



Chickens and Eggs

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June Egg Production Up 3 Percent

United States egg production totaled 7.96 billion during June 2014, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.90 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 988 million were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2014 averaged 352 million, up 2 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,264 eggs, up 1 percent from June 2013.

All layers in the United States on July 1, 2014 totaled 352 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 352 million layers consisted of 295 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.05 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2014, averaged 76.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from July 1, 2013.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 5 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2014 totaled 43.5 million, up 5 percent from June 2013. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.3 million on July 1, 2014, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 172 thousand during June 2014, up 13 percent from June 2013.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down Slightly

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2014 totaled 763 million, down slightly from June 2013. Eggs in incubators totaled 636 million on July 1, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.09 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2014, up 1 percent from June 2013.

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Average Number of All Layers on Hand During the Month – United States: 2013-2014

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Month	2013		2014	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December ¹		345,961		352,253
January		344,935		350,936
February		345,966		349,980
March		347,762		351,127
April		346,429		352,495
May		345,069		352,123
June		344,857		351,611
July		344,764		
August		346,616		
September		346,671		
October		347,173		
November		350,666		

¹ December preceding year.

Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2013-2014

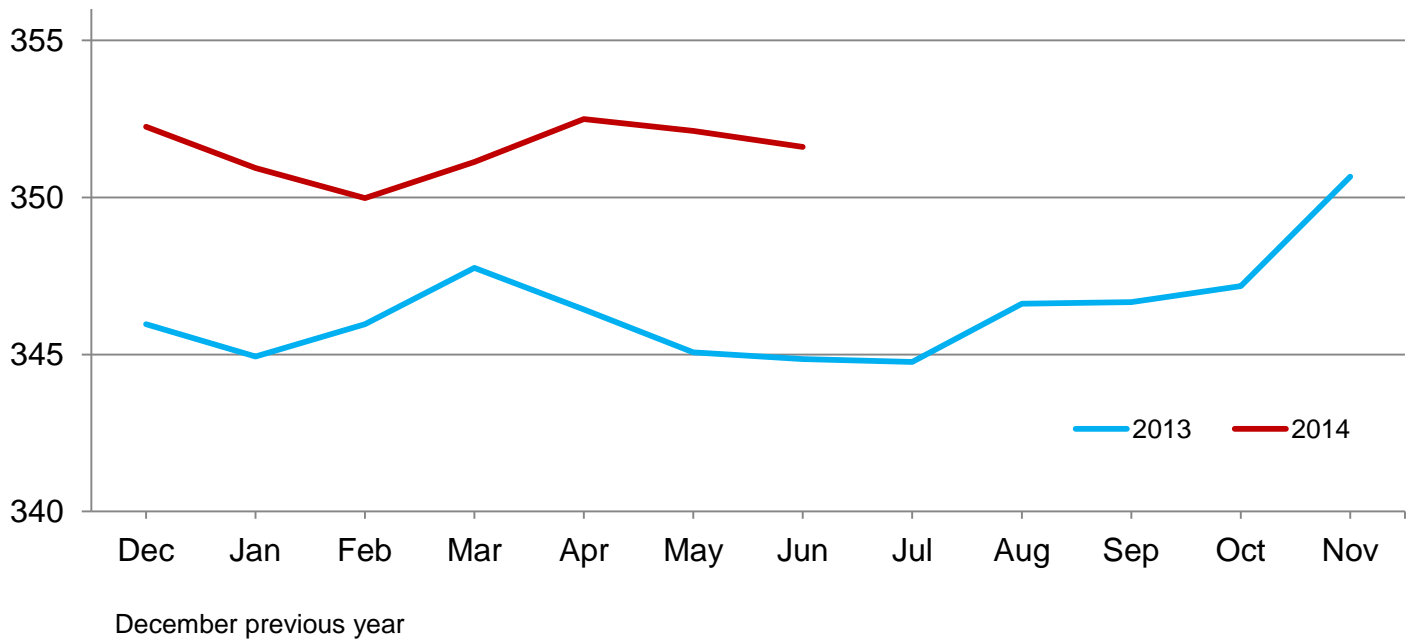
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December ¹	8,121	8,287	7,078	7,220	1,043	1,068
January	8,025	8,198	6,964	7,123	1,061	1,076
February	7,230	7,361	6,264	6,391	966	969
March	8,090	8,221	7,003	7,149	1,087	1,073
April	7,827	8,014	6,761	6,971	1,066	1,042
May	8,036	8,230	6,930	7,139	1,106	1,093
June	7,757	7,961	6,688	6,898	1,069	1,063
July	7,980		6,887		1,093	
August	8,078		6,991		1,087	
September	7,871		6,825		1,046	
October	8,165		7,090		1,075	
November	8,000		6,966		1,034	
During year	95,176		82,451		12,733	

