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## June Egg Production Up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during June 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 991 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2006 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,159 eggs, down slightly from June 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2006, totaled 341 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2006, averaged 72.7 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from July 1, 2005.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 8 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 37.7 million, up 8 percent from June 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.1 million on July 1, 2006, down 10 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 183,000 during June 2006, up 5 percent from June 2005.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 788 million, down 1 percent from June 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on July 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.64 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2006, up 7 percent from June 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 <sup>1</sup>	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	348,154
May	341,562	341,819	344,718
Jun	342,513	339,856	341,887
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	

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.

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

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Dec <sup>2</sup>	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	7,535	6,311	6,469	1,097	1,066
May	7,572	7,627	6,439	6,520	1,133	1,107
Jun	7,346	7,383	6,250	6,327	1,096	1,057
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	

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

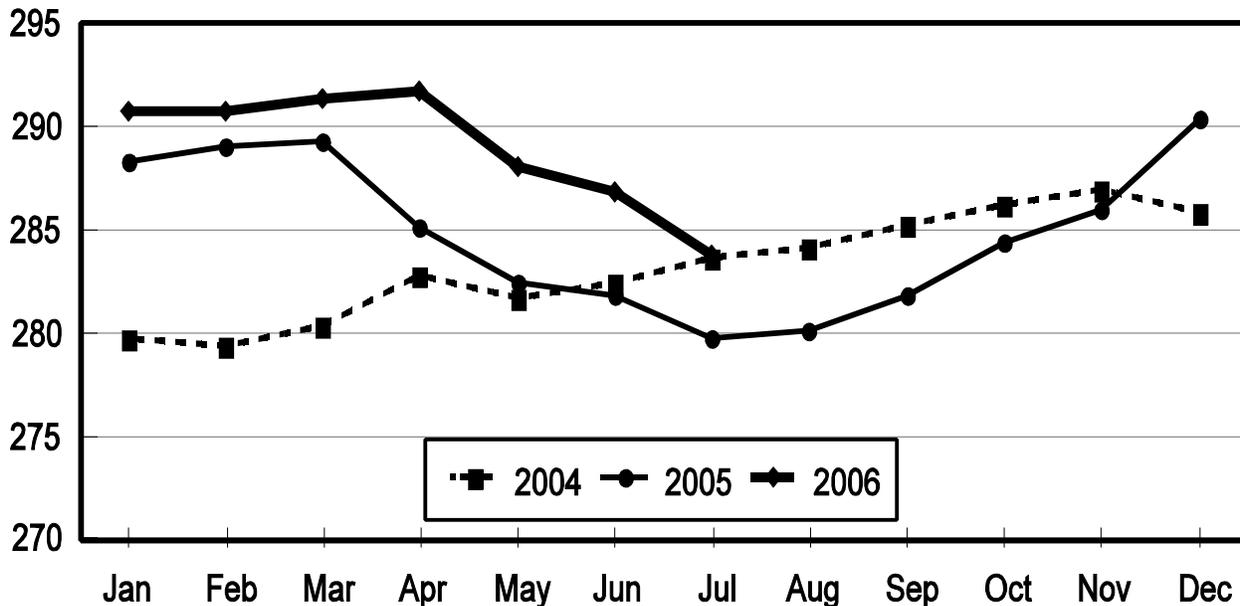
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# Table Egg Layers

