

# Chickens and Eggs



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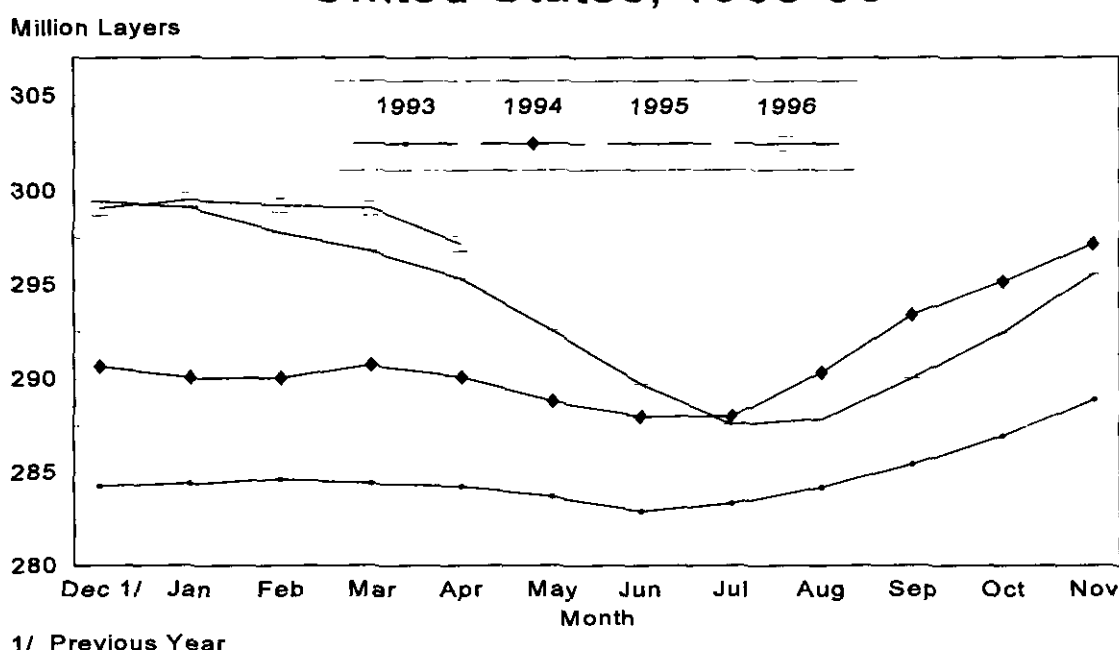
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## April Egg Production up 1 percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.25 billion during April 1996, up 1 percent from the 6.18 billion produced 1995. Production included 5.29 billion table eggs and 958 million hatching egg type, of which 895 million were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 1996 averaged 297 million, up 1 percent from the average number of layers during April 1995. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,102 eggs, compared with 2,092 in April 1995.

## Average Number of Layers United States, 1993-96



All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 1996, totaled 295 million, up fractionally from a year ago. The 295 million layers consisted of 243 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 50.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.69 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 1996, averaged 69.2 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from the 69.1 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 5.91 billion eggs during April, up 1 percent from April 1995. The average number of layers during April, at 281 million, was up 1 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 2 Percent**

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during April totaled 35.6 million, up 2 percent from April 1995. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 33.1 million on May 1, 1996, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 252,000 during April 1996, down 21 percent from the 317,000 of April 1995.

#### **Broiler Hatch Up Slightly**

The April 1996 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 665 million, was slightly above April of the previous year. There were 567 million **eggs in incubators** on May 1, 1996, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.44 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during April 1996, up 2 percent from April 1995.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month,  
United States, 1993-96 1/

Month	:	1993	:	1994	:	1995	:	1996
1,000 Layers								
Dec 2/	:	284,267		290,642		299,434		299,066
Jan	:	284,398		290,041		299,084		299,513
Feb	:	284,638		290,047		297,759		299,222
Mar	:	284,405		290,719		296,796		299,066
Apr	:	284,234		290,073		295,293		297,164
May	:	283,694		288,784		292,548		
Jun	:	282,914		287,974		289,705		
Jul	:	283,324		287,990		287,557		
Aug	:	284,192		290,321		287,837		
Sep	:	285,418		293,381		290,021		
Oct	:	286,948		295,172		292,459		
Nov	:	288,875		297,134		295,562		

1/ Data are for chart on cover page.

