

Chickens and Eggs

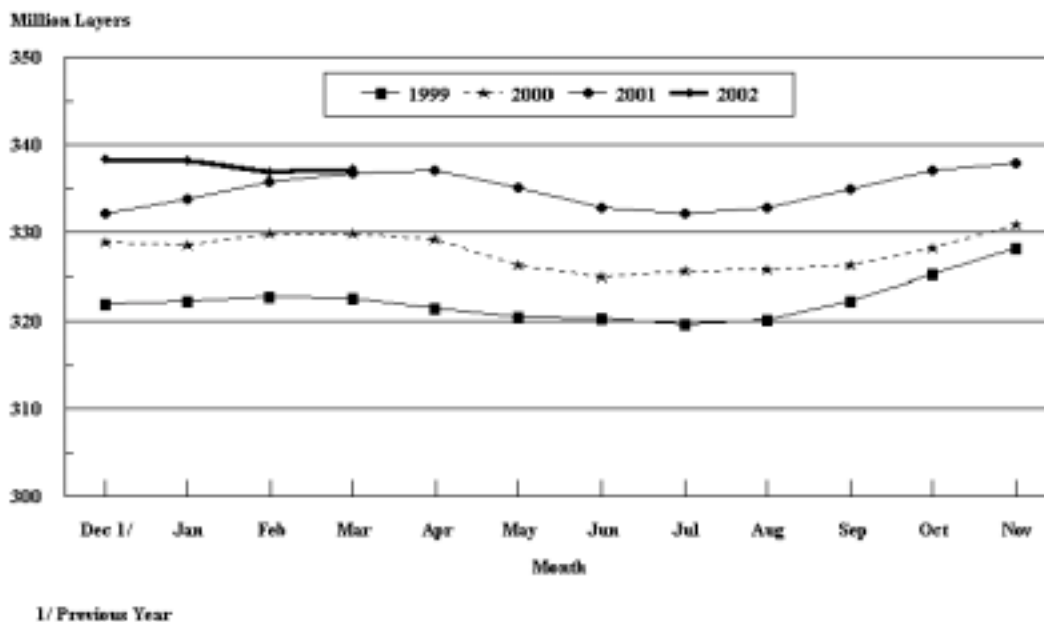
Released April 23, 2002, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202) 690-4870. For information on Hatch call Jody Roberts at (202) 690-8632, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

March Egg Production Up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.41 billion during March 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly higher than the average number of layers during March 2001. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,178 eggs in March 2001.

March 2002 contained 21 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and five Saturdays in March 2001.

Average Number of All Layers United States , 1999 - 2002



All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2002, totaled 338 million, slightly higher than a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.60 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2002, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.94 billion eggs during March 2002, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during March, at 316 million, was slightly higher than 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 "**Chickens and Eggs Summary**" report.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 10 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during March totaled 36.7 million, down 10 percent from March 2001. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 32.8 million on April 1, 2002, down 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 237,000 during March 2002, down 17 percent from March 2001.

Broiler Hatch Up 2 Percent

The March 2002 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 790 million, was up 2 percent from March of the previous year. There were 644 million **eggs in incubators** on April 1, 2002, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.8 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during March 2002, up slightly from March 2001.

**All Layers: Average Number on Hand During the Month,
United States, 1999-02**

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>
Dec ¹	321,972	328,878	332,281	338,524
Jan	322,356	328,657	333,798	338,265
Feb	322,827	329,941	335,813	337,027
Mar	322,782	330,961	336,820	337,338
Apr	321,539	329,185	337,139	
May	320,510	326,288	335,159	
Jun	320,441	325,057	332,920	
Jul	319,819	325,663	332,231	
Aug	320,188	325,853	332,800	
Sep	322,409	326,337	335,020	
Oct	325,287	328,278	337,085	
Nov	328,268	330,830	337,915	

¹ December preceding year.

**Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 2001-02**

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>
Dec ¹	7,287	7,404	6,206	6,330	1,081	1,074
Jan	7,226	7,245	6,129	6,154	1,097	1,091
Feb	6,524	6,561	5,517	5,574	1,007	987
Mar	7,336	7,412	6,224	6,308	1,112	1,104
Apr	7,099		6,016		1,083	
May	7,240		6,114		1,126	
Jun	6,992		5,907		1,085	
Jul	7,195		6,097		1,098	
Aug	7,221		6,138		1,083	
Sep	7,044		5,993		1,051	
Oct	7,347		6,264		1,083	
Nov	7,191		6,159		1,032	
During Year	85,702	28,622	72,764	24,366	12,938	4,256

¹ December preceding year.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, February-March 2001-02**

Item	Unit	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Layers During Feb	1,000			
All Layers		335,813	337,027	100
Table Egg Type		276,512	277,338	100
Hatching Egg Type		59,301	59,689	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,503	57,044	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,798	2,645	95
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb	Number			
All Layers		1,943	1,947	100
Table Egg Type		1,995	2,010	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,698	1,654	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,676	1,629	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,144	2,193	102
Eggs Produced During Feb	Million			
All Layers		6,524	6,561	101
Table Egg Type		5,517	5,574	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,007	987	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		947	929	98
Egg-Type Hatching		60	58	97
Layers on Mar 1	1,000			
All Layers		336,131	336,383	100
Table Egg Type		276,549	276,841	100
Hatching Egg Type		59,582	59,542	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,803	56,908	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,779	2,634	95
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1	Number			
All Layers		69.5	70.5	101
Table Egg Type		71.4	73.0	102
Hatching Egg Type		60.3	58.9	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		59.5	58.0	97
Egg-Type Hatching		76.6	78.7	103
Forced Molt Layers on Mar 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.2	3.7	88
Percent with Molt Completed		23.1	22.1	96
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Feb	1,000	15,718	14,400	92
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Feb	1,000	4,093	5,339	130
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Mar 1	1,000	96,232	95,569	99
Pullets Added During Feb ¹	1,000	22,213	22,387	101

¹ Pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, March-April 2001-02**

Item	Unit	2001 ¹	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Layers During Mar	1,000			
All Layers		336,820	337,338	100
Table Egg Type		277,383	277,253	100
Hatching Egg Type		59,437	60,085	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,647	57,462	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,790	2,623	94
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar	Number			
All Layers		2,178	2,197	101
Table Egg Type		2,244	2,275	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,871	1,837	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,845	1,810	98
Egg-Type Hatching		2,401	2,440	102
Eggs Produced During Mar	Million			
All Layers		7,336	7,412	101
Table Egg Type		6,224	6,308	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,112	1,104	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,045	1,040	100
Egg-Type Hatching		67	64	96
Layers on Apr 1	1,000			
All Layers		337,472	338,253	100
Table Egg Type		278,198	277,646	100
Hatching Egg Type		59,274	60,607	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,479	58,006	103
Egg-Type Hatching		2,795	2,601	93
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1	Number			
All Layers		71.0	71.0	100
Table Egg Type		73.2	73.6	101
Hatching Egg Type		60.3	59.4	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		59.5	58.6	98
Egg-Type Hatching		76.5	77.9	102
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		2.0	3.6	180
Percent with Molt Completed		23.1	22.0	95
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Mar	1,000	15,886	16,875	106
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed. Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Mar	1,000	3,843	4,653	121
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Apr 1	1,000	96,205	93,347	97
Pullets Added During Mar ²	1,000	27,164	23,416	86

¹ Revised.

² Pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced
Molt, 30 Selected States, February-March, 2001-02 ¹**

Item	Unit	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Layers During Feb	1,000			
All Layers		314,739	316,319	101
Table Egg Type		260,153	261,337	100
Hatching Egg Type		54,586	54,982	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		51,881	52,434	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,705	2,548	94
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb	Number			
All Layers		1,943	1,944	100
Table Egg Type		1,995	2,006	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,696	1,650	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,673	1,623	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,144	2,198	103
Eggs Produced During Feb	Million			
All Layers		6,115	6,149	101
Table Egg Type		5,189	5,242	101
Hatching Egg Type		926	907	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		868	851	98
Egg-Type Hatching		58	56	97
Layers on Mar 1	1,000			
All Layers		315,082	315,682	100
Table Egg Type		260,201	260,835	100
Hatching Egg Type		54,881	54,847	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		52,206	52,300	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,675	2,547	95
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1	Number			
All Layers		69.5	70.4	101
Table Egg Type		71.5	72.8	102
Hatching Egg Type		60.2	58.9	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		59.3	57.9	98
Egg-Type Hatching		76.8	79.2	103
Forced Molt Layers on Mar 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.1	3.7	90
Percent with Molt Completed		23.0	22.0	96
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Feb	1,000	14,423	13,209	92
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Feb	1,000	3,907	5,193	133
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Mar 1	1,000	90,286	89,855	100
Pullets Added During Feb ²	1,000	21,281	21,047	99

