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June Egg Production Down 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.36 billion during June 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2007 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,169 eggs, up slightly from June 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2007 totaled 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.75 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2007, averaged 72.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from July 1, 2006.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 7 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2007 totaled 40.0 million, up 7 percent from June 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.4 million on July 1, 2007, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 300,000 during June 2007, up 52 percent from June 2006.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2007 totaled 810 million, up 3 percent from June 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 668 million on July 1, 2007, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.55 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2007, down 1 percent from June 2006.

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**All Layers: Average Number on Hand During the Month,
United States, 2005-07**

Month	2005	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>
Dec ¹	345,615	348,810	348,098
Jan	347,874	349,677	347,133
Feb	348,784	350,018	347,079
Mar	347,120	350,470	346,437
Apr	343,927	348,643	343,814
May ²	342,162	345,223	341,052
Jun	340,200	342,685	339,331
Jul	338,917	341,252	
Aug	339,777	341,540	
Sep	341,433	343,147	
Oct	343,381	344,538	
Nov	346,314	346,936	

¹ December preceding year.

² Revised 2007 only.

**Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 2006-07 ¹**

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Dec ²	7,793	7,777	6,697	6,683	1,096	1,094
Jan	7,727	7,637	6,622	6,535	1,105	1,102
Feb	6,980	6,916	5,983	5,918	997	998
Mar	7,843	7,769	6,732	6,646	1,112	1,123
Apr	7,543	7,435	6,468	6,341	1,075	1,094
May ³	7,637	7,591	6,520	6,449	1,117	1,143
Jun	7,401	7,360	6,336	6,243	1,066	1,118
Jul	7,645		6,550		1,095	
Aug	7,647		6,557		1,090	
Sep	7,430		6,379		1,051	
Oct	7,678		6,600		1,078	
Nov	7,549		6,506		1,043	
During Year	90,877		77,954		12,927	

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² December preceding year.

³ Revised 2007 only.