2/ December preceding year.

Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,  
United States, 1995-96

Month	:	Total Eggs		:	Table Eggs		:	Hatching Eggs	
	:			:			:		
	:	1995	1996	:	1995	1996	:	1995	1996
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	:	Million Eggs							
	:								
Dec 1/	:	6,516	6,534		5,568	5,559		948	975
Jan	:	6,369	6,411		5,417	5,433		952	978
Feb	:	5,714	5,971		4,854	5,053		860	918
Mar	:	6,448	6,513		5,492	5,523		956	990
Apr	:	6,177	6,246		5,238	5,288		939	958
May	:	6,251			5,271			980	
Jun	:	6,010			5,060			950	
Jul	:	6,145			5,179			966	
Aug	:	6,146			5,191			955	
Sep	:	5,990			5,063			927	
Oct	:	6,260			5,301			959	
Nov	:	6,232			5,298			934	
During Year:	:	74,258	31,675		62,932	26,856		11,326	4,819

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,  
and Forced Molt, United States, March-April

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Mar (1,000)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	296,796	:	299,066	:	101
Table Egg Type	:	244,606	:	245,560	:	100
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,190	:	53,506	:	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,307	:	50,767	:	103
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,883	:	2,739	:	95
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar (Number)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	2,173	:	2,178	:	100
Table Egg Type	:	2,245	:	2,249	:	100
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,832	:	1,850	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,805	:	1,824	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,289	:	2,337	:	102
Eggs Produced During Mar (Million)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	6,448	:	6,513	:	101
Table Egg Type	:	5,492	:	5,523	:	101
Hatching Egg Type	:	956	:	990	:	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	890	:	926	:	104
Egg-Type Hatching	:	66	:	64	:	97
Layers on Apr 1 (1,000)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	296,290	:	298,871	:	101
Table Egg Type	:	243,972	:	245,692	:	101
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,318	:	53,179	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,376	:	50,440	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,942	:	2,739	:	93
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1 (Number)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	71.1	:	70.9	:	100
Table Egg Type	:	73.6	:	73.2	:	99
Hatching Egg Type	:	59.5	:	60.1	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	58.5	:	59.2	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	76.0	:	76.9	:	101
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1	:		:		:	
Percent Being Molted	:	3.4	:	2.0	:	59
Percent with Molt Completed	:	23.8	:	22.9	:	96

1/ Revised.

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

Item	:	1995	:	1996 1/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Apr (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	295,293		297,164		101
Table Egg Type	:	242,812		244,158		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,481		53,006		101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,578		50,288		101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,903		2,718		94
Eggs per 100 Layers During Apr (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	2,092		2,102		100
Table Egg Type	:	2,157		2,166		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,789		1,807		101
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,761		1,780		101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,274		2,318		102
Eggs Produced During Apr (Million)	:					
All Layers	:	6,177		6,246		101
Table Egg Type	:	5,238		5,288		101
Hatching Egg Type	:	939		958		102
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	873		895		103
Egg-Type Hatching	:	66		63		95
Layers on May 1 (1,000)	:					
All Layers	:	294,697		295,399		100
Table Egg Type	:	242,070		242,593		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	52,627		52,806		100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	49,769		50,120		101
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,858		2,686		94
Eggs per 100 Layers on May 1 (Number)	:					
All Layers	:	69.1		69.2		100
Table Egg Type	:	71.0		71.2		100
Hatching Egg Type	:	60.2		60.3		100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	59.2		59.4		100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	77.2		76.3		99
Forced Molt Layers, May 1	:					
Percent Being Molted	:	5.7		5.5		96
Percent with Molt Completed	:	22.4		22.4		100

1/ Preliminary.

