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April Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during April 2006, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 998 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The number of layers during April 2006 averaged 348 million, up 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2006, totaled 347 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 347 million layers consisted of 289 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2006, averaged 71.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from May 1, 2005.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 9 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2006 totaled 34.6 million, down 9 percent from April 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on May 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 255,000 during April 2006, down 17 percent from April 2005.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2006 totaled 787 million, down 1 percent from April 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on May 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.59 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2006, down 3 percent from April 2005.

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**All Layers: Average Number on Hand During the Month,
United States, 2004-06**

Month	2004	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>
Dec ¹	339,305	345,618	348,545
Jan	337,948	347,864	349,246
Feb	338,905	348,791	349,764
Mar	340,699	346,959	350,088
Apr	341,550	343,574	348,454
May	341,562	341,819	
Jun	342,513	339,856	
Jul	343,180	338,573	
Aug	343,653	339,351	
Sep	344,452	340,914	
Oct	345,075	342,823	
Nov	344,633	345,874	

¹ December preceding year.

**Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 2005-06 ¹**

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Dec ²	7,721	7,791	6,636	6,703	1,086	1,088
Jan	7,626	7,721	6,526	6,624	1,101	1,097
Feb	6,928	6,977	5,915	5,988	1,014	989
Mar	7,738	7,837	6,610	6,735	1,129	1,103
Apr	7,407	7,541	6,311	6,475	1,097	1,066
May	7,572		6,439		1,133	
Jun	7,346		6,250		1,096	
Jul	7,563		6,444		1,120	
Aug	7,528		6,425		1,104	
Sep	7,348		6,279		1,070	
Oct	7,665		6,561		1,104	
Nov	7,514		6,459		1,055	
During Year	89,960		76,859		13,103	

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

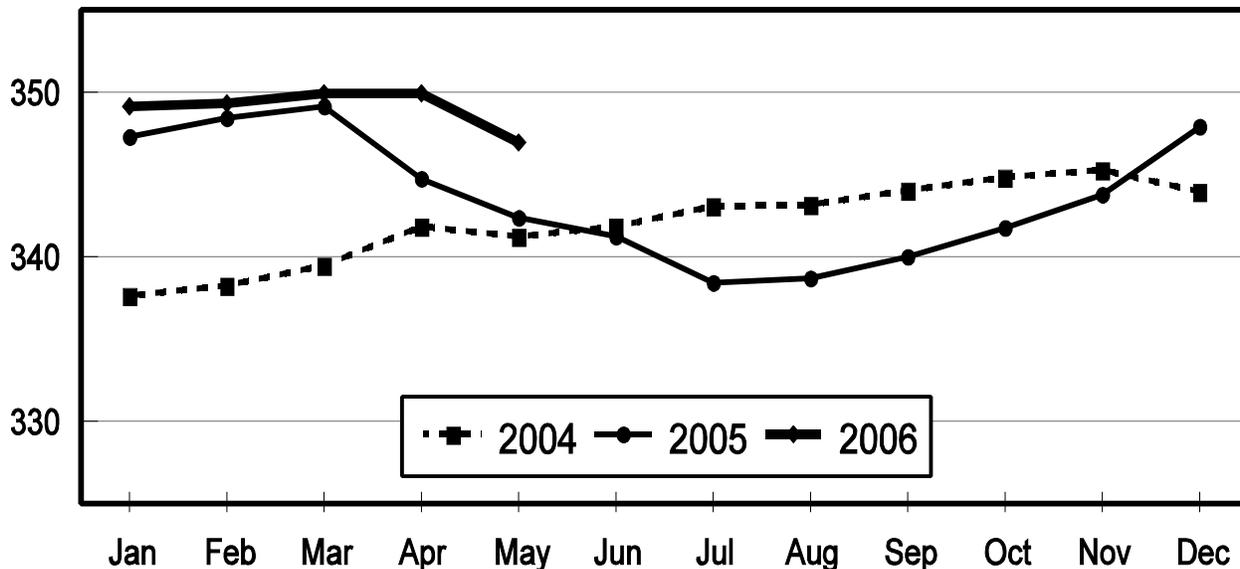
² December preceding year.