¹ December preceding year.

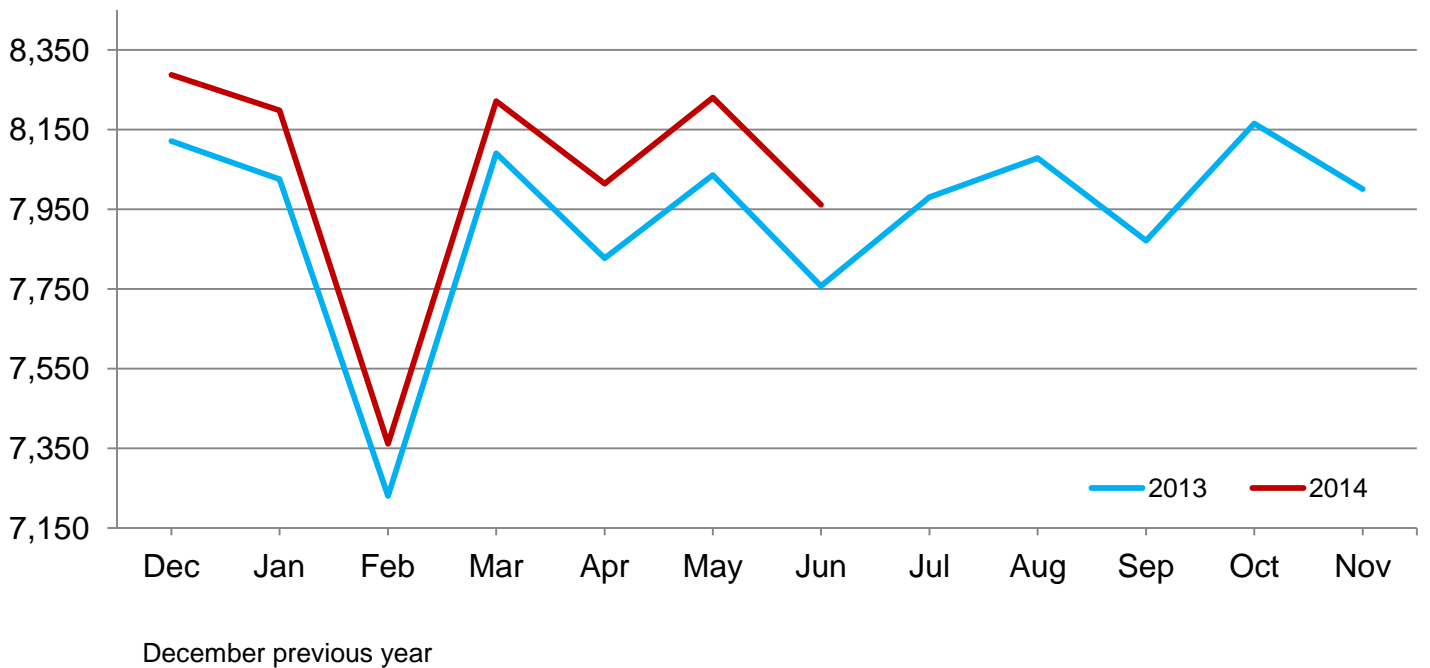
Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



All Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Forced Molt – United States:
May-June 2013 and 2014**

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
Layers during May			
All layers1,000	345,069	352,123	102
Table egg type1,000	288,442	295,339	102
Hatching egg type1,000	56,627	56,784	100
Broiler-type hatching1,000	53,388	53,648	100
Egg-type hatching1,000	3,239	3,136	97
Eggs per 100 layers during May			
All layers number	2,329	2,337	100
Table egg type number	2,403	2,417	101
Hatching egg type number	1,953	1,925	99
Broiler-type hatching number	1,920	1,892	99
Egg-type hatching number	2,501	2,487	99
Eggs produced during May			
All layers million	8,036	8,230	102
Table egg type million	6,930	7,139	103
Hatching egg type million	1,106	1,093	99
Broiler-type hatching million	1,025	1,015	99
Egg-type hatching million	81	78	96
Layers on June 1			
All layers1,000	345,740	351,542	102
Table egg type1,000	289,011	294,659	102
Hatching egg type1,000	56,729	56,883	100
Broiler-type hatching1,000	53,498	53,808	101
Egg-type hatching1,000	3,231	3,075	95
Eggs per 100 layers on June 1			
All layers number	75.2	74.9	100
Table egg type number	77.6	77.3	100
Hatching egg type number	63.1	62.2	99
Broiler-type hatching number	62.1	61.1	98
Egg-type hatching number	79.7	81.4	102
Forced molt layers on June 1			
Being moltedpercent	2.7	3.1	115
Molt completedpercent	18.3	17.5	96
Layers sold for slaughter during May1,000	15,707	14,916	95
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during May1,000	8,720	7,751	89
Pullets on June 11,000	105,818	107,428	102
Pullets added during May ¹1,000	25,161	24,170	96

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Forced Molt – United States: June-July 2013 and 2014

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
Layers during June			
All layers 1,000	344,857	351,611	102
Table egg type 1,000	288,668	294,826	102
Hatching egg type 1,000	56,189	56,785	101
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	52,987	53,718	101
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,202	3,067	96
Eggs per 100 layers during June			
All layers number	2,249	2,264	101
Table egg type number	2,317	2,340	101
Hatching egg type number	1,903	1,872	98
Broiler-type hatching number	1,874	1,839	98
Egg-type hatching number	2,374	2,445	103
Eggs produced during June			
All layers million	7,757	7,961	103
Table egg type million	6,688	6,898	103
Hatching egg type million	1,069	1,063	99
Broiler-type hatching million	993	988	99
Egg-type hatching million	76	75	99
Layers on July 1			
All layers 1,000	343,944	351,647	102
Table egg type 1,000	288,310	294,979	102
Hatching egg type 1,000	55,634	56,668	102
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	52,464	53,616	102
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,170	3,052	96
Eggs per 100 layers on July 1			
All layers number	74.7	76.0	102
Table egg type number	76.8	78.6	102
Hatching egg type number	63.5	62.5	98
Broiler-type hatching number	62.7	61.5	98
Egg-type hatching number	77.6	80.2	103
Forced molt layers on July 1			
Being molted percent	3.1	2.5	81
Molt completed percent	18.5	18.3	99
Layers sold for slaughter during June 1,000	14,384	14,120	98
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during June 1,000	7,466	7,468	100
Pullets on July 1 1,000	106,892	107,318	100
Pullets added during June ¹ 1,000	22,565	22,898	101