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

Item	1995	1996 2/	1996 as % of 1995
Layers During Mar (1,000)			
All Layers	280,309	283,117	101
Table Egg Type	231,541	233,163	101
Hatching Egg Type	48,768	49,954	102
Broiler-Type Hatching	45,968	47,317	103
Egg-Type Hatching	2,800	2,637	94
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar (Number)			
All Layers	2,171	2,178	100
Table Egg Type	2,242	2,247	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,833	1,852	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,803	1,824	101
Egg-Type Hatching	2,321	2,351	101
Eggs Produced During Mar (Million)			
All Layers	6,085	6,165	101
Table Egg Type	5,191	5,240	101
Hatching Egg Type	894	925	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	829	863	104
Egg-Type Hatching	65	62	95
Layers on Apr 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	279,970	283,016	101
Table Egg Type	231,056	233,369	101
Hatching Egg Type	48,914	49,647	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,040	47,004	102
Egg-Type Hatching	2,874	2,643	92
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1 (Number)			
All Layers	71.1	70.9	100
Table Egg Type	73.5	73.2	100
Hatching Egg Type	59.5	60.0	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.5	59.1	101
Egg-Type Hatching	75.9	76.6	101
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1			
Percent Being Molting	3.4	2.0	59
Percent with Molt Completed	23.9	23.0	96
Layers Sold During Mar (1,000)	17,183	15,440	90
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Mar (1,000)	2,662	2,644	99
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Apr 1 (1,000)	72,019	70,209	97
Pullets Added During Mar (1,000)	21,187	17,338	82

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, April-May, 30 Selected States, 1995-96 1/

Item	:	1995	:	1996 2/	:	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Apr	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	279,036	281,307	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	230,022	231,792	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	49,014	49,515	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	46,187	46,893	:	102
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,827	2,622	:	93
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Eggs per 100 Layers During Apr	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	2,091	2,102	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	2,155	2,165	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	1,791	1,808	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	1,760	1,779	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,299	2,326	:	101
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Eggs Produced During Apr	(Million)	:				
All Layers		:	5,836	5,913	:	101
Table Egg Type		:	4,958	5,018	:	101
Hatching Egg Type		:	878	895	:	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	813	834	:	103
Egg-Type Hatching		:	65	61	:	94
:						
Layers on May 1	(1,000)	:				
All Layers		:	278,513	279,553	:	100
Table Egg Type		:	229,412	230,194	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	49,101	49,359	:	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	46,326	46,769	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	2,775	2,590	:	93
:						
Eggs per 100 Layers on May 1	(Number)	:				
All Layers		:	69.1	69.2	:	100
Table Egg Type		:	71.0	71.1	:	100
Hatching Egg Type		:	60.2	60.4	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		:	59.2	59.5	:	101
Egg-Type Hatching		:	77.0	75.9	:	99
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Forced Molt Layers, May 1		:				
Percent Being Molted		:	5.7	5.6	:	98
Percent with Molt Completed		:	22.4	22.5	:	100
:						
Layers Sold During Apr	(1,000)	:	17,866	16,941	:	95
:						
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Apr	(1,000)	:	2,788	2,585	:	93
:						
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, May 1	(1,000)	:	71,580	70,733	:	99
:						
Pullets Added During Apr	(1,000)	:	20,173	17,386	:	86