Table Egg Layers

United States, 2005 - 2007

First of the Month

Million Layers

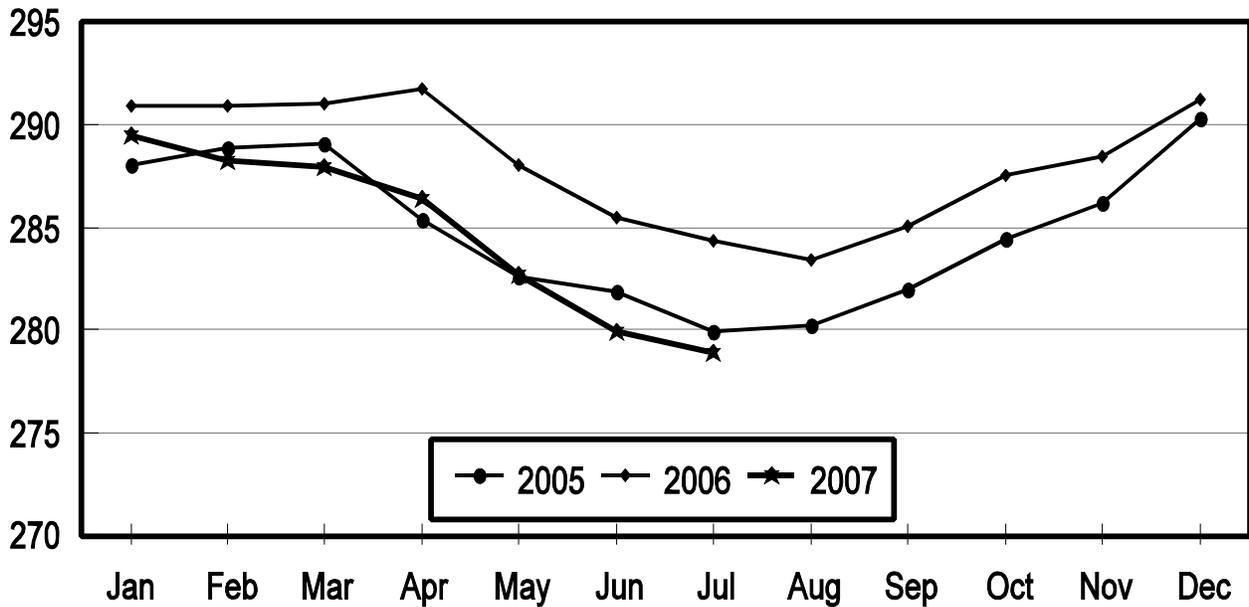
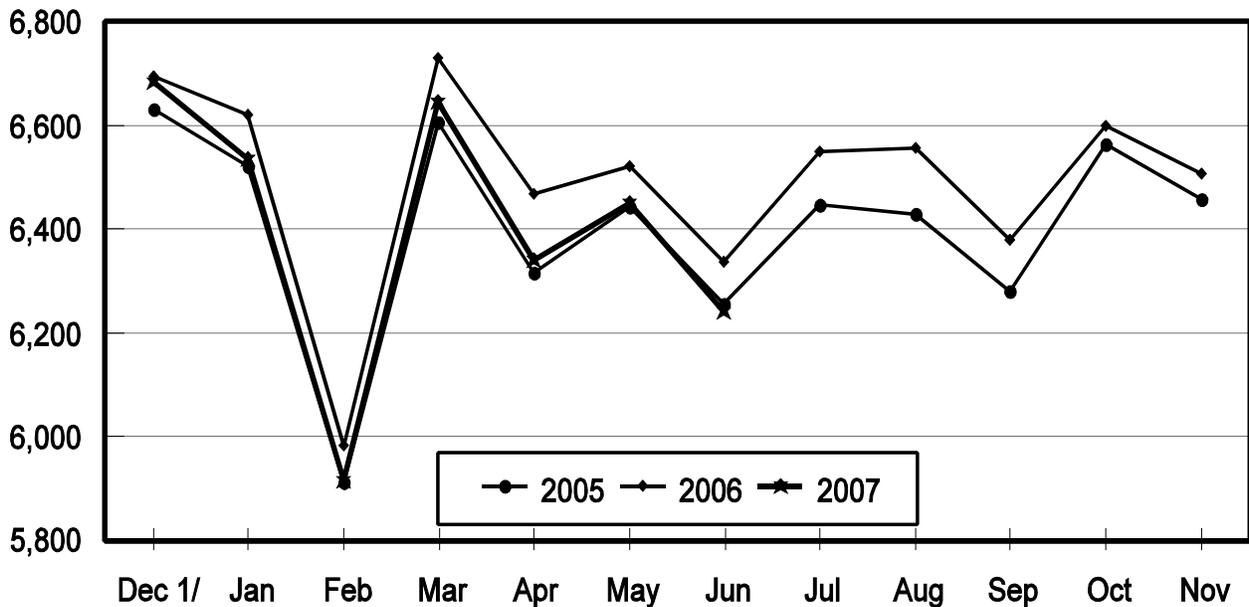


Table Egg Production

United States, 2005 - 2007

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 2006-07¹**

Item	Unit	2006	2007 ²	2007 as % of 2006
Layers During May	1,000			
All Layers		345,223	341,052	99
Table Egg Type		286,801	281,326	98
Hatching Egg Type		58,422	59,726	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		55,571	56,877	102
Egg-Type Hatching		2,851	2,849	100
Eggs per 100 Layers During May	Number			
All Layers		2,212	2,226	101
Table Egg Type		2,273	2,292	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,912	1,914	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,884	1,890	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,455	2,387	97
Eggs Produced During May	Million			
All Layers		7,637	7,591	99
Table Egg Type		6,520	6,449	99
Hatching Egg Type		1,117	1,143	102
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,047	1,075	103
Egg-Type Hatching		70	68	97
Layers on Jun 1	1,000			
All Layers		343,596	339,986	99
Table Egg Type		285,488	279,929	98
Hatching Egg Type		58,108	60,057	103
Broiler-Type Hatching		55,269	57,238	104
Egg-Type Hatching		2,839	2,819	99
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jun 1	Number			
All Layers		71.2	72.4	102
Table Egg Type		73.1	74.7	102
Hatching Egg Type		61.4	61.7	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		60.5	61.0	101
Egg-Type Hatching		79.0	76.4	97
Forced Molt Layers on Jun 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.7	3.6	77
Percent with Molt Completed		24.7	24.0	97
Layers Sold for Slaughter During May	1,000	14,187	12,961	91
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During May	1,000	9,943	8,329	84
Pullets on Jun 1	1,000	101,171	101,886	101
Pullets Added During May ³	1,000	24,432	21,181	87