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

² Pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced
Molt, 30 Selected States, March-April, 2001-02 ¹**

Item	Unit	2001 ²	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Layers During Mar	1,000			
All Layers		315,673	316,171	100
Table Egg Type		260,961	260,801	100
Hatching Egg Type		54,712	55,370	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		52,027	52,835	102
Egg-Type Hatching		2,685	2,535	94
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar	1,000			
All Layers		2,178	2,196	101
Table Egg Type		2,243	2,272	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,868	1,837	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,841	1,808	98
Egg-Type Hatching		2,384	2,446	103
Eggs Produced During Mar	Million			
All Layers		6,876	6,943	101
Table Egg Type		5,854	5,926	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,022	1,017	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		958	955	100
Egg-Type Hatching		64	62	97
Layers on Apr 1	1,000			
All Layers		316,233	316,629	100
Table Egg Type		261,707	260,755	100
Hatching Egg Type		54,526	55,874	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		51,836	53,361	103
Egg-Type Hatching		2,690	2,513	93
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1	Number			
All Layers		70.9	71.1	100
Table Egg Type		73.2	73.7	101
Hatching Egg Type		60.0	59.3	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		59.2	58.4	99
Egg-Type Hatching		76.1	78.1	103
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		1.9	3.4	179
Percent with Molt Completed		23.0	21.8	95
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Mar	1,000	15,084	16,162	107
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Mar	1,000	3,671	4,443	121
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Apr 1	1,000	90,427	87,660	97
Pullets Added During Mar ³	1,000	26,074	22,506	86

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

² Revised.

³ Pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During February 2001-02**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	2,798	2,708	10,308	10,567	1,746	1,732
AR	5,341	4,871	15,578	14,935	1,785	1,701
CA	23,085	23,485	23,679	24,023	1,892	1,952
CO	3,347	2,988	3,811	3,503	2,020	1,941
CT	3,197	3,100	3,284	3,157	2,192	2,208
FL	10,166	9,911	10,896	10,638	1,955	1,927
GA	11,440	11,460	20,749	20,928	1,827	1,821
HI	580	481	609	538	1,691	1,673
IL	2,685	3,218	2,946	3,457	2,003	1,938
IN	22,355	21,880	23,082	22,577	1,958	1,975
IA	30,533	34,763	31,302	35,581	2,022	2,038
ME	3,997	4,023	4,058	4,074	2,011	2,202
MD	2,686	2,890	3,021	3,154	2,052	2,061
MI	6,043	6,178	6,315	6,438	2,013	2,022
MN	11,615	11,582	12,338	12,322	1,978	2,069
MS	1,853	1,839	6,779	6,785	1,770	1,769
MO	5,884	5,498	7,255	6,923	2,012	1,993
NE	11,600	11,524	11,700	11,624	1,974	1,893
NY	3,898	3,749	4,205	3,960	2,140	2,197
NC	3,552	3,182	11,271	11,146	1,739	1,723
OH	29,649	29,295	30,304	29,818	1,970	1,979
OK	1,967	1,865	4,159	4,045	1,827	1,755
OR	2,725	2,507	2,893	2,702	2,143	2,147
PA	22,984	22,272	24,496	23,656	2,111	2,114
SC	4,512	4,451	5,522	5,497	1,847	1,892
SD	1,988	2,147	2,188	2,347	2,057	1,917
TX	14,512	14,504	18,851	18,943	1,931	1,863
VA	1,412	1,414	3,533	3,491	1,613	1,690
WA	4,916	5,037	4,996	5,118	2,006	2,052
WI	3,996	3,793	4,611	4,372	2,082	2,059
30 Sts	255,316	256,615	314,739	316,319	1,943	1,944
Oth Sts ²	15,166	14,829	21,074	20,708	1,946	1,994
US	270,482	271,444	335,813	337,027	1,943	1,947