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During May 2013 and 2014

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,479	1,509	9,432	9,491	2,004	1,939
Arkansas	3,699	3,652	12,852	12,729	2,077	2,043
California	17,455	15,791	17,824	16,277	2,384	2,384
Colorado	3,656	4,357	4,103	4,708	2,559	2,591
Connecticut	2,272	2,272	2,365	2,361	2,452	2,457
Florida	7,512	8,066	7,842	8,402	2,283	2,333
Georgia	8,959	9,526	18,002	18,370	2,122	2,183
Illinois	3,752	4,206	4,058	4,513	2,218	2,482
Indiana	25,497	26,449	26,462	27,394	2,377	2,406
Iowa	52,102	53,486	53,109	54,532	2,384	2,395
Maine	3,434	3,434	3,489	3,489	2,436	2,436
Maryland	2,247	2,635	2,367	2,758	2,281	2,393
Michigan	12,585	12,682	12,746	12,850	2,448	2,482
Minnesota	9,671	10,140	10,107	10,548	2,384	2,332
Mississippi	1,579	1,530	5,899	5,646	2,034	2,037
Missouri	6,099	6,202	7,686	7,816	2,407	2,418
Nebraska	9,008	9,338	9,058	9,388	2,550	2,599
New York	4,047	4,514	4,269	4,740	2,460	2,489
North Carolina	5,790	5,718	13,063	13,140	2,029	2,131
Ohio	28,051	29,947	28,489	30,509	2,362	2,327
Oregon	2,216	2,181	2,335	2,251	2,612	2,710
Pennsylvania	23,562	23,498	24,711	24,676	2,533	2,517
South Carolina	2,960	3,080	4,260	4,336	2,324	2,237
South Dakota	2,518	2,532	2,558	2,572	2,580	2,255
Texas	14,835	14,800	18,759	18,720	2,260	2,260
Utah	3,636	3,956	3,666	3,986	2,428	2,383
Virginia	1,086	1,102	2,718	2,810	2,171	2,171
Washington	6,809	6,836	6,927	6,955	2,396	2,315
Wisconsin	4,496	4,248	5,065	4,907	2,330	2,405
Other States ¹	12,835	12,884	20,848	21,249	2,240	2,245
United States	283,847	290,571	345,069	352,123	2,329	2,337

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During June 2013 and 2014

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,445	1,534	9,273	9,407	1,984	1,924
Arkansas	3,585	3,673	12,756	12,835	2,015	1,979
California	17,210	15,571	17,580	16,114	2,321	2,321
Colorado	4,037	4,537	4,513	4,888	2,238	2,455
Connecticut	2,286	2,286	2,377	2,374	2,314	2,317
Florida	7,479	8,128	7,816	8,462	2,226	2,222
Georgia	9,053	9,477	18,030	18,246	2,052	2,088
Illinois	3,695	3,993	4,010	4,313	2,195	2,481
Indiana	25,504	26,656	26,500	27,596	2,294	2,319
Iowa	52,132	53,202	53,096	54,236	2,279	2,296
Maine	3,408	3,408	3,463	3,463	2,339	2,339
Maryland	2,133	2,614	2,254	2,738	2,263	2,337
Michigan	12,548	12,799	12,703	12,956	2,377	2,408
Minnesota	9,714	10,159	10,158	10,569	2,294	2,318
Mississippi	1,579	1,531	5,831	5,658	1,955	1,979
Missouri	6,229	6,206	7,743	7,803	2,221	2,281
Nebraska	9,154	9,374	9,204	9,424	2,445	2,525
New York	4,134	4,538	4,364	4,760	2,383	2,395
North Carolina	5,690	5,593	12,987	13,057	2,033	2,060
Ohio	28,226	29,865	28,672	30,437	2,277	2,297
Oregon	2,143	2,243	2,243	2,313	2,630	2,637
Pennsylvania	23,441	23,585	24,550	24,771	2,428	2,434
South Carolina	2,997	3,066	4,290	4,318	2,191	2,154
South Dakota	2,670	2,471	2,710	2,511	2,546	2,270
Texas	14,714	15,000	18,545	18,925	2,216	2,203
Utah	3,758	3,996	3,788	4,026	2,482	2,285
Virginia	1,016	1,109	2,669	2,809	2,098	2,136
Washington	6,778	6,632	6,896	6,751	2,248	2,326
Wisconsin	4,465	4,034	5,032	4,695	2,325	2,343
Other States ¹	12,850	12,778	20,804	21,156	2,173	2,146
United States	284,073	290,058	344,857	351,611	2,249	2,264