All Layers: Inventory

United States, 2004 - 2006

First of the Month

Million Layers

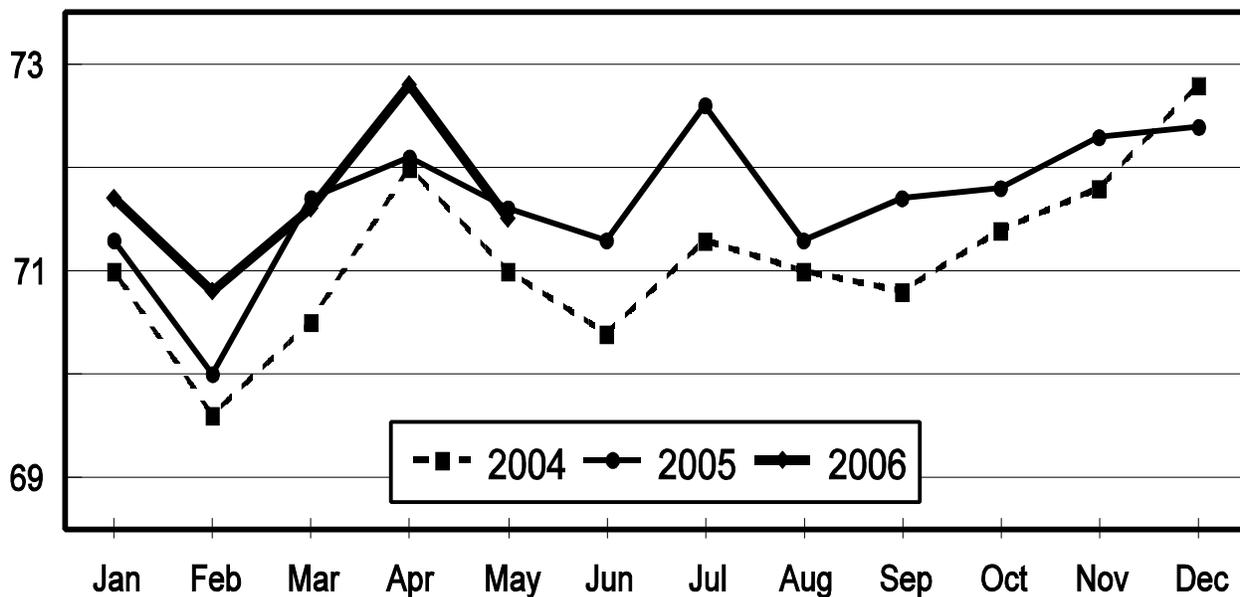


All Layers: Rate of Lay

United States, 2004 - 2006

First of the Month

Eggs Per 100 Layers



**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, March-April 2005-06¹**

Item	Unit	2005	2006 ²	2006 as % of 2005
Layers During Mar	1,000			
All Layers		346,959	350,088	101
Table Egg Type		287,259	291,563	101
Hatching Egg Type		59,700	58,525	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		57,042	55,654	98
Egg-Type Hatching		2,658	2,871	108
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar	Number			
All Layers		2,230	2,239	100
Table Egg Type		2,301	2,310	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,891	1,885	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,867	1,858	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,408	2,403	100
Eggs Produced During Mar	Million			
All Layers		7,738	7,837	101
Table Egg Type		6,610	6,735	102
Hatching Egg Type		1,129	1,103	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,065	1,034	97
Egg-Type Hatching		64	69	108
Layers on Apr 1	1,000			
All Layers		344,759	349,958	102
Table Egg Type		285,170	291,783	102
Hatching Egg Type		59,589	58,175	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,940	55,340	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,649	2,835	107
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1	Number			
All Layers		72.1	72.8	101
Table Egg Type		74.4	75.2	101
Hatching Egg Type		61.1	60.8	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		60.3	59.9	99
Egg-Type Hatching		77.7	79.1	102
Forced Molt Layers on Apr 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.1	2.3	56
Percent with Molt Completed		22.7	24.9	110
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Mar	1,000	17,359	14,088	81
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Mar	1,000	9,011	6,712	74
Pullets on Apr 1	1,000	101,917	101,968	100
Pullets Added During Mar ³	1,000	24,452	25,959	106