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Estimates for individual States are not available.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During March 2001-02**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	2,887	2,578	10,364	10,410	1,949	1,912
AR	5,018	4,977	15,163	15,235	1,985	1,897
CA	22,746	23,491	23,301	24,068	2,159	2,202
CO	3,272	3,070	3,743	3,583	2,217	2,261
CT	3,132	3,045	3,219	3,100	2,454	2,445
FL	10,199	9,797	10,934	10,507	2,149	2,189
GA	11,908	10,864	21,385	20,420	2,104	2,120
HI	584	487	613	543	1,876	1,897
IL	2,898	3,288	3,154	3,523	2,315	2,214
IN	22,286	21,929	22,999	22,630	2,252	2,232
IA	31,215	34,810	31,962	35,623	2,231	2,277
ME	3,880	4,632	3,941	4,686	2,124	2,279
MD	2,835	3,002	3,164	3,233	2,276	2,289
MI	6,428	6,228	6,700	6,488	2,227	2,300
MN	11,493	11,240	12,221	11,970	2,160	2,297
MS	1,862	1,850	6,787	6,822	1,974	2,008
MO	5,605	5,513	6,936	6,904	2,206	2,216
NE	11,548	11,436	11,648	11,536	2,198	2,115
NY	3,823	3,651	4,149	3,876	2,362	2,503
NC	3,454	3,214	11,213	11,330	1,908	1,906
OH	29,610	29,462	30,251	29,976	2,245	2,248
OK	1,919	1,861	4,145	4,037	2,027	1,957
OR	2,813	2,510	2,987	2,703	2,377	2,294
PA	23,114	21,980	24,623	23,379	2,376	2,361
SC	4,422	4,383	5,442	5,411	2,113	2,181
SD	2,068	2,108	2,268	2,308	2,160	2,166
TX	14,525	14,498	18,969	18,971	2,156	2,240
VA	1,562	1,400	3,658	3,450	1,832	2,000
WA	4,975	4,997	5,054	5,078	2,339	2,324
WI	4,058	3,779	4,680	4,371	2,265	2,334
30 Sts	256,139	256,080	315,673	316,171	2,178	2,196
Oth Sts ²	15,229	15,280	21,147	21,167	2,180	2,220
US	271,368	271,360	336,820	337,338	2,178	2,197

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Estimates for individual States are not available.

**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
February 2001-02**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>
AL	180	183	54	56	126	127
AR	278	254	106	97	172	157
CA	448	469				
CO	77	68				
CT	72	70				
FL	213	205	200	192	13	13
GA	379	381	220	222	159	159
HI	10.3	9.0	10.3	9.0	0	0
IL	59	67	55	64	4	3
IN	452	446	440	434	12	12
IA	633	725				
ME	82	90				
MD	62	65	57	61	5	4
MI	127	130				
MN	244	255	235	246	9	9
MS	120	120	39	38	81	82
MO	146	138				
NE	231	220	231	220	0	0
NY	90	87				
NC	196	192	75	68	121	124
OH	597	590				
OK	76	71	42	40	34	31
OR	62	58	61	56	1	2
PA	517	500	499	483	18	17
SC	102	104	85	88	17	16
SD	45	45	45	45	0	0
TX	364	353				
VA	57	59	25	26	32	33
WA	100	105				
WI	96	90				
30 Sts	6,115	6,149	5,189	5,242	926	907
Oth Sts ²	410	413	328	332	81	80
US	6,524	6,561	5,517	5,574	1,007	987

¹ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

² Estimates for individual States are not available.

**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
March 2001-02**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>
AL	202	199	64	57	138	142
AR	301	289	113	109	188	180
CA	503	530				
CO	83	81				
CT	79	76				
FL	235	230	222	217	13	13
GA	450	433	269	255	181	178
HI	11.5	10.3	11.5	10.3	0	0
IL	73	78	69	74	4	4
IN	518	505	505	492	13	13
IA	713	811				
ME	84	107				
MD	72	74	67	70	5	4
MI	149	149				
MN	264	275	255	265	9	10
MS	134	137	44	45	90	92
MO	153	153				
NE	256	244	256	244	0	0
NY	98	97				
NC	214	216	81	78	133	138
OH	679	674				
OK	84	79	47	44	37	35
OR	71	62	69	60	2	2
PA	585	552	565	535	20	17
SC	115	118	95	99	20	19
SD	49	50	49	50	0	0
TX	409	425				
VA	67	69	30	32	37	37
WA	118	118				
WI	106	102				
30 Sts	6,876	6,943	5,854	5,926	1,022	1,017
Oth Sts ²	461	470	370	382	90	87
US	7,336	7,412	6,224	6,308	1,112	1,104