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, June-July 2006-07¹**

Item	Unit	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Layers During Jun	1,000			
All Layers		342,685	339,331	99
Table Egg Type		284,934	279,436	98
Hatching Egg Type		57,751	59,895	104
Broiler-Type Hatching		54,918	57,105	104
Egg-Type Hatching		2,833	2,790	98
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jun	Number			
All Layers		2,160	2,169	100
Table Egg Type		2,224	2,234	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,846	1,867	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,821	1,844	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,330	2,330	100
Eggs Produced During Jun	Million			
All Layers		7,401	7,360	99
Table Egg Type		6,336	6,243	99
Hatching Egg Type		1,066	1,118	105
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,000	1,053	105
Egg-Type Hatching		66	65	98
Layers on Jul 1	1,000			
All Layers		341,733	338,631	99
Table Egg Type		284,358	278,922	98
Hatching Egg Type		57,375	59,709	104
Broiler-Type Hatching		54,558	56,960	104
Egg-Type Hatching		2,817	2,749	98
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jul 1	Number			
All Layers		72.7	72.0	99
Table Egg Type		75.0	74.1	99
Hatching Egg Type		61.4	62.2	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		60.7	61.4	101
Egg-Type Hatching		75.3	78.4	104
Forced Molt Layers on Jul 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		3.5	4.0	114
Percent with Molt Completed		25.6	23.9	93
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Jun	1,000	13,588	14,509	107
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jun	1,000	7,061	7,190	102
Pullets on Jul 1	1,000	101,469	103,707	102
Pullets Added During Jun ²	1,000	22,152	23,274	105

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 May 2006-07**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2006	2007	2006	2007 ²	2006	2007 ²
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	1,574	1,136	8,863	8,909	1,884	1,908
AR	4,196	4,318	14,249	14,363	1,944	1,991
CA	18,923	18,747	19,447	19,148	2,108	2,152
CO	3,284	3,256	3,791	3,777	2,400	2,356
CT	2,637	2,889	2,689	2,947	2,343	2,307
FL	10,380	9,921	10,751	10,430	2,297	2,272
GA	9,892	9,397	19,639	19,246	2,077	2,058
HI	430	355	446	367	1,861	1,880
IL	4,524	4,641	4,758	4,873	2,207	2,196
IN	23,938	23,569	24,644	24,261	2,252	2,267
IA	51,188	51,092	51,967	52,035	2,232	2,289
ME	3,970	3,835	4,040	3,888	2,178	2,315
MD	2,556	2,413	2,700	2,557	2,333	2,307
MI	8,026	8,561	8,288	8,825	2,401	2,482
MN	10,527	10,171	11,038	10,644	2,265	2,292
MS	1,652	1,534	6,542	6,413	2,018	1,980
MO	5,991	5,834	7,140	6,930	2,269	2,280
NE	11,523	10,943	11,598	11,018	2,225	2,196
NY	3,543	3,554	3,793	4,078	2,426	2,452
NC	3,180	4,285	10,877	12,255	2,078	2,089
OH	27,851	25,594	28,368	26,174	2,245	2,266
OR	2,541	2,354	2,736	2,525	2,376	2,376
PA	21,986	20,656	23,914	22,348	2,392	2,398
SC	3,962	3,506	5,179	4,793	2,066	2,024
SD	3,058	3,016	3,158	3,116	2,280	2,279
TX	13,990	14,008	18,365	18,495	2,265	2,260
VA	1,342	1,373	3,174	3,293	2,111	2,004
WA	4,792	4,707	4,860	4,772	2,263	2,305
WI	4,119	4,446	4,631	5,005	2,332	2,318
Oth Sts ³	15,442	15,386	23,578	23,567	2,214	2,190
US	281,017	275,497	345,223	341,052	2,212	2,226

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

² Revised.