## United States, 2004 - 2006

### First of the Month

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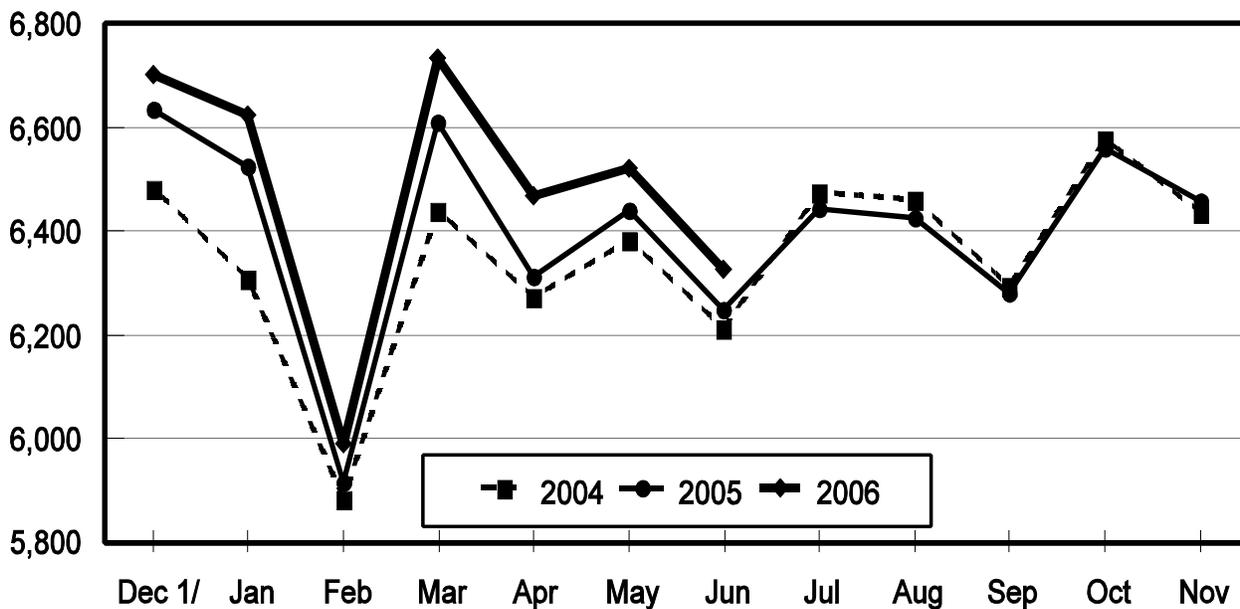


# Table Egg Production

## United States, 2004 - 2006

### During the Month

Million Eggs



1/ Previous Year

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,  
and Forced Molt, United States, May-June 2005-06<sup>1</sup>**

Item	Unit	2005	2006 <sup>2</sup>	2006 as % of 2005
Layers During May	1,000			
All Layers		341,819	344,718	101
Table Egg Type		282,111	286,816	102
Hatching Egg Type		59,708	57,902	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,996	55,053	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,712	2,849	105
Eggs per 100 Layers During May	Number			
All Layers		2,215	2,213	100
Table Egg Type		2,282	2,273	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,898	1,912	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,872	1,884	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,434	2,457	101
Eggs Produced During May	Million			
All Layers		7,572	7,627	101
Table Egg Type		6,439	6,520	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,133	1,107	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,067	1,037	97
Egg-Type Hatching		66	70	106
Layers on Jun 1	1,000			
All Layers		341,247	343,088	101
Table Egg Type		281,786	285,502	101
Hatching Egg Type		59,461	57,586	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,737	54,749	96
Egg-Type Hatching		2,724	2,837	104
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jun 1	Number			
All Layers		71.3	71.2	100
Table Egg Type		73.4	73.1	100
Hatching Egg Type		61.5	61.4	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		60.8	60.5	100
Egg-Type Hatching		77.2	79.0	102
Forced Molt Layers on Jun 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.2	4.7	112
Percent with Molt Completed		23.0	24.7	107
Layers Sold for Slaughter During May	1,000	15,664	14,088	90
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During May	1,000	7,240	9,922	137
Pullets on Jun 1	1,000	103,378	100,936	98
Pullets Added During May <sup>3</sup>	1,000	25,002	24,417	98

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

<sup>3</sup> 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, June-July 2005-06 <sup>1</sup>**

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Layers During Jun	1,000			
All Layers		339,856	341,887	101
Table Egg Type		280,795	284,654	101
Hatching Egg Type		59,061	57,233	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,382	54,402	96
Egg-Type Hatching		2,679	2,831	106
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jun	Number			
All Layers		2,162	2,159	100
Table Egg Type		2,226	2,223	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,856	1,847	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,834	1,822	99
Egg-Type Hatching		2,314	2,331	101
Eggs Produced During Jun	Million			
All Layers		7,346	7,383	101
Table Egg Type		6,250	6,327	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,096	1,057	96
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,034	991	96
Egg-Type Hatching		62	66	106
Layers on Jul 1	1,000			
All Layers		338,424	340,643	101
Table Egg Type		279,779	283,783	101
Hatching Egg Type		58,645	56,860	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,017	54,045	96
Egg-Type Hatching		2,628	2,815	107
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jul 1	Number			
All Layers		72.6	72.7	100
Table Egg Type		74.8	75.0	100
Hatching Egg Type		62.2	61.4	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		61.5	60.7	99
Egg-Type Hatching		77.2	75.3	98
Forced Molt Layers on Jul 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		3.3	3.4	103
Percent with Molt Completed		22.6	25.7	114
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Jun	1,000	16,027	13,705	86
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jun	1,000	7,169	7,039	98
Pullets on Jul 1	1,000	102,764	101,342	99
Pullets Added During Jun <sup>2</sup>	1,000	22,930	22,092	96