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: May 2013 and 2014

[Totals may not add due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	189	184	32	36	157	148
Arkansas	267	260	88	87	179	173
California	425	388	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	105	122	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	58	58	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	179	196	174	191	5	5
Georgia	382	401	207	231	175	170
Illinois	90	112	85	107	5	5
Indiana	629	659	609	640	20	19
Iowa	1,266	1,306	1,248	1,288	18	18
Maine	85	85	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	54	66	53	65	1	1
Michigan	312	319	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	241	246	234	240	7	6
Mississippi	120	115	37	37	83	78
Missouri	185	189	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	231	244	231	244	-	-
New York	105	118	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	265	280	132	141	133	139
Ohio	673	710	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	61	61	60	61	1	-
Pennsylvania	626	621	606	600	20	21
South Carolina	99	97	76	75	23	22
South Dakota	66	58	66	58	-	-
Texas	424	423	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	89	95	89	95	-	-
Virginia	59	61	27	27	32	34
Washington	166	161	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	118	118	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	467	477	339	344	128	134
United States	8,036	8,230	6,930	7,139	1,106	1,093

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: June 2013 and 2014

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State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	184	181	34	37	150	144
Arkansas	257	254	83	83	174	171
California	408	374	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	101	120	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	55	55	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	174	188	169	183	5	5
Georgia	370	381	201	217	169	164
Illinois	88	107	83	102	5	5
Indiana	608	640	589	622	19	18
Iowa	1,210	1,245	1,195	1,227	15	18
Maine	81	81	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	51	64	50	63	1	1
Michigan	302	312	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	233	245	226	239	7	6
Mississippi	114	112	36	36	78	76
Missouri	172	178	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	225	238	225	238	-	-
New York	104	114	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	264	269	131	134	133	135
Ohio	653	699	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	59	61	58	61	1	-
Pennsylvania	596	603	577	583	19	20
South Carolina	94	93	72	71	22	22
South Dakota	69	57	69	57	-	-
Texas	411	417	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	94	92	94	92	-	-
Virginia	56	60	24	28	32	32
Washington	155	157	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	117	110	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	452	454	327	325	125	129
United States	7,757	7,961	6,688	6,898	1,069	1,063

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¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Forced Molt as Percent of All Layers by Month – United States: 2013-2014

[As of the first of the month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	3.0	2.7	19.3	18.4
February	3.6	3.0	18.9	18.1
March	2.6	2.5	19.4	17.7
April	2.1	2.0	19.0	18.0
May	3.6	3.0	18.4	17.8
June	2.7	3.1	18.3	17.5
July	3.1	2.5	18.5	18.3
August	2.7		19.2	
September	2.7		19.0	
October	2.9		18.9	
November	2.3		18.8	
December	1.6		18.5	

Forced Molt as Percent of All Layers – States and United States: July 1, 2013 and 2014

[As of the first of the month]

State	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	0.5	-	6.0	6.5
Arkansas	2.0	2.0	8.0	12.0
California	5.0	3.5	28.0	31.5
Colorado	4.5	4.0	15.5	18.5
Connecticut	-	-	17.5	17.5
Florida	5.0	8.0	31.0	25.0
Georgia	3.0	3.0	16.5	17.0
Illinois	2.5	-	18.0	9.5
Indiana	3.0	2.0	22.0	24.5
Iowa	3.0	3.5	29.5	26.0
Maine	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	12.0	7.0
Michigan	3.5	-	9.0	5.5
Minnesota	2.5	1.5	22.5	22.0
Mississippi	2.0	2.0	9.0	9.0
Missouri	-	-	19.0	17.5
Nebraska	-	-	2.0	3.0
New York	2.0	5.0	3.0	6.0
North Carolina	-	2.5	14.0	12.5
Ohio	5.5	4.0	20.0	25.5
Oregon	-	-	24.0	18.5
Pennsylvania	3.0	0.5	6.0	5.5
South Carolina	-	-	14.0	9.5
South Dakota	3.5	3.5	10.5	15.5
Texas	4.5	3.0	24.0	27.0
Utah	-	7.0	31.5	31.5
Virginia	3.5	-	12.5	10.0
Washington	8.0	3.0	23.0	18.5
Wisconsin	9.5	4.5	21.5	21.5
Other States ¹	2.7	3.2	17.2	13.4
United States	3.1	2.5	18.5	18.3