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**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During June 2006-07**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	1,476	1,172	8,722	9,289	1,857	1,841
AR	4,143	4,109	13,997	14,231	1,886	1,918
CA	18,477	18,609	18,997	18,946	2,053	2,101
CO	3,213	3,183	3,725	3,725	2,416	2,362
CT	2,639	2,773	2,695	2,829	2,152	2,262
FL	10,362	9,912	10,740	10,434	2,169	2,214
GA	9,431	9,247	19,107	19,099	2,015	2,005
HI	429	354	445	368	1,843	1,875
IL	4,612	4,705	4,849	4,931	2,207	2,190
IN	23,698	23,545	24,432	24,271	2,239	2,221
IA	50,832	51,258	51,571	52,170	2,185	2,222
ME	4,014	3,761	4,083	3,809	2,082	2,205
MD	2,564	2,384	2,704	2,534	2,330	2,170
MI	8,189	8,552	8,451	8,813	2,307	2,326
MN	10,548	10,077	11,041	10,550	2,201	2,218
MS	1,648	1,559	6,487	6,430	1,973	1,928
MO	6,116	5,774	7,256	6,868	2,219	2,228
NE	11,524	10,818	11,599	10,893	2,121	2,176
NY	3,571	3,590	3,821	4,114	2,408	2,358
NC	3,109	4,245	10,776	12,173	1,977	2,029
OH	27,562	25,118	28,080	25,704	2,183	2,233
OR	2,466	2,202	2,660	2,366	2,406	2,325
PA	21,863	20,659	23,788	22,283	2,346	2,320
SC	3,965	3,478	5,123	4,753	2,011	2,041
SD	3,119	2,986	3,219	3,086	2,175	2,203
TX	14,019	13,938	18,380	18,361	2,220	2,217
VA	1,298	1,315	3,093	3,268	2,069	2,050
WA	4,729	4,629	4,795	4,694	2,377	2,258
WI	4,084	4,397	4,596	4,954	2,263	2,261
Oth Sts ²	15,450	15,256	23,453	23,385	2,158	2,138
US	279,150	273,605	342,685	339,331	2,160	2,169

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,
May 2006-07¹**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2006	2007 ³	2006	2007	2006	2007 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	167	170	33	25	134	145
AR	277	286	94	102	183	184
CA	410	412				
CO	91	89				
CT	63	68				
FL	247	237	241	227	6	10
GA	408	396	221	206	187	190
HI	8.3	6.9	8.3	6.9	0	0
IL	105	107	101	103	4	4
IN	555	550	542	538	13	12
IA	1,160	1,191	1,145	1,175	15	16
ME	88	90				
MD	63	59	61	57	2	2
MI	199	219				
MN	250	244	241	236	9	8
MS	132	127	38	36	94	91
MO	162	158				
NE	258	242	258	242	0	0
NY	92	100				
NC	226	256	84	108	142	148
OH	637	593				
OR	65	60	63	58	2	2
PA	572	536	550	516	22	20
SC	107	97	87	75	20	22
SD	72	71	72	71	0	0
TX	416	418				
VA	67	66	33	30	34	36
WA	110	110				
WI	108	116				
Oth Sts ⁴	522	516	393	382	129	134
US	7,637	7,591	6,520	6,449	1,117	1,143