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> 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 May 2005-06**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers <sup>1</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1</sup>	
	2005	2006 <sup>2</sup>	2005	2006 <sup>2</sup>	2005	2006 <sup>2</sup>
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	1,691	1,574	9,069	8,863	1,919	1,884
AR	3,927	4,196	14,656	14,249	1,917	1,944
CA	18,421	18,923	18,920	19,447	2,225	2,108
CO	3,220	3,284	3,761	3,791	2,393	2,400
CT	3,079	2,637	3,138	2,689	2,326	2,343
FL	10,402	10,380	10,880	10,751	2,335	2,297
GA	9,871	9,892	19,180	19,121	2,070	2,081
HI	454	430	486	446	1,934	1,861
IL	4,064	4,524	4,292	4,758	2,400	2,207
IN	22,670	23,938	23,413	24,644	2,247	2,252
IA	48,300	50,968	49,063	51,747	2,211	2,232
ME	4,118	3,970	4,183	4,040	2,128	2,178
MD	2,832	2,556	2,952	2,698	2,134	2,335
MI	7,757	8,026	8,018	8,288	2,345	2,401
MN	10,413	10,527	10,961	11,038	2,317	2,265
MS	1,651	1,652	7,225	6,542	1,979	2,018
MO	6,002	5,991	7,345	7,140	2,301	2,269
NE	11,854	11,523	11,929	11,598	2,322	2,225
NY	3,789	3,778	4,117	4,028	2,453	2,408
NC	3,270	3,180	11,008	10,877	2,008	2,078
OH	27,532	27,851	28,010	28,368	2,292	2,245
OR	2,797	2,541	2,984	2,736	2,413	2,376
PA	21,612	21,986	23,418	23,914	2,387	2,392
SC	3,735	3,962	4,917	5,179	2,034	2,066
SD	2,821	3,058	2,921	3,158	2,191	2,280
TX	12,803	13,990	17,224	18,365	2,218	2,265
VA	1,420	1,342	3,336	3,174	2,128	2,111
WA	4,910	4,792	4,978	4,860	2,370	2,263
WI	4,220	4,119	4,720	4,631	2,225	2,332
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	16,540	15,442	24,715	23,578	2,189	2,214
US	276,175	281,032	341,819	344,718	2,215	2,213

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

<sup>3</sup> 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 June 2005-06**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers <sup>1</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1</sup>	
	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	1,798	1,476	9,191	8,722	1,882	1,857
AR	4,006	4,143	14,655	14,006	1,897	1,892
CA	18,305	18,477	18,801	18,997	2,170	2,053
CO	3,247	3,213	3,765	3,725	2,284	2,416
CT	3,050	2,639	3,108	2,695	2,284	2,152
FL	10,434	10,398	10,930	10,776	2,223	2,134
GA	9,829	9,431	19,072	18,582	2,040	2,018
HI	458	429	488	445	1,906	1,843
IL	4,302	4,508	4,532	4,745	2,273	2,213
IN	22,565	23,698	23,293	24,432	2,220	2,239
IA	47,229	50,615	47,989	51,354	2,159	2,187
ME	4,134	4,014	4,198	4,083	2,025	2,082
MD	2,818	2,629	2,939	2,767	2,178	2,313
MI	7,767	7,959	8,024	8,221	2,331	2,299
MN	10,310	10,548	10,838	11,041	2,251	2,201
MS	1,604	1,648	6,976	6,487	1,978	1,973
MO	5,917	6,116	7,270	7,256	2,242	2,219
NE	11,844	11,524	11,919	11,599	2,240	2,121
NY	3,941	3,805	4,270	4,055	2,295	2,417
NC	3,176	3,109	10,811	10,776	1,961	1,977
OH	27,474	27,562	27,955	28,080	2,200	2,183
OR	2,785	2,466	2,975	2,660	2,420	2,406
PA	21,193	21,863	22,988	23,788	2,340	2,346
SC	3,704	3,965	5,018	5,123	1,973	2,011
SD	2,914	3,119	3,014	3,219	2,157	2,175
TX	12,859	14,019	17,226	18,380	2,183	2,220
VA	1,463	1,298	3,331	3,093	2,192	2,069
WA	4,909	4,729	4,975	4,795	2,231	2,377
WI	4,328	4,084	4,824	4,596	2,218	2,263
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	16,498	15,386	24,481	23,389	2,120	2,159
US	274,861	278,870	339,856	341,887	2,162	2,159