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Revised.

³ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, April-May 2005-06 ¹**

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Layers During Apr	1,000			
All Layers		343,574	348,454	101
Table Egg Type		283,804	290,256	102
Hatching Egg Type		59,770	58,198	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		57,094	55,350	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,676	2,848	106
Eggs per 100 Layers During Apr	Number			
All Layers		2,156	2,164	100
Table Egg Type		2,224	2,231	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,835	1,832	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,809	1,803	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,392	2,388	100
Eggs Produced During Apr	Million			
All Layers		7,407	7,541	102
Table Egg Type		6,311	6,475	103
Hatching Egg Type		1,097	1,066	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,033	998	97
Egg-Type Hatching		64	68	106
Layers on May 1	1,000			
All Layers		342,346	346,908	101
Table Egg Type		282,418	288,708	102
Hatching Egg Type		59,928	58,200	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		57,238	55,345	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,690	2,855	106
Eggs per 100 Layers on May 1	Number			
All Layers		71.6	71.5	100
Table Egg Type		73.8	73.5	100
Hatching Egg Type		61.1	61.5	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		60.2	60.6	101
Egg-Type Hatching		80.0	79.2	99
Forced Molt Layers on May 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.0	5.4	135
Percent with Molt Completed		22.4	23.7	106
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Apr	1,000	14,651	14,776	101
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Apr	1,000	8,132	9,558	118
Pullets on May 1	1,000	103,927	99,115	95
Pullets Added During Apr ²	1,000	24,151	21,098	87

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During March 2005-06**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2005	2006 ²	2005	2006 ²	2005	2006 ²
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	1,763	1,711	9,117	8,858	1,974	1,930
AR	4,225	4,382	14,924	14,645	1,963	1,926
CA	19,383	19,206	19,957	19,693	2,230	2,189
CO	3,257	3,164	3,770	3,633	2,440	2,450
CT	3,033	2,934	3,096	2,985	2,326	2,446
FL	10,223	10,973	10,772	11,416	2,404	2,295
GA	10,951	9,897	20,335	19,237	2,100	2,116
HI	471	453	506	467	1,996	1,863
IL	4,111	4,390	4,341	4,613	2,419	2,428
IN	22,903	24,077	23,631	24,772	2,247	2,301
IA	48,392	51,345	49,136	52,147	2,312	2,288
ME	4,173	4,000	4,233	4,075	1,819	2,282
MD	2,861	2,455	2,966	2,593	2,293	2,275
MI	7,754	8,172	8,017	8,436	2,308	2,418
MN	10,475	10,816	11,000	11,292	2,300	2,258
MS	1,629	1,646	7,133	6,638	1,977	2,004
MO	6,045	6,152	7,342	7,317	2,261	2,241
NE	11,986	11,742	12,061	11,817	2,189	2,327
NY	3,839	3,776	4,163	4,021	2,426	2,412
NC	3,296	3,350	10,997	11,081	1,973	2,003
OH	27,601	28,526	28,089	29,053	2,271	2,261
OR	2,657	2,550	2,835	2,723	2,328	2,350
PA	22,630	21,908	24,399	23,818	2,398	2,381
SC	3,911	3,880	4,995	5,096	2,182	2,119
SD	2,860	3,184	2,960	3,284	2,264	2,284
TX	13,363	14,673	17,863	19,247	2,250	2,265
VA	1,325	1,486	3,339	3,389	1,887	2,095
WA	4,856	4,747	4,924	4,815	2,417	2,305
WI	4,314	4,280	4,821	4,822	2,344	2,343
Oth Sts ³	17,033	15,906	25,237	24,105	2,195	2,215
US	281,320	285,781	346,959	350,088	2,230	2,239

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

² Revised.

³ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During April 2005-06**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	1,625	1,691	8,999	8,917	1,867	1,828
AR	3,964	4,402	14,560	14,558	1,902	1,868
CA	18,869	19,673	19,444	20,160	2,155	2,098
CO	3,246	3,169	3,753	3,635	2,371	2,366
CT	3,095	2,814	3,155	2,865	2,187	2,339
FL	10,335	10,707	10,839	11,111	2,325	2,232
GA	10,318	10,025	19,656	19,326	2,015	2,018
HI	471	445	504	461	1,865	1,800
IL	3,985	4,470	4,217	4,699	2,276	2,192
IN	22,914	23,945	23,635	24,637	2,171	2,232
IA	48,300	51,622	49,038	52,425	2,249	2,209
ME	4,197	3,960	4,258	4,033	2,114	2,157
MD	2,821	2,447	2,926	2,587	2,153	2,242
MI	7,690	7,929	7,954	8,192	2,213	2,356
MN	10,403	10,626	10,954	11,113	2,227	2,205
MS	1,682	1,654	7,259	6,494	1,901	1,971
MO	6,012	6,004	7,328	7,157	2,197	2,208
NE	11,943	11,698	12,018	11,773	2,188	2,183
NY	3,664	3,788	3,992	4,042	2,405	2,301
NC	3,350	3,332	11,136	11,060	1,904	1,989
OH	27,494	27,899	27,978	28,423	2,234	2,213
OR	2,786	2,516	2,974	2,700	2,286	2,259
PA	22,142	22,060	23,943	23,947	2,301	2,313
SC	3,863	3,857	4,955	5,103	2,018	2,038
SD	2,724	3,121	2,824	3,221	2,089	2,204
TX	12,919	14,458	17,405	18,950	2,126	2,206
VA	1,425	1,434	3,462	3,337	1,849	2,038
WA	4,853	4,830	4,921	4,898	2,235	2,123
WI	4,127	4,124	4,627	4,651	2,226	2,322
Oth Sts ²	16,650	15,772	24,860	23,979	2,104	2,156
US	277,867	284,472	343,574	348,454	2,156	2,164

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

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

**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
March 2005-06 ¹**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2005	2006 ³	2005	2006 ³	2005	2006 ³
	<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	171	42	40	138	131
AR	293	282	99	103	194	179
CA	445	431				
CO	92	89				
CT	72	73				
FL	259	262	250	253	9	9
GA	427	407	248	229	179	178
HI	10.1	8.7	10.1	8.7	0	0
IL	105	112	101	108	4	4
IN	531	570	519	557	12	13
IA	1,136	1,193				
ME	77	93				
MD	68	59	67	58	1	1
MI	185	204				
MN	253	255	245	247	8	8
MS	141	133	37	40	104	93
MO	166	164				
NE	264	275	264	275	0	0
NY	101	97				
NC	217	222	78	82	139	140
OH	638	657				
OR	66	64	64	62	2	2
PA	585	567	568	546	17	21
SC	109	108	90	89	19	19
SD	67	75	67	75	0	0
TX	402	436				
VA	63	71	26	35	37	36
WA	119	111				
WI	113	113				
Oth Sts ⁴	554	534	424	403	131	131
US	7,738	7,837	6,610	6,735	1,129	1,103

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in US totals.