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Hatchery Production – United States: 2013 and 2014

Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on July 1	37,892	40,316	106
Chicks hatched during June	41,584	43,470	105
Chicks hatched January through June	265,369	265,863	100
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	152	172	113
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,788	2,680	96
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on July 1	631,548	635,795	101
Chicks hatched during June	764,675	762,783	100
Chicks hatched January through June	4,525,048	4,526,256	100
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	7,011	7,094	101
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	60,676	61,444	101

¹ 2014 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2012 through November 2013.

² 2014 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2013 through November 2013.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2013-2014

[See regional listing on page 19]

Region	June 1		2014 as percent of 2013	July 1		2014 as percent of 2013
	2013	2014		2013	2014	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic	5,005	5,707	114	4,427	5,286	119
East North Central	8,302	9,506	115	6,823	8,523	125
West North Central	10,362	10,278	99	9,838	9,877	100
South Atlantic	4,889	4,315	88	4,687	4,256	91
South Central	5,587	5,998	107	5,187	6,337	122
West	7,905	6,504	82	6,930	6,037	87
United States	42,050	42,308	101	37,892	40,316	106

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2013-2014

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	43,454	44,134	102	43,454	44,134	102
February	41,840	40,323	96	85,294	84,457	99
March	43,600	43,818	101	128,894	128,275	100
April	45,423	45,115	99	174,317	173,390	99
May	49,468	49,003	99	223,785	222,393	99
June	41,584	43,470	105	265,369	265,863	100
July	39,225			304,594		
August	38,231			342,825		
September	41,668			384,493		
October	42,406			426,899		
November	41,750			468,649		
December	41,144			509,793		

Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month – United States: 2013-2015

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2014 as percent of 2013	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ¹	
	2013	2014		2014	2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January	350	270	77	2,714	2,947
February	224	243	108	2,710	
March	172	235	137	2,716	
April	233	243	104	2,780	
May	175	224	128	2,744	
June	152	172	113	2,680	
July	267			2,866	
August	343			2,786	
September	270			2,805	
October	150			2,868	
November	178			2,878	
December	352			2,927	
Total	2,866				

¹ For June 2014, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched December 2012 through November 2013. 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 on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2013-2014

[See regional listing on page 19]

Region	June 1		2014 as percent of 2013	July 1		2014 as percent of 2013
	2013	2014		2013	2014	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic	14,827	13,762	93	14,414	13,475	93
East North Central	13,330	14,345	108	13,405	14,463	108
West North Central	30,813	30,582	99	30,214	30,594	101
South Atlantic	241,791	249,825	103	241,895	246,679	102
South Central	312,275	310,777	100	308,545	307,876	100
West	23,817	22,586	95	23,075	22,708	98
United States	636,853	641,877	101	631,548	635,795	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: June 2013 and 2014

State	During June			January-June		
	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	102,099	103,094	101	611,098	615,887	101
Arkansas	79,366	76,783	97	472,753	449,251	95
Delaware	12,788	16,077	126	75,228	96,438	128
Florida	4,410	4,432	100	26,228	26,150	100
Georgia	120,649	122,216	101	715,629	724,793	101
Kentucky	27,958	27,913	100	164,888	164,668	100
Louisiana	12,905	13,939	108	75,770	83,405	110
Maryland	27,287	27,092	99	159,349	163,016	102
Mississippi	66,031	62,661	95	385,193	379,279	98
Missouri	30,605	29,521	96	180,493	181,043	100
North Carolina	73,245	74,762	102	435,281	438,329	101
Oklahoma	23,705	23,743	100	138,253	143,171	104
Pennsylvania	16,512	15,281	93	94,036	92,197	98
South Carolina	18,160	17,686	97	108,420	103,332	95
Texas	54,369	53,301	98	323,258	314,187	97
Virginia	23,443	24,065	103	140,525	141,993	101
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	42,278	40,999	97	246,151	237,408	96
19 States ¹	735,810	733,565	100	4,352,553	4,354,547	100
Other States ²	28,865	29,218	101	172,495	171,709	100
United States	764,675	762,783	100	4,525,048	4,526,256	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: 2013-2014