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

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

**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,  
May 2005-06<sup>1</sup>**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <sup>2</sup>		Hatching Eggs <sup>2</sup>	
	2005	2006 <sup>3</sup>	2005	2006 <sup>3</sup>	2005	2006 <sup>3</sup>
	<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	174	167	35	33	139	134
AR	281	277	87	94	194	183
CA	421	410				
CO	90	91				
CT	73	63				
FL	254	247	246	241	8	6
GA	397	398	218	221	179	177
HI	9.4	8.3	9.4	8.3	0	0
IL	103	105	99	101	4	4
IN	526	555	513	542	13	13
IA	1,085	1,155				
ME	89	88				
MD	63	63	61	61	2	2
MI	188	199				
MN	254	250	246	241	8	9
MS	143	132	38	38	105	94
MO	169	162				
NE	277	258	277	258	0	0
NY	101	97				
NC	221	226	79	84	142	142
OH	642	637				
OR	72	65	70	63	2	2
PA	559	572	541	550	18	22
SC	100	107	80	87	20	20
SD	64	72	64	72	0	0
TX	382	416				
VA	71	67	36	33	35	34
WA	118	110				
WI	105	108				
Oth Sts <sup>4</sup>	541	522	411	393	130	129
US	7,572	7,627	6,439	6,520	1,133	1,107

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> 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,  
June 2005-06 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <sup>2</sup>		Hatching Eggs <sup>2</sup>	
	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	173	162	37	34	136	128
AR	278	265	91	90	187	175
CA	408	390				
CO	86	90				
CT	71	58				
FL	243	230	235	224	8	6
GA	389	375	216	205	173	170
HI	9.3	8.2	9.3	8.2	0	0
IL	103	105	100	101	3	4
IN	517	547	505	534	12	13
IA	1,036	1,123				
ME	85	85				
MD	64	64	62	62	2	2
MI	187	189				
MN	244	243	236	235	8	8
MS	138	128	38	38	100	90
MO	163	161				
NE	267	246	267	246	0	0
NY	98	98				
NC	212	213	75	77	137	136
OH	615	613				
OR	72	64	70	62	2	2
PA	538	558	520	537	18	21
SC	99	103	77	84	22	19
SD	65	70	65	70	0	0
TX	376	408				
VA	73	64	38	32	35	32
WA	111	114				
WI	107	104				
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	519	505	396	383	123	123
US	7,346	7,383	6,250	6,327	1,096	1,057