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**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
April 2005-06 ¹**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	168	163	35	34	133	129
AR	277	272	88	99	189	173
CA	419	423				
CO	89	86				
CT	69	67				
FL	252	248	244	240	8	8
GA	396	390	222	219	174	171
HI	9.4	8.3	9.4	8.3	0	0
IL	96	103	93	100	3	3
IN	513	550	501	538	12	12
IA	1,103	1,158				
ME	90	87				
MD	63	58	62	57	1	1
MI	176	193				
MN	244	245	236	237	8	8
MS	138	128	36	39	102	89
MO	161	158				
NE	263	257	263	257	0	0
NY	96	93				
NC	212	220	77	83	135	137
OH	625	629				
OR	68	61	66	59	2	2
PA	551	554	533	534	18	20
SC	100	104	82	85	18	19
SD	59	71	59	71	0	0
TX	370	418				
VA	64	68	28	34	36	34
WA	110	104				
WI	103	108				
Oth Sts ³	523	517	397	391	127	126
US	7,407	7,541	6,311	6,475	1,097	1,066

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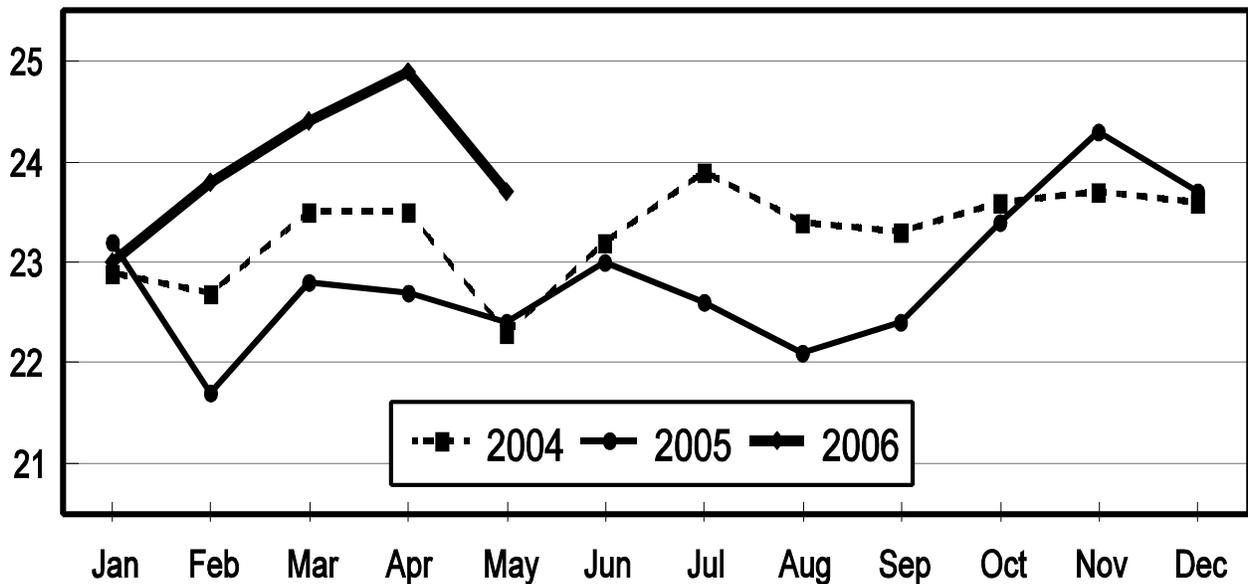
**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 2005-06¹**

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	4.1	4.3	23.2	23.0
Feb	4.6	5.2	21.7	23.8
Mar	3.0	4.0	22.8	24.4
Apr	4.1	2.3	22.7	24.9
May	4.0	5.4	22.4	23.7
Jun	4.2		23.0	
Jul	3.3		22.6	
Aug	4.3		22.1	
Sep	4.4		22.4	
Oct	3.9		23.4	
Nov	3.1		24.3	
Dec	2.8		23.7	

¹ As of first of month.