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

2/ Preliminary.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State  
and United States, During March 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	: 4,736	: 4,044	: 11,720	: 10,810	: 1,988	: 1,924
AR	: 6,017	: 5,686	: 16,024	: 16,008	: 1,922	: 1,887
CA	: 25,487	: 24,706	: 26,073	: 25,246	: 2,178	: 2,242
CO	: 2,673	: 2,574	: 3,224	: 3,174	: 2,171	: 2,237
CT	: 3,359	: 3,342	: 3,549	: 3,484	: 2,282	: 2,296
FL	: 8,587	: 8,416	: 9,202	: 9,099	: 2,282	: 2,187
GA	: 10,412	: 10,923	: 18,109	: 18,962	: 2,098	: 2,120
HI	: 725	: 733	: 768	: 776	: 2,080	: 2,083
IL	: 2,642	: 2,948	: 2,839	: 3,141	: 2,325	: 2,356
IN	: 20,522	: 20,549	: 21,416	: 21,624	: 2,265	: 2,238
IA	: 15,840	: 17,351	: 16,725	: 18,210	: 2,033	: 2,186
ME	: 4,822	: 4,737	: 4,977	: 4,870	: 2,331	: 2,485
MD	: 3,242	: 3,641	: 3,823	: 4,109	: 2,223	: 2,166
MI	: 4,966	: 4,823	: 5,250	: 5,085	: 2,325	: 2,217
MN	: 10,253	: 11,033	: 11,096	: 11,881	: 2,217	: 2,222
MS	: 2,330	: 2,358	: 6,189	: 6,309	: 1,971	: 2,013
MO	: 5,865	: 5,448	: 6,728	: 6,573	: 2,155	: 2,099
NE	: 8,850	: 8,956	: 9,000	: 9,106	: 2,313	: 2,201
NY	: 3,483	: 3,609	: 3,840	: 3,928	: 2,396	: 2,317
NC	: 6,416	: 6,029	: 14,101	: 13,787	: 1,929	: 1,908
OH	: 21,928	: 23,019	: 22,263	: 23,494	: 2,313	: 2,328
OK	: 2,035	: 1,998	: 3,750	: 3,888	: 2,053	: 2,032
OR	: 2,330	: 2,601	: 2,536	: 2,804	: 2,287	: 2,389
PA	: 20,385	: 19,830	: 21,790	: 21,175	: 2,322	: 2,333
SC	: 4,065	: 3,793	: 5,075	: 4,781	: 2,207	: 2,175
SD	: 1,493	: 1,743	: 1,725	: 1,935	: 2,275	: 2,201
TX	: 12,398	: 13,405	: 15,726	: 16,681	: 2,137	: 2,134
VA	: 1,717	: 1,602	: 3,864	: 3,695	: 2,045	: 1,976
WA	: 5,257	: 4,914	: 5,531	: 5,152	: 2,242	: 2,368
WI	: 2,864	: 2,837	: 3,396	: 3,330	: 2,179	: 2,222
30 Sts	: 225,699	: 227,648	: 280,309	: 283,117	: 2,171	: 2,178
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,682	: 11,069	: 16,487	: 15,949	: 2,202	: 2,176
US	: 237,381	: 238,717	: 296,796	: 299,066	: 2,173	: 2,178

1/ 1996 revised.

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

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.



Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State  
and United States, During April 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	: 4,641	: 4,254	: 11,630	: 10,811	: 1,917	: 1,905
AR	: 5,890	: 5,345	: 15,965	: 15,497	: 1,867	: 1,839
CA	: 24,962	: 24,061	: 25,536	: 24,600	: 2,091	: 2,146
CO	: 2,656	: 2,625	: 3,217	: 3,228	: 2,114	: 2,076
CT	: 3,412	: 3,338	: 3,596	: 3,479	: 2,225	: 2,213
FL	: 8,284	: 8,240	: 8,927	: 8,915	: 2,196	: 2,120
GA	: 10,184	: 10,721	: 17,921	: 18,709	: 2,070	: 2,036
HI	: 712	: 729	: 758	: 767	: 2,058	: 1,950
IL	: 2,581	: 3,001	: 2,774	: 3,189	: 2,199	: 2,320
IN	: 20,374	: 20,321	: 21,255	: 21,378	: 2,150	: 2,138
IA	: 16,125	: 17,678	: 16,990	: 18,542	: 1,954	: 2,184
ME	: 4,890	: 4,735	: 5,049	: 4,878	: 2,238	: 2,378
MD	: 3,388	: 3,595	: 3,953	: 4,039	: 2,125	: 1,981
MI	: 4,968	: 4,825	: 5,250	: 5,091	: 2,205	: 2,163
MN	: 10,218	: 11,145	: 11,078	: 11,990	: 2,130	: 2,135
MS	: 2,348	: 2,333	: 6,254	: 6,382	: 1,951	: 1,927
MO	: 5,765	: 5,330	: 6,628	: 6,466	: 2,127	: 2,057
NE	: 8,875	: 8,849	: 9,025	: 8,999	: 2,223	: 2,178
NY	: 3,379	: 3,675	: 3,727	: 4,002	: 2,254	: 2,299
NC	: 6,400	: 5,862	: 14,030	: 13,549	: 1,882	: 1,867
OH	: 21,878	: 23,159	: 22,256	: 23,644	: 2,233	: 2,233
OK	: 2,043	: 1,963	: 3,761	: 3,841	: 1,968	: 1,927
OR	: 2,366	: 2,535	: 2,572	: 2,735	: 2,216	: 2,267
PA	: 20,135	: 19,635	: 21,520	: 20,983	: 2,207	: 2,221
SC	: 4,071	: 3,673	: 5,065	: 4,676	: 2,152	: 2,117
SD	: 1,553	: 1,898	: 1,793	: 2,108	: 2,157	: 2,097
TX	: 12,381	: 13,378	: 15,776	: 16,581	: 2,035	: 2,051
VA	: 1,632	: 1,657	: 3,841	: 3,804	: 1,953	: 1,866
WA	: 5,279	: 4,921	: 5,560	: 5,164	: 2,176	: 2,246
WI	: 2,787	: 2,765	: 3,329	: 3,260	: 2,133	: 2,147
30 Sts	: 224,177	: 226,246	: 279,036	: 281,307	: 2,091	: 2,102
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,425	: 11,042	: 16,257	: 15,857	: 2,098	: 2,100
US	: 235,602	: 237,288	: 295,293	: 297,164	: 2,092	: 2,102