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

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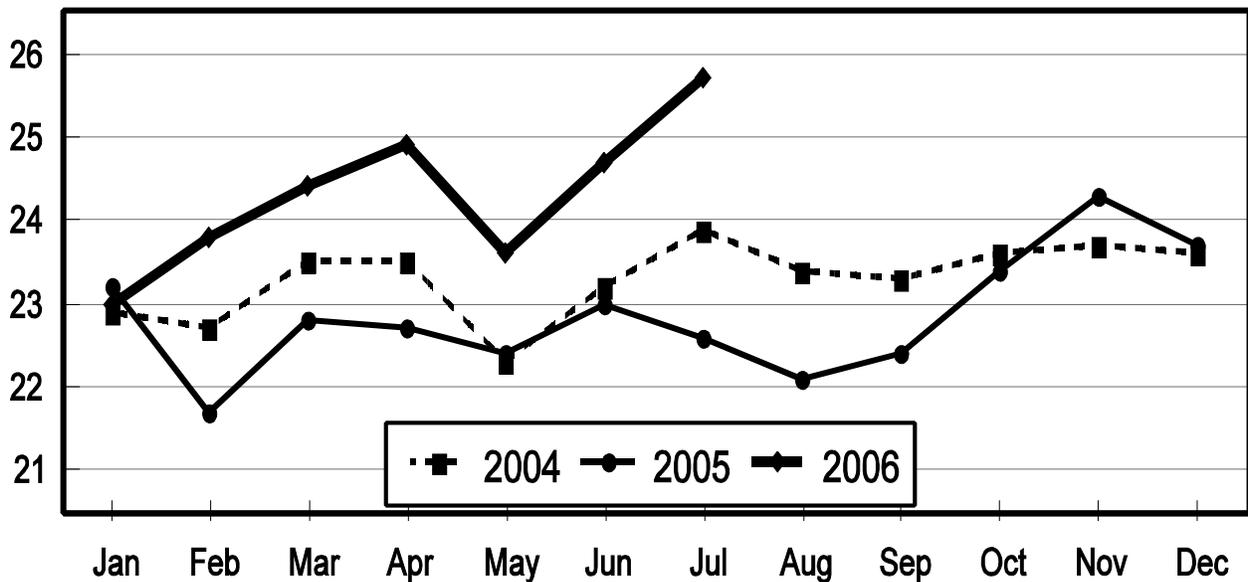
**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,  
United States, 2005-06<sup>1</sup>**

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	23.6
Jun	4.2	4.7	23.0	24.7
Jul	3.3	3.4	22.6	25.7
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	

<sup>1</sup> 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, July 2005-06<sup>1</sup>**

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	1.0	4.5	4.0
AR	1.0	2.0	9.5	9.5
CA	4.0	6.0	32.5	40.5
CO	3.0	7.0	27.0	19.5
CT	0.0	0.0	9.0	22.5
FL	6.5	6.0	24.0	32.5
GA	4.0	2.5	15.0	12.5
HI	6.5	10.0	52.0	51.0
IL	7.0	2.0	24.5	26.0
IN	3.0	2.5	28.0	29.0
IA	3.0	3.5	37.0	36.0
ME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MD	5.5	8.0	35.0	36.0
MI	1.5	3.0	35.0	24.0
MN	1.5	2.5	21.5	34.0
MS	1.0	2.0	10.0	10.5
MO	3.5	2.5	18.0	26.5
NE	9.0	4.5	21.0	33.0
NY	7.0	2.0	3.0	14.5
NC	0.0	0.5	9.5	11.0
OH	4.0	7.5	18.5	24.5
OR	7.5	10.5	31.5	24.5
PA	2.0	1.5	17.0	20.0
SC	5.0	3.5	22.0	33.0
SD	3.0	6.5	21.0	17.5
TX	3.5	2.5	19.0	24.0
VA	0.0	3.5	14.5	15.5
WA	10.0	5.5	35.5	53.0
WI	0.0	2.0	26.0	33.5
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	3.5	2.5	25.5	24.8
US	3.3	3.4	22.6	25.7

<sup>1</sup> As of first of month.

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

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

Item	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Egg-Type</b>			
Eggs in Incubators on Jul 1	35,526	32,057	90
Chicks Hatched During Jun	35,034	37,700	108
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jun	226,294	220,638	98
Pullets Hatched During Jun for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	175	183	105
7-18 Months Earlier <sup>1</sup>	3,018	2,833	94
<b>Broiler-Type</b>			
Eggs in Incubators on Jul 1	657,302	650,296	99
Chicks Hatched During Jun	796,945	787,791	99
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jun	4,759,277	4,740,049	100
Pullets Hatched During Jun for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	7,109	7,636	107
7-15 Months Earlier <sup>2</sup>	63,008	64,284	102

<sup>1</sup> 2006 includes pullet chicks hatched Dec 2004 through Nov 2005.

<sup>2</sup> 2006 includes pullet chicks hatched Mar 2005 through Nov 2005.