¹ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

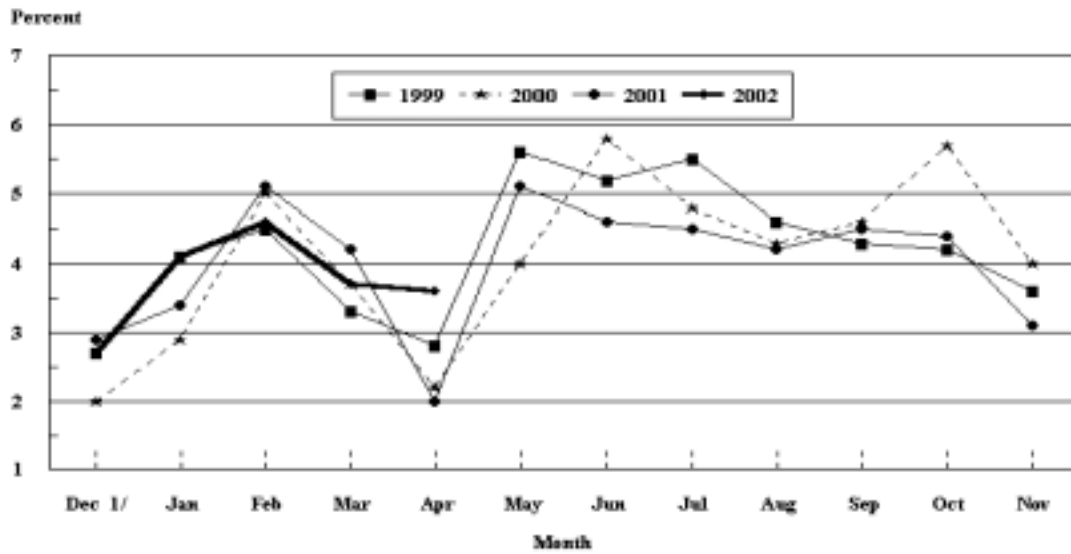
² Estimates for individual States are not available.

**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 2001-02 ¹**

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	3.4	4.1	24.1	22.6
Feb	5.1	4.6	22.3	22.0
Mar	4.2	3.7	23.1	22.1
Apr	2.0	3.6	23.1	22.0
May	5.1		20.9	
Jun	4.6		23.3	
Jul	4.5		23.4	
Aug	4.2		23.1	
Sep	4.5		22.7	
Oct	4.4		22.8	
Nov	3.1		23.2	
Dec	2.7		23.9	

¹ As of first of month.

**All Layers : United States
Percent Being Molted, 1999 - 2002
First of Month**



1/ Previous Year

**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, April 2001-02 ¹**

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	0.0	2.5	11.0	8.0
AR	1.0	1.0	11.5	6.5
CA	3.0	2.0	33.5	33.5
CO	0.0	2.5	25.0	15.0
CT	0.0	0.5	9.5	9.0
FL	2.0	6.0	33.0	29.5
GA	2.0	2.5	20.5	13.5
HI	5.5	3.5	47.5	39.5
IL	0.5	5.0	27.0	32.0
IN	2.0	3.0	33.0	31.5
IA	2.5	2.5	27.0	31.5
ME	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
MD	2.5	9.5	20.5	34.0
MI	2.5	2.0	26.5	31.5
MN	4.5	1.5	32.5	28.0
MS	0.5	0.0	11.0	10.0
MO	0.0	5.0	18.5	20.0
NE	9.0	10.5	20.0	24.0
NY	0.0	0.0	2.5	6.0
NC	1.0	3.5	9.5	3.0
OH	2.0	5.0	23.0	16.5
OK	1.0	0.0	5.5	7.0
OR	0.0	0.0	36.0	26.5
PA	0.0	5.0	20.5	19.0
SC	0.0	4.0	21.5	32.5
SD	5.0	3.5	28.5	28.0
TX	1.0	5.5	22.5	22.0
VA	3.0	0.0	10.5	14.0
WA	5.5	3.0	43.0	44.5
WI	0.0	5.5	31.0	30.0
30 Sts	1.9	3.4	23.0	21.8
Oth Sts ²	2.7	6.3	24.5	24.3
US	2.0	3.6	23.1	22.0

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, March-April 2001-02**

Item	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Apr 1	36,668	32,802	89
Chicks Hatched During Mar	40,993	36,717	90
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Mar	115,515	106,576	92
Pullets Hatched During Mar for Intended			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	284	237	83
7-18 Month Earlier ¹	3,090	3,239	105
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Apr 1	633,019	644,107	102
Chicks Hatched During Mar	773,760	790,342	102
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Mar	2,199,676	2,268,587	103
Pullets Hatched During Mar for Intended			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	6,752	6,775	100
7-15 Months Earlier ²	62,797	60,771	97

¹ 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched Sep 2000 through Aug 2001.