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	765,973	770,893	101	765,973	770,893	101
February	692,130	692,647	100	1,458,103	1,463,540	100
March	773,426	769,818	100	2,231,529	2,233,358	100
April	750,758	748,669	100	2,982,287	2,982,027	100
May	778,086	781,446	100	3,760,373	3,763,473	100
June	764,675	762,783	100	4,525,048	4,526,256	100
July	783,999			5,309,047		
August	777,124			6,086,171		
September	744,907			6,831,078		
October	739,167			7,570,245		
November	713,191			8,283,436		
December	774,784			9,058,220		

Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2013-2015

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2014 as percent of 2013	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ¹	
	2013 (1,000 chicks)	2014 (1,000 chicks)		2014 (1,000 chicks)	2015 (1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January	6,303	6,470	103	60,546	62,018
February	7,156	7,239	101	60,850	
March	6,589	6,790	103	61,214	
April	6,222	6,710	108	61,457	
May	7,565	7,600	100	61,385	
June	7,011	7,094	101	61,444	
July	6,569			61,524	
August	7,131			61,772	
September	6,911			61,446	
October	6,231			61,225	
November	7,215			61,366	
December	6,669			61,835	
Annual total	81,572				
Total placements ²					
January	8,012	8,077	101		
February	8,708	9,068	104		
March	8,277	8,702	105		
April	7,815	8,122	104		
May	9,100	9,470	104		
June	8,860	9,021	102		
July	8,174				
August	8,855				
September	8,635				
October	7,856				
November	8,784				
December	8,398				
Annual total	101,474				

¹ For June 2014, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched March 2013 through November 2013.

² United States production of intended placements worldwide.

Statistical Methodology

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 500 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Data for egg-type hatchery estimates are collected monthly from all egg-type hatcheries that hatch at least 50,000 chicks a year.

Estimating Procedures: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, regional, and United States totals.

For chicken hatcheries, chicks hatched consist of all chicks of domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. Eggs set are eggs in incubators for the purpose of hatching. The relationship of egg-type chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings are 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. Broiler chicks placed are specifically for meat production. 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 layer flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the laying 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 earlier represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

Revision Policy: The previous month's estimates are subject to revision if late reports or corrected data indicates a different level. Additionally, revisions after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the annual reports of *Chickens and Eggs Summary* and *Hatchery Production Summary*. Estimates will also be reviewed for chickens and eggs after data from the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Estimates are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets, or operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for all layers over the past 24 months is 0.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 352 million layers by more than 0.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.8 percent.

Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past twenty-four months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
All layers	(percent) 0.5	(percent) 0.8	(1,000) 1,318	(1,000) 48	(1,000) 3,262	(number) 21	(number) 3
Eggs	0.5	0.9	(million) 34	(million) 3	(million) 80	21	3

Egg-Type Regional Listing

North Atlantic: Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania.
East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin.
West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri.
South Atlantic: Florida, Georgia, Virginia.
South Central: Alabama, Mississippi, Texas.
West: California, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon.

Broiler-Type Regional Listing

North Atlantic: New York, Pennsylvania.
East North Central: Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin.
West North Central: Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri.
South Atlantic: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia.
South Central: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas.
West: California, Oregon, Washington.

Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

All Layers includes both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

Intended Placements are 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 case of 30 dozen eggs.

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