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

Region	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	4,666	6,164	132
E North Central	6,188	5,689	92
W North Central	8,700	7,215	83
South Atlantic	3,161	3,986	126
South Central	5,564	4,281	77
West	7,247	4,722	65
US	35,526	32,057	90

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,  
June 2005-06**

State	During June			Jan-Jun		
	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>
GA	2,228	2,209	99	13,727	13,732	100
IN	5,205	5,355	103	30,666	29,543	96
IA	5,238	6,430	123	37,688	40,484	107
MN	1,125	1,031	92	6,283	6,005	96
PA	4,769	4,741	99	29,667	26,618	90
Oth Sts <sup>1</sup>	16,469	17,934	109	108,263	104,256	96
US	35,034	37,700	108	226,294	220,638	98

<sup>1</sup> 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	40,320	104	191,260	182,938	96
Jun	35,034	37,700	108	226,294	220,638	98
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, 2005-06<sup>1</sup>**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched		2006 as % of 2005	Cumulative Potential Plcmts Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier <sup>2</sup>	
	2005	2006		2006	2007
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Jan	157	188	120	2,837	2,842
Feb	208	196	94	2,845	
Mar	314	286	91	2,788	
Apr	308	255	83	2,958	
May	190	241	127	2,878	
Jun	175	183	105	2,833	
Jul	242			2,845	
Aug	261			2,876	
Sep	375			2,864	
Oct	188			2,836	
Nov	180			2,783	
Dec	247			2,834	
Total	2,845				

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> For June 2006, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Dec 2004 through Nov 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, July 1, 2005-06**

Region	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	11,923	12,021	101
E North Central	9,028	9,550	106
W North Central	23,559	23,376	99
South Atlantic	236,821	242,716	102
South Central	350,036	336,972	96
West	25,935	25,661	99
US	657,302	650,296	99

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

State	During June			Jan-Jun		
	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	113,094	113,606	100	662,869	678,500	102
AR	112,381	108,424	96	673,753	660,850	98
DE	14,808	13,729	93	86,736	82,819	95
FL	4,901	4,593	94	28,958	29,202	101
GA	120,832	124,153	103	721,466	737,523	102
KY	25,401	25,207	99	153,168	152,253	99
LA	14,476	14,185	98	87,637	87,606	100
MD	31,496	31,213	99	187,327	186,920	100
MS	68,830	65,537	95	423,904	399,656	94
NC	66,766	67,316	101	399,151	403,313	101
OK	23,871	21,629	91	141,004	137,066	97
PA	13,974	14,090	101	85,338	84,244	99
SC	18,195	18,967	104	108,632	111,423	103
TX	55,744	54,504	98	330,458	328,113	99
VA	23,683	23,341	99	140,686	139,588	99
CA, MO, TN, & WV	65,524	64,115	98	392,041	385,583	98
19 Sts <sup>1</sup>	773,976	764,609	99	4,623,128	4,604,659	100
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	22,969	23,182	101	136,149	135,390	99
US	796,945	787,791	99	4,759,277	4,740,049	100

<sup>1</sup> States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

<sup>2</sup> 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	100
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	810,908	98	3,962,332	3,952,258	100
Jun	796,945	787,791	99	4,759,277	4,740,049	100
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 <sup>1</sup>**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched		2006 as % of 2005	Cumulative Potential Plcmts Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier <sup>2</sup>	
	2005	2006		2006	2007
	<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	62,860	64,544
Feb	7,325	7,593	104	63,060	
Mar	7,077	7,012	99	63,416	
Apr	6,800	6,593	97	63,776	
May	7,783	7,531	97	64,311	
Jun	7,109	7,636	107	64,284	
Jul	6,657			64,319	
Aug	7,484			64,344	
Sep	7,132			64,154	
Oct	6,944			64,057	
Nov	7,298			63,993	
Dec	7,112			64,040	
Annual Total	85,130				
Total Place- ments <sup>3</sup>					
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	8,930	99		
Jun	8,571	9,144	107		
Jul	7,846				
Aug	9,084				
Sep	8,683				
Oct	8,279				
Nov	8,830				
Dec	8,256				
Annual Total	101,716				

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> For Jun 2006, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Mar 2005 through Nov 2005.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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**Data Sources:** Primary data for the "**Chickens and Eggs**" report are from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for layer and egg estimates from each known contractor and independent producer who has 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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