² 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched Dec 2000 through Aug 2001.

**Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
April 1, 2001-02**

Geographic Division	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	5,604	4,312	77
E North Central	9,324	7,855	84
W North Central	6,886	5,662	82
South Atlantic	3,402	4,677	137
South Central	5,553	5,049	91
West	5,899	5,247	89
US	36,668	32,802	89

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,
March 2001-02**

State	March			Jan-Mar		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	739	681	92	2,489	2,297	92
FL	1,002	629	63	2,937	1,737	59
GA	2,284	2,271	99	6,515	6,659	102
IN	7,338	5,266	72	21,954	15,004	68
IA	5,034	4,893	97	14,792	14,969	101
MN	1,375	1,716	125	4,783	4,395	92
PA	5,457	4,867	89	16,537	13,501	82
Oth Sts ¹	17,764	16,394	92	45,508	48,014	106
US	40,993	36,717	90	115,515	106,576	92

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2000-02

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	34,181	36,706	35,533	97	34,181	36,706	35,533	97
Feb	34,659	37,816	34,326	91	68,840	74,522	69,859	94
Mar	38,877	40,993	36,717	90	107,717	115,515	106,576	92
Apr	36,653	42,768			144,370	158,283		
May	41,185	42,636			185,555	200,919		
Jun	37,268	40,806			222,823	241,725		
Jul	33,240	38,640			256,063	280,365		
Aug	34,328	34,978			290,391	315,343		
Sep	36,325	36,916			326,716	352,259		
Oct	36,080	35,816			362,796	388,075		
Nov	32,438	32,081			395,234	420,156		
Dec	35,178	31,657			430,412	451,813		

**Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 2000-02 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			2002 as % of 2001	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier ²		
	2000	2001	2002		2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Jan	212	236	228	97	3,012	3,129	3,158
Feb	251	214	247	115	2,945	3,191	3,205
Mar	286	284	237	83	3,078	3,090	3,239
Apr	309	311			2,981	3,096	3,225
May	343	315			2,903	3,057	3,134
Jun	235	261			2,948	3,103	3,087
Jul	293	340			2,940	3,173	3,048
Aug	217	251			2,986	3,197	3,040
Sep	233	219			2,970	3,160	3,073
Oct	241	150			2,999	3,158	3,026
Nov	308	261			3,021	3,160	
Dec	245	206			3,081	3,132	
Total	3,173	3,048					

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 March 2002, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Sep 2000 through Aug 2001. 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, April 1, 2001-02**

Geographic Division	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	12,057	12,248	102
E North Central	7,155	7,637	107
W North Central	20,546	21,105	103
South Atlantic	241,207	239,711	99
South Central	326,439	339,271	104
West	25,615	24,135	94
US	633,019	644,107	102

**Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, March 2001-02**

State	March			Jan-Mar		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	104,763	108,368	103	297,427	313,221	105
AR	110,286	112,252	102	310,276	323,571	104
DE	14,237	13,124	92	41,859	37,563	90
FL	9,493	8,465	89	26,608	24,804	93
GA	114,365	114,926	100	324,521	331,983	102
MD	35,474	35,980	101	97,727	102,219	105
MS	69,140	70,481	102	194,908	203,310	104
NC	68,948	70,696	103	196,907	200,214	102
PA	13,158	13,688	104	37,390	38,123	102
SC	17,101	17,204	101	49,150	48,788	99
TX	54,366	57,158	105	155,048	164,321	106
VA	24,654	24,650	100	69,877	70,693	101
CA TN & WV	41,997	40,594	97	118,581	114,101	96
15 Sts ¹	677,982	687,586	101	1,920,279	1,972,911	103
Oth Sts ²	95,778	102,756	107	279,397	295,676	106
US	773,760	790,342	102	2,199,676	2,268,587	103