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3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

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

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	233	208	109	87	124	121
AR	308	302	133	117	175	185
CA	568	566				
CO	70	71				
CT	81	80				
FL	210	199	199	185	11	14
GA	380	402	234	246	146	156
HI	16	16	16	16	0	0
IL	66	74	65	73	1	1
IN	485	484	475	475	10	9
IA	340	398				
ME	116	121				
MD	85	89	75	81	10	8
MI	122	113				
MN	246	264	236	253	10	11
MS	122	127	52	54	70	73
MO	145	138				
NE	208	200	208	200	0	0
NY	92	91				
NC	272	263	142	131	130	132
OH	515	547				
OK	77	79	49	49	28	30
OR	58	67	56	65	2	2
PA	506	494	488	477	18	17
SC	112	104	94	86	18	18
SD	39	43	39	43	0	0
TX	336	356	286	302	50	54
VA	79	73	40	36	39	37
WA	124	122				
WI	74	74				
30 Sts	6,085	6,165	5,191	5,240	894	925
Oth Sts 3/	363	348	301	283	62	65
US	6,448	6,513	5,492	5,523	956	990

1/ 1996 revised.

2/ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

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

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	223	206	100	90	123	116
AR	298	285	126	106	172	179
CA	534	528				
CO	68	67				
CT	80	77				
FL	196	189	185	176	11	13
GA	371	381	227	228	144	153
HI	15	15	15	15	0	0
IL	61	74	60	73	1	1
IN	457	457	447	448	10	9
IA	332	405				
ME	113	116				
MD	84	80	75	73	9	7
MI	116	110				
MN	236	256	226	245	10	11
MS	122	123	53	49	69	74
MO	141	133				
NE	201	196	201	196	0	0
NY	84	92				
NC	264	253	139	125	125	128
OH	497	528				
OK	74	74	48	46	26	28
OR	57	62	55	60	2	2
PA	475	466	458	449	17	17
SC	109	99	91	82	18	17
SD	39	44	39	44	0	0
TX	321	340	272	288	49	52
VA	75	71	37	35	38	36
WA	121	116				
WI	71	70				
30 Sts	5,836	5,913	4,958	5,018	878	895
Oth Sts 3/	341	333	280	270	61	63
US	6,177	6,246	5,238	5,288	939	958

1/ 1996 preliminary.

2/ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

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

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
Jan	4.6	3.7	23.9	24.3
Feb	6.3	5.5	23.7	22.4
Mar	4.8	3.5	24.1	23.4
Apr	3.4	2.0	23.8	22.9
May	5.7	5.5	22.4	22.4
Jun	6.0		23.0	
Jul	4.9		23.4	
Aug	4.1		23.4	
Sep	4.6		23.3	
Oct	5.1		23.3	
Nov	3.6		24.2	
Dec	2.2		25.5	

1/ As of first of month.

