 | 103 | 5,316,219 | 5,439,577 | 5,580,442 | 103 |
| Sep | 638,882 | 658,976 | | | 5,955,101 | 6,098,553 | | |
| Oct | 655,036 | 652,232 | | | 6,610,137 | 6,750,785 | | |
| Nov | 629,208 | 631,142 | | | 7,239,345 | 7,381,927 | | |
| Dec | 693,007 | 695,011 | | | 7,932,352 | 8,076,938 | | |

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

| Month | : | Pullet Chicks Hatched | | | : | Cumulative Potential Placements | | |
|---------|---|-----------------------|--------|-------|---|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | : | | | | : | Relative to Current Supply Flocks | | |
| | : | | | | : | as % of: 7-15 Months Earlier 2/ | | |
| | : | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | : | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| | : | ----- 1,000 ----- | | | : | ----- 1,000 ----- | | |
| | : | | | | : | | | |
| US | : | | | | : | | | |
| Place- | : | | | | : | | | |
| ments | : | | | | : | | | |
| Jan | : | 5,710 | 5,487 | 6,393 | : | 117 | 54,562 | 56,074 |
| Feb | : | 5,484 | 5,916 | 5,913 | : | 100 | 54,522 | 56,090 |
| Mar | : | 6,161 | 6,093 | 6,439 | : | 106 | 55,178 | 55,944 |
| Apr | : | 6,320 | 6,746 | 6,122 | : | 91 | 55,053 | 55,892 |
| May | : | 6,135 | 6,776 | 7,056 | : | 104 | 55,356 | 56,626 |
| Jun | : | 6,178 | 6,169 | 6,008 | : | 97 | 56,528 | 57,218 |
| Jul | : | 6,302 | 6,029 | 7,332 | : | 122 | 56,585 | 57,072 |
| Aug | : | 6,475 | 6,510 | 6,697 | : | 103 | 55,752 | 56,719 |
| Sep | : | 6,288 | 6,166 | | : | | 55,533 | 55,856 |
| Oct | : | 6,013 | 6,221 | | : | | 55,448 | 56,126 |
| Nov | : | 6,656 | 6,508 | | : | | 55,892 | 56,219 |
| Dec | : | 6,218 | 5,947 | | : | | 56,193 | 56,765 |
| Annual | : | | | | : | | | |
| Total | : | 73,940 | 74,568 | | : | | | |
| Total | : | | | | : | | | |
| Place- | : | | | | : | | | |
| ments3/ | : | | | | : | | | |
| Jan | : | 7,040 | 6,693 | 7,665 | : | 115 | | |
| Feb | : | 7,180 | 7,167 | 7,252 | : | 101 | | |
| Mar | : | 7,577 | 7,501 | 8,030 | : | 107 | | |
| Apr | : | 7,835 | 7,903 | 7,453 | : | 94 | | |
| May | : | 7,873 | 8,234 | 8,660 | : | 105 | | |
| Jun | : | 7,485 | 7,467 | 7,483 | : | 100 | | |
| Jul | : | 7,730 | 7,572 | 8,714 | : | 115 | | |
| Aug | : | 7,850 | 8,120 | 8,350 | : | 103 | | |
| Sep | : | 7,730 | 7,771 | | : | | | |
| Oct | : | 7,301 | 7,892 | | : | | | |
| Nov | : | 7,784 | 7,860 | | : | | | |
| Dec | : | 7,750 | 7,709 | | : | | | |
| Annual | : | | | | : | | | |
| Total | : | 91,135 | 91,889 | | : | | | |

1/ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.

2/ For Aug 1997, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched May 1996 through Jan 1997.

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.

Revisions: The previous month's estimates are subject to revision if late reports or corrected data indicates a different level. Additionally, revisions needed after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the annual summaries of "Layers and Egg Production" and "Hatchery Production".

Procedures and Reliability: Operations are mailed a questionnaire and given adequate time to respond by mail. Those that do not respond are phoned. Great care is exercised to ensure that all operations are accounted for during each survey period. However, there are usually missing reports that must be accounted for in the estimates.

Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are checked for unusual values. All operations' data are compared to their own past operating profiles and also to trends from other operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. Survey data are subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by reviewing all data for consistency and reasonableness.

Egg-type chicks hatched are comprised of all chicks of egg-type domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. The relationship of chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings is 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.

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 egg supply flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the flocks. Beginning with the January 1996 publication the broiler-type cumulative potential placements went from 7-14 months earlier to 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

The next "Chickens and Eggs" report will be released at 3:00 p.m. ET on October 21, 1997.

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