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2000-02

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	753,931	745,093	775,669	104	753,931	745,093	775,669	104
Feb	706,216	680,823	702,576	103	1,460,147	1,425,916	1,478,245	104
Mar	761,764	773,760	790,342	102	2,221,911	2,199,676	2,268,587	103
Apr	749,106	755,455			2,971,017	2,955,131		
May	777,624	785,704			3,748,641	3,740,835		
Jun	750,528	766,534			4,499,169	4,507,369		
Jul	742,823	769,449			5,241,992	5,276,818		
Aug	743,979	771,550			5,985,971	6,048,368		
Sep	704,944	738,355			6,690,915	6,786,723		
Oct	721,249	747,495			7,412,164	7,534,218		
Nov	684,995	702,607			8,097,159	8,236,825		
Dec	749,026	769,731			8,846,185	9,006,556		

**Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 2000-02 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			2002 as % of 2001	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²		
	2000	2001	2002		2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
US Place- ments							
Jan	6,861	6,685	6,660	100	64,139	63,304	60,750
Feb	7,001	6,748	7,275	108	64,344	62,493	60,382
Mar	7,310	6,752	6,775	100	64,697	62,797	60,771
Apr	6,764	6,398			64,663	62,267	60,989
May	7,435	7,117			64,725	62,100	61,008
Jun	6,829	6,822			64,827	62,204	61,521
Jul	6,310	6,326			64,542	61,323	61,346
Aug	7,288	7,494			64,365	61,244	61,608
Sep	6,469	6,647			63,630	60,557	61,766
Oct	6,694	6,704			63,899	60,480	61,719
Nov	7,105	7,261			63,575	60,568	
Dec	6,429	6,577			63,345	60,397	
Annual Total	82,495	81,531					
Total Place- ments ³							
Jan	8,069	7,615	8,084	106			
Feb	8,302	8,275	8,491	103			
Mar	8,798	8,325	7,997	96			
Apr	8,522	7,915					
May	8,917	8,647					
Jun	8,201	8,220					
Jul	7,621	7,687					
Aug	8,657	9,133					
Sep	8,042	8,047					
Oct	8,260	7,848					
Nov	8,702	9,017					
Dec	7,614	8,119					
Annual Total	99,705	98,848					

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 Mar 2002, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Dec 2000 through Aug 2001.

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 330, 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 "**Chickens and Eggs Summary**" 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 supply flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the flocks. "Hatchery Supply Flocks" include all generations of layers which could lay eggs to supply a hatchery. This includes the generations of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, pedigree, etc. Also included are research flocks, vaccine flocks, and specific pathogen-free flocks. The broiler cumulative potential placements are a moving total of the intended placements 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks. On October 22, 2001 the intended placements of egg-type hatchery supply flocks were revised based on updated reported data. Revisions to the intended placements from January 2000 through March 2001 changed the cumulative potential placements from August 2000 forward.

The next "Chickens and Eggs" report will be released at 3 p.m. ET on May 21, 2002.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ACCESS TO REPORTS!!

For your convenience, there are several ways to obtain NASS reports, data products, and services:

INTERNET ACCESS

All NASS reports are available free of charge on the worldwide Internet. For access, connect to the Internet and go to the NASS Home Page at: <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Select "Today's Reports" or Publications and then Reports by Calendar or Publications and then Search, by Title or Subject.

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

There are two options for subscribing via e-mail. All NASS reports are available by subscription free of charge direct to your e-mail address. 1) Starting with the NASS Home Page at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>, click on **Publications**, then click on the **Subscribe by E-mail** button which takes you to the page describing e-mail delivery of reports. Finally, click on **Go to the Subscription Page** and follow the instructions. 2) If you do NOT have Internet access, send an e-mail message to: usda-reports@usda.mannlib.cornell.edu. In the body of the message type the word: **list**.

AUTOFAX ACCESS

NASSFax service is available for some reports from your fax machine. Please call 202-720-2000, using the handset attached to your fax. Respond to the voice prompts. Document 0411 is a list of available reports.

PRINTED REPORTS OR DATA PRODUCTS

CALL OUR TOLL-FREE ORDER DESK: 800-999-6779 (U.S. and Canada)
Other areas, please call 703-605-6220 FAX: 703-605-6900
(Visa, MasterCard, check, or money order acceptable for payment.)

ASSISTANCE

For **assistance** with general agricultural statistics or further information about NASS or its products or services, contact the **Agricultural Statistics Hotline** at **800-727-9540**, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.