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

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
AL	4.0	1.5	11.5	10.0
AR	5.0	3.5	12.5	8.5
CA	11.0	11.0	40.0	41.0
CO	6.0	5.0	24.5	24.0
CT	.5	4.5	14.0	9.5
FL	15.0	6.0	28.5	36.0
GA	4.0	7.5	20.0	21.5
HI	7.0	12.0	51.5	52.5
IL	5.0	4.5	26.5	29.5
IN	4.0	4.0	31.5	26.5
IA	6.0	5.5	32.0	29.5
ME	.5	.0	.5	.0
MD	5.0	16.5	27.5	37.0
MI	6.5	9.5	15.0	17.5
MN	7.0	6.5	24.0	27.5
MS	2.5	5.0	16.0	13.0
MO	2.5	8.0	20.0	24.5
NE	5.0	4.5	21.5	33.0
NY	3.0	1.5	5.0	1.5
NC	2.5	2.0	16.5	13.0
OH	4.5	3.5	10.5	10.5
OK	1.5	3.5	14.0	12.0
OR	11.5	8.0	35.0	37.0
PA	5.0	6.5	21.5	19.5
SC	15.5	7.0	24.0	30.5
SD	2.5	1.0	32.5	42.5
TX	6.5	4.5	21.5	20.5
VA	8.5	2.0	15.0	13.5
WA	6.5	11.0	40.5	38.5
WI	5.5	9.0	31.0	22.5
30 Sts	5.7	5.6	22.4	22.5
Oth Sts 2/	5.8	3.9	23.1	20.6
US	5.7	5.5	22.4	22.4

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, May-June 1995-96

Item	:	:	:	:
	:	1995	:	1996
	:	:	:	as % of
	:	:	:	1995
	:	-----	1,000	-----
	:			Percent
Egg-Type	:			
Eggs in Incubators on May 1	:	33,229	33,053	99
Chicks Hatched During Apr	:	35,020	35,553	102
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Apr	:	136,161	139,439	102
Pullets Hatched During Apr for Intended:	:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	317	252	79
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	:	3,106	2,920	94
Broiler-Type	:			
Eggs in Incubators on May 1	:	563,712	567,484	101
Chicks Hatched During Apr	:	664,150	665,443	100
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Apr	:	2,605,832	2,687,606	103
Pullets Hatched During Apr for Intended:	:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	:	6,320	6,442	102
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	:	54,576	55,053	101
1/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 1994 through Sep 1995.				
2/ 1996 includes pullet chicks hatched Jan 1995 through Sep 1995.				

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

Geographic Division	:	:	:	:
	:	1995	:	1996
	:	:	:	as % of
	:	:	:	1995
	:	-----	1,000	-----
	:			Percent
North Atlantic	:	4,378	4,546	104
E North Central	:	9,009	9,513	106
W North Central	:	6,195	6,289	102
South Atlantic	:	5,075	4,926	97
South Central	:	3,576	3,315	93
West	:	4,996	4,464	89
US	:	33,229	33,053	99

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic = CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

W North Central = IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic = DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central = AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By State and United States,  
April 1995-96

State	April			Jan-Apr		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
AR	1,198	743	62	4,326	3,654	84
FL	890	1,202	135	3,876	4,194	108
GA	1,687	2,040	121	6,990	8,431	121
IN	7,168	7,768	108	27,410	29,917	109
IA	3,705	3,232	87	14,415	12,455	86
KS	216	146	68	950	990	104
MN	2,167	2,196	101	8,316	8,474	102
MO	630	414	66	1,796	1,210	67
PA	3,301	3,798	115	13,164	15,225	116
Oth Sts 1/	14,058	14,014	100	54,918	54,889	100
US	35,020	35,553	102	136,161	139,439	102

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1994-96

Month:	By Months				Cumulative			
	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1994	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 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			168,790	173,643		
Jun	31,985	34,948			200,775	208,591		
Jul	29,613	29,554			230,388	238,145		
Aug	31,295	31,434			261,683	269,579		
Sep	31,587	33,578			293,270	303,157		
Oct	32,066	33,384			325,336	336,541		
Nov	26,075	29,130			351,411	365,671		
Dec	30,166	30,797			381,577	396,468		

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1996 : as % of: : 1995	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier 2/		
	1994	1995	1996		1994	1995	1996
	1,000	1,000	1,000		Percent	1,000	1,000
Jan	213	236	171	72	3,021	3,022	3,108
Feb	184	251	238	95	3,041	3,009	3,089
Mar	259	356	317	89	2,997	3,075	2,943
Apr	277	317	252	79	3,033	3,106	2,920
May	334	193			3,051	3,119	2,951
Jun	257	234			2,944	3,187	2,835
Jul	254	235			3,025	3,045	2,941
Aug	309	163			3,011	3,068	2,876
Sep	315	292			3,052	3,135	2,863
Oct	278	309			3,019	3,232	2,824
Nov	240	124			3,021	3,272	2,759
Dec	125	231			3,056	3,131	
Total	3,045	2,941					