All Layers: Percent Molt Completed United States, 2004 - 2006 First of the Month

Percent



**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, May 2005-06¹**

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1.5	2.5	2.0	4.5
AR	1.5	5.0	8.5	6.5
CA	6.0	9.0	32.5	35.0
CO	4.0	4.5	23.5	26.0
CT	6.0	0.0	9.2	14.0
FL	8.0	10.0	23.0	35.5
GA	4.0	3.0	11.5	10.5
HI	9.0	7.0	47.5	55.5
IL	5.5	12.5	23.5	25.0
IN	4.0	6.5	30.5	28.0
IA	5.0	5.5	36.5	34.5
ME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MD	5.5	2.5	35.0	33.0
MI	2.5	6.5	28.5	17.0
MN	2.5	3.5	24.0	33.0
MS	2.5	2.0	8.0	11.0
MO	1.5	4.0	20.5	20.5
NE	4.5	9.5	26.0	29.0
NY	2.5	6.5	3.5	9.0
NC	1.0	1.0	9.0	9.0
OH	3.0	4.0	22.0	22.0
OR	9.0	7.5	26.5	28.5
PA	4.0	4.5	15.0	19.5
SC	7.0	6.0	23.5	28.0
SD	11.5	4.5	24.5	16.5
TX	3.5	4.5	20.5	22.5
VA	6.0	8.0	6.0	12.0
WA	5.5	18.0	36.5	45.0
WI	2.0	1.5	25.0	37.5
Oth Sts ²	4.3	5.0	22.4	21.7
US	4.0	5.4	22.4	23.7

¹ As of first of month.

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**Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators, Chicks Hatched,
and Placements by Type, United States, April-May 2005-06**

Item	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on May 1	37,308	36,952	99
Chicks Hatched During Apr	38,049	34,613	91
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Apr	152,468	142,618	94
Pullets Hatched During Apr for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	308	255	83
7-18 Months Earlier ¹	3,154	2,958	94
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on May 1	665,386	658,351	99
Chicks Hatched During Apr	792,173	787,064	99
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Apr	3,138,339	3,141,350	100
Pullets Hatched During Apr for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	6,800	6,593	97
7-15 Months Earlier ²	63,574	63,776	100

¹ 2006 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 2004 through Sep 2005.

² 2006 includes pullet chicks hatched Jan 2005 through Sep 2005.

**Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
May 1, 2005-06**

Region	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	4,704	5,148	109
E North Central	7,489	6,687	89
W North Central	8,090	9,142	113
South Atlantic	4,315	4,838	112
South Central	5,736	6,328	110
West	6,974	4,809	69
US	37,308	36,952	99

Regions:

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 2005-06**

State	During April			Jan-Apr		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
FL	801	735	92	3,013	2,921	97
GA	2,296	2,236	97	9,184	9,197	100
IN	5,186	4,228	82	19,743	19,344	98
IA	7,553	6,765	90	25,625	26,435	103
MN	1,198	943	79	4,032	3,995	99
PA	4,596	3,741	81	20,405	17,260	85
Oth Sts ¹	16,419	15,965	97	70,466	63,466	90
US	38,049	34,613	91	152,468	142,618	94

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2005-06

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	38,291	35,422	93	38,921	35,422	93
Feb	34,427	33,665	98	72,718	69,087	95
Mar	41,701	38,918	93	114,419	108,005	94
Apr	38,049	34,613	91	152,468	142,618	94
May	38,792			191,260		
Jun	35,034			226,294		
Jul	34,897			261,191		
Aug	38,700			299,891		
Sep	33,623			333,514		
Oct	35,461			368,975		
Nov	32,285			401,260		
Dec	35,917			437,177		

**Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 2005-06¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched		2006 as % of 2005	Cumulative Potential Plcmts Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier ²	
	2005	2006		2005	2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Jan	157	188	120	3,088	2,837
Feb	208	196	94	3,092	2,854
Mar	314	286	91	3,222	2,788
Apr	308	255	83	3,154	2,958
May	190			3,112	2,878
Jun	175			3,018	2,833
Jul	242			3,007	2,845
Aug	261			3,040	2,876
Sep	375			2,963	2,864
Oct	188			2,876	2,836
Nov	180			2,841	2,783
Dec	247			2,874	
Total	2,845				

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

² For April 2006, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Oct 2004 through Sep 2005. 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, 2005-06**

Region	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	12,333	12,085	98
E North Central	8,998	10,557	117
W North Central	24,945	24,674	99
South Atlantic	241,280	243,058	101
South Central	351,906	342,279	97
West	25,924	25,698	99
US	665,386	658,351	99

**Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, April 2005-06**

State	During April			Jan-Apr		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	110,636	113,390	102	433,461	449,735	104
AR	110,184	108,079	98	445,520	441,221	99
DE	14,522	13,193	91	57,125	55,748	98
FL	4,819	4,897	102	19,109	19,496	102
GA	117,954	122,591	104	476,744	485,707	102
KY	25,155	25,660	102	100,985	100,168	99
LA	14,854	14,583	98	57,979	58,528	101
MD	31,037	30,484	98	123,197	123,929	101
MS	71,086	66,936	94	284,178	266,344	94
NC	67,320	65,635	97	262,766	266,401	101
OK	23,425	22,805	97	92,696	91,959	99
PA	14,343	14,408	100	56,356	55,528	99
SC	18,431	18,264	99	71,657	73,389	102
TX	55,280	53,673	97	216,648	218,363	101
VA	23,859	23,616	99	92,682	92,250	100
CA, MO, TN, & WV	65,710	65,127	99	258,482	255,031	99
19 Sts ¹	768,615	763,341	99	3,049,585	3,053,797	100
Oth Sts ²	23,558	23,723	101	88,754	87,553	99
US	792,173	787,064	99	3,138,339	3,141,350	100

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, 2005-06

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	797,576	804,073	101	797,576	804,073	101
Feb	732,038	733,145	100	1,529,614	1,537,218	101
Mar	816,552	817,068	100	2,346,166	2,354,286	100
Apr	792,173	787,064	99	3,138,339	3,141,350	100
May	823,993			3,962,332		
Jun	796,945			4,759,277		
Jul	808,382			5,567,659		
Aug	812,474			6,380,133		
Sep	771,146			7,151,279		
Oct	776,449			7,927,728		
Nov	747,866			8,675,594		
Dec	808,525			9,484,119		

**Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 2005-06 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched		2006 as % of 2005	Cumulative Potential Plcmts Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²	
	2005	2006		2005	2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
US Place- ments					
Jan	6,409	6,825	106	62,084	62,860
Feb	7,325	7,593	104	62,460	63,060
Mar	7,077	7,012	99	62,794	63,416
Apr	6,800	6,593	97	63,574	63,776
May	7,783			63,220	64,311
Jun	7,109			63,008	64,284
Jul	6,657			62,965	64,319
Aug	7,484			62,972	64,344
Sep	7,132			62,707	64,154
Oct	6,944			62,894	64,057
Nov	7,298			63,006	63,993
Dec	7,112			63,509	
Annual Total	85,130				
Total Place- ments ³					
Jan	7,804	8,018	103		
Feb	8,664	9,026	104		
Mar	8,709	8,415	97		
Apr	7,995	7,558	95		
May	8,995				
Jun	8,571				
Jul	7,846				
Aug	9,084				
Sep	8,683				
Oct	8,279				
Nov	8,830				
Dec	8,256				
Annual Total	101,716				

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 2006, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jan 2005 through Sep 2005.

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 at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 650 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. All known hatcheries, approximately 330, are contacted for information on a weekly and/or monthly basis.

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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.

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