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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June 2006-07¹**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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	162	171	34	25	128	146
AR	264	273	90	92	174	181
CA	390	398				
CO	90	88				
CT	58	64				
FL	233	231	227	221	6	10
GA	385	383	205	199	180	184
HI	8.2	6.9	8.2	6.9	0	0
IL	107	108	103	105	4	3
IN	547	539	534	527	13	12
IA	1,127	1,159	1,114	1,144	13	15
ME	85	84				
MD	63	55	61	53	2	2
MI	195	205				
MN	243	234	235	226	8	8
MS	128	124	38	36	90	88
MO	161	153				
NE	246	237	246	237	0	0
NY	92	97				
NC	213	247	77	103	136	144
OH	613	574				
OR	64	55	62	53	2	2
PA	558	517	537	498	21	19
SC	103	97	84	76	19	21
SD	70	68	70	68	0	0
TX	408	407				
VA	64	67	32	30	32	37
WA	114	106				
WI	104	112				
Oth Sts ³	506	500	384	369	123	131
US	7,401	7,360	6,336	6,243	1,066	1,118

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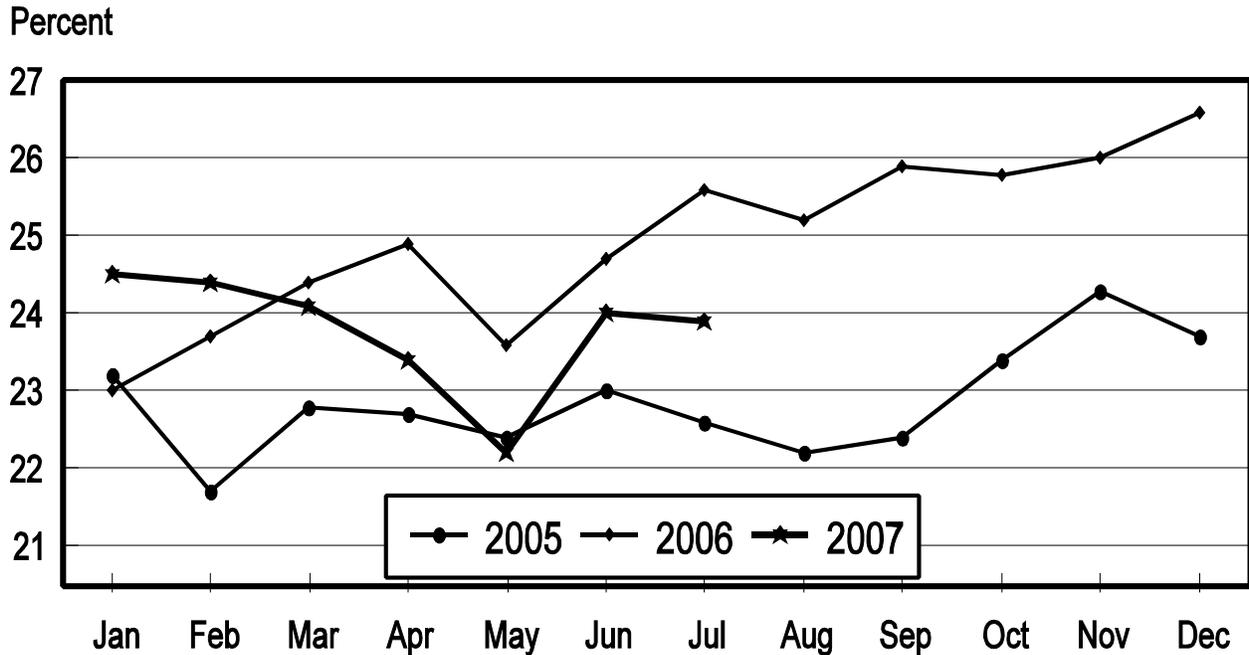
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**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 2006-07¹**

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	4.3	4.4	23.0	24.5
Feb	5.2	3.4	23.7	24.4
Mar	4.0	2.9	24.4	24.1
Apr	2.3	2.8	24.9	23.4
May	5.4	5.4	23.6	22.2
Jun	4.7	3.6	24.7	24.0
Jul	3.5	4.0	25.6	23.9
Aug	4.2		25.2	
Sep	3.4		25.9	
Oct	4.3		25.8	
Nov	3.0		26.0	
Dec	2.2		26.6	

¹ As of first of month.