- 1/ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.
- 2/ For April 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Oct 1994 through Sep 1995. 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, May 1, 1995-96

Geographic Division	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000	1,000	Percent
North Atlantic	11,586	11,490	99
E North Central	8,956	7,761	87
W North Central	19,311	22,700	118
South Atlantic	223,147	223,378	100
South Central	277,669	278,625	100
West	23,043	23,530	102
US	563,712	567,484	101



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

State	April			Jan-Apr		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent	----- 1,000 -----	----- 1,000 -----	Percent
	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	: 92,086	83,990	91	366,639	339,313	93
AR	: 102,220	101,413	99	404,833	419,918	104
DE	: 16,538	15,313	93	66,439	64,383	97
FL	: 10,613	9,875	93	38,236	40,863	107
GA	: 96,551	100,159	104	376,266	406,241	108
MD	: 31,828	30,698	96	125,148	126,374	101
MS	: 53,652	56,207	105	213,456	221,179	104
NC	: 63,735	62,702	98	245,164	251,364	103
PA	: 11,375	11,174	98	43,918	44,342	101
SC	: 15,254	14,854	97	61,068	60,692	99
TX	: 39,400	40,125	102	151,383	162,973	108
VA	: 23,789	23,001	97	93,951	93,647	100
CA TN & WV	: 33,669	33,986	101	133,022	135,372	102
15 Sts 1/	: 590,710	583,497	99	2,319,523	2,366,661	102
OR & WA	: 5,669	6,130	108	22,149	22,292	101
Oth Sts 2/	: 67,771	75,816	112	264,160	298,653	113
US	: 664,150	665,443	100	2,605,832	2,687,606	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, 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	: 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			3,102,755	3,297,836		
Jun	: 647,342	670,839			3,750,097	3,968,675		
Jul	: 646,875	673,687			4,396,972	4,642,362		
Aug	: 654,309	674,068			5,051,281	5,316,430		
Sep	: 626,706	638,901			5,677,987	5,955,331		
Oct	: 620,679	654,221			6,298,666	6,609,552		
Nov	: 600,055	627,767			6,898,721	7,237,319		
Dec	: 663,595	691,193			7,562,316	7,928,512		

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1996 : as % of: : 1995	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier 2/		
	1994	1995	1996		1994	1995	1996
	-----	-----	-----		-----	-----	-----
	1,000			Percent	1,000		
US							
Place-							
ments							
Jan	5,988	5,710	5,538	97	49,351	53,071	54,562
Feb	5,452	5,484	5,916	108	49,810	53,563	54,522
Mar	6,334	6,161	6,374	103	50,568	53,808	55,178
Apr	6,121	6,320	6,442	102	50,583	54,576	55,053
May	6,266	6,135			50,432	54,930	55,356
Jun	5,911	6,178			51,552	55,297	56,528
Jul	6,104	6,302			51,343	55,376	56,585
Aug	6,064	6,475			51,667	54,965	55,803
Sep	6,336	6,288			51,076	54,183	55,584
Oct	6,342	6,013			51,743	54,433	55,781
Nov	5,819	6,656			51,798	54,649	55,921
Dec	6,413	6,218			52,380	54,720	
Annual							
Total	73,150	73,940					
Total							
Place-							
ments3/							
Jan	7,171	7,040	6,782	96			
Feb	6,762	7,180	7,167	100			
Mar	7,464	7,577	7,645	101			
Apr	7,284	7,835	7,664	98			
May	7,394	7,873					
Jun	7,382	7,485					
Jul	7,146	7,730					
Aug	7,290	7,850					
Sep	7,545	7,730					
Oct	7,959	7,301					
Nov	7,251	7,784					
Dec	7,908	7,750					
Annual							
Total	88,556	91,135					

- 1/ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.
- 2/ For Apr 1996, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jan 1995 through Sep 1995.
- 3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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