All Layers: Percent Molt Completed United States, 2005 - 2007 First of the Month



**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, July 2006-07¹**

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1.0	2.0	4.0	5.0
AR	2.0	4.5	9.5	12.0
CA	6.0	5.5	39.0	31.5
CO	7.0	0.0	19.5	21.0
CT	0.0	0.0	22.5	11.5
FL	5.5	7.0	34.0	34.0
GA	2.5	4.5	12.5	16.5
HI	10.0	8.0	51.0	59.5
IL	2.0	10.0	26.0	30.5
IN	2.5	4.0	29.0	31.0
IA	3.5	5.0	36.0	37.5
ME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MD	8.0	11.0	36.0	37.5
MI	3.0	4.0	24.0	16.5
MN	2.5	2.5	34.0	25.0
MS	2.0	2.0	10.5	10.5
MO	2.5	3.5	26.5	21.5
NE	4.5	6.5	33.0	16.5
NY	2.0	4.0	14.5	5.5
NC	0.5	1.5	11.0	8.0
OH	7.5	4.5	24.5	20.0
OR	10.5	13.0	24.5	34.5
PA	1.5	2.0	20.0	16.0
SC	3.5	5.5	33.0	19.5
SD	6.5	5.0	17.5	19.5
TX	2.5	1.5	24.0	25.5
VA	3.5	3.5	15.5	22.0
WA	5.5	4.5	53.0	48.0
WI	2.0	2.5	33.5	33.0
Oth Sts ²	3.0	2.9	24.3	25.2
US	3.5	4.0	25.6	23.9

¹ As of first of month.

² 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 2006-07**

Item	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Jul 1	31,485	33,382	106
Chicks Hatched During Jun	37,406	40,005	107
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jun	219,958	232,436	106
Pullets Hatched During Jun for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier ¹	198 2,823	300 2,915	152 103
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Jul 1	650,487	667,719	103
Chicks Hatched During Jun	788,652	810,419	103
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jun	4,744,314	4,779,880	101
Pullets Hatched During Jun for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²	7,636 64,284	7,554 64,284	99 100

¹ 2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Dec 2005 through Nov 2006.

² 2007 includes pullet chicks hatched Mar 2006 through Nov 2006.

**Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
July 1, 2006-07**

Region	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	5,943	6,034	102
E North Central	5,675	7,241	128
W North Central	6,925	7,894	114
South Atlantic	4,136	4,182	101
South Central	3,809	2,998	79
West	4,997	5,033	101
US	31,485	33,382	106

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 2006-07**

State	During June			Jan-Jun		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
GA	2,209	2,163	98	13,732	13,530	99
IN	5,355	4,960	93	30,576	33,047	108
IA	6,438	8,226	128	40,527	45,781	113
MN	914	1,161	127	5,888	6,027	102
PA	4,741	4,637	98	26,618	29,059	109
Oth Sts ¹	17,749	18,858	106	102,617	104,992	102
US	37,406	40,005	107	219,958	232,436	106

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2006-07

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	35,159	36,926	105	35,159	36,926	105
Feb	33,409	36,766	110	68,568	73,692	107
Mar	38,805	40,537	104	107,373	114,229	106
Apr	35,435	39,704	112	142,808	153,933	108
May	39,744	38,498	97	182,552	192,431	105
Jun	37,406	40,005	107	219,958	232,436	106
Jul	32,727			252,685		
Aug	35,611			288,296		
Sep	36,873			325,169		
Oct	36,162			361,331		
Nov	31,554			392,885		
Dec	33,183			426,068		

**Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 2006-07¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched		2007 as % of 2006	Cumulative Potential Plcmts Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier ²	
	2006	2007		2007	2008
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Jan	223	265	119	2,870	3,008
Feb	200	166	83	2,947	
Mar	261	316	121	2,970	
Apr	254	274	108	2,855	
May ³	241	191	79	2,889	
Jun	198	300	152	2,915	
Jul	319			2,873	
Aug	284			2,915	
Sep	260			2,881	
Oct	222			2,936	
Nov	206			2,956	
Dec	205			2,906	
Total	2,873				

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 June 2007, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Dec 2005 through Nov 2006. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

³ Revision to 2007 pullet chicks hatched and cumulative potential placements for December 2007.

**Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2006-07**

Region	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	12,097	12,348	102
E North Central	9,582	11,387	119
W North Central	29,377	29,184	99
South Atlantic	242,604	248,600	102
South Central	331,236	341,157	103
West	25,591	25,043	98
US	650,487	667,719	103

**Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, June 2006-07**

State	During June			Jan-Jun		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	113,606	112,284	99	678,518	667,720	98
AR	101,570	103,828	102	619,804	607,938	98
DE	13,729	15,013	109	82,819	87,144	105
FL	4,593	4,834	105	29,202	29,507	101
GA	124,153	128,316	103	737,848	758,656	103
KY	25,207	28,039	111	152,350	164,752	108
LA	14,185	14,146	100	87,606	83,176	95
MD	31,212	31,584	101	187,015	186,203	100
MS	65,537	68,823	105	399,656	408,672	102
NC	67,316	70,701	105	403,313	416,045	103
OK	21,629	23,930	111	137,080	141,468	103
PA	14,090	14,026	100	84,154	83,445	99
SC	18,967	19,906	105	111,423	116,245	104
TX	54,504	55,483	102	328,112	321,604	98
VA	23,341	23,305	100	139,588	137,021	98
CA, MO, TN, & WV	70,964	72,139	102	426,078	430,239	101
19 Sts ¹	764,603	786,357	103	4,604,566	4,639,835	101
Oth Sts ²	24,049	24,062	100	139,748	140,045	100
US	788,652	810,419	103	4,744,314	4,779,880	101

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, 2006-07

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	804,801	797,066	99	804,801	797,066	99
Feb	733,425	723,753	99	1,538,226	1,520,819	99
Mar	817,842	810,732	99	2,356,068	2,331,551	99
Apr	787,457	800,524	102	3,143,525	3,132,075	100
May	812,137	837,386	103	3,955,662	3,969,461	100
Jun	788,652	810,419	103	4,744,314	4,779,880	101
Jul	801,537			5,545,851		
Aug	810,030			6,355,881		
Sep	772,258			7,128,139		
Oct	772,942			7,901,081		
Nov	729,946			8,631,027		
Dec	796,523			9,427,550		

**Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 2006-07 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched		2007 as % of 2006	Cumulative Potential Plcmts Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²	
	2006	2007		2007	2008
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
US Place- ments					
Jan	6,825	7,015	103	64,544	65,088
Feb	7,593	7,071	93	64,056	
Mar	7,012	7,135	102	64,389	
Apr	6,593	6,692	102	64,340	
May ³	7,531	8,083	107	64,259	
Jun	7,636	7,554	99	64,284	
Jul	6,456			64,448	
Aug	7,631			64,870	
Sep	7,063			64,410	
Oct	6,744			63,909	
Nov	7,618			64,145	
Dec	7,176			64,597	
Annual Total	85,878				
Total Place- ments ⁴					
Jan	8,018	8,772	109		
Feb	9,026	8,811	98		
Mar	8,415	9,025	107		
Apr	7,558	8,358	111		
May ⁵	8,930	9,780	110		
Jun	9,144	9,393	103		
Jul	7,845				
Aug	9,170				
Sep	8,742				
Oct	8,028				
Nov	9,550				
Dec	8,700				
Annual Total	103,126				

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 Jun 2007, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Mar 2006 through Nov 2006.

³ Revised 2007 pullet chicks hatched and cumulative placements for December 2007.

⁴ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

⁵ Revised 2007 only.

Reliability of Chicken and Eggs Estimates

Survey Procedures: 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 300, are contacted for information on a weekly and/or monthly basis.

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