



# Chickens and Eggs

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## July Egg Production Up 4 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.29 billion during July 2014, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 7.19 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 74 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2014 averaged 352 million, up 2 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,354 eggs, up 2 percent from July 2013.

All layers in the United States on August 1, 2014 totaled 353 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 353 million layers consisted of 296 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.95 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2014, averaged 75.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from August 1, 2013.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 8 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2014 totaled 42.3 million, up 8 percent from July 2013. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.5 million on August 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 275 thousand during July 2014, up 3 percent from July 2013.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up Slightly

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2014 totaled 784 million, up slightly from July 2013. Eggs in incubators totaled 643 million on August 1, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 6.21 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2014, down 5 percent from July 2013.

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

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

Month	2013		2014	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		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		351,462
July .....		344,764		352,148
August .....		346,616		
September .....		346,671		
October .....		347,173		
November .....		350,666		

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

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

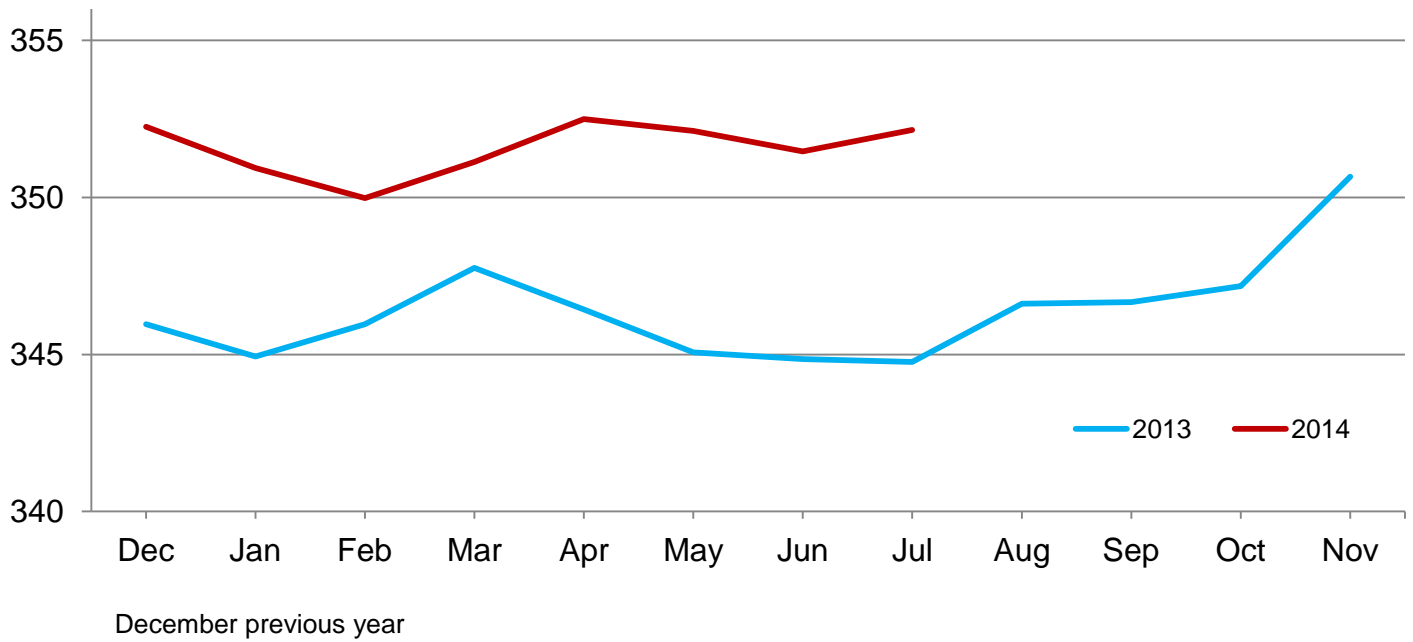
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	8,121	8,287	7,078	7,220	1,043	1,068
January .....	8,025	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	7,956	6,688	6,894	1,069	1,062
July .....	7,980	8,289	6,887	7,190	1,093	1,100
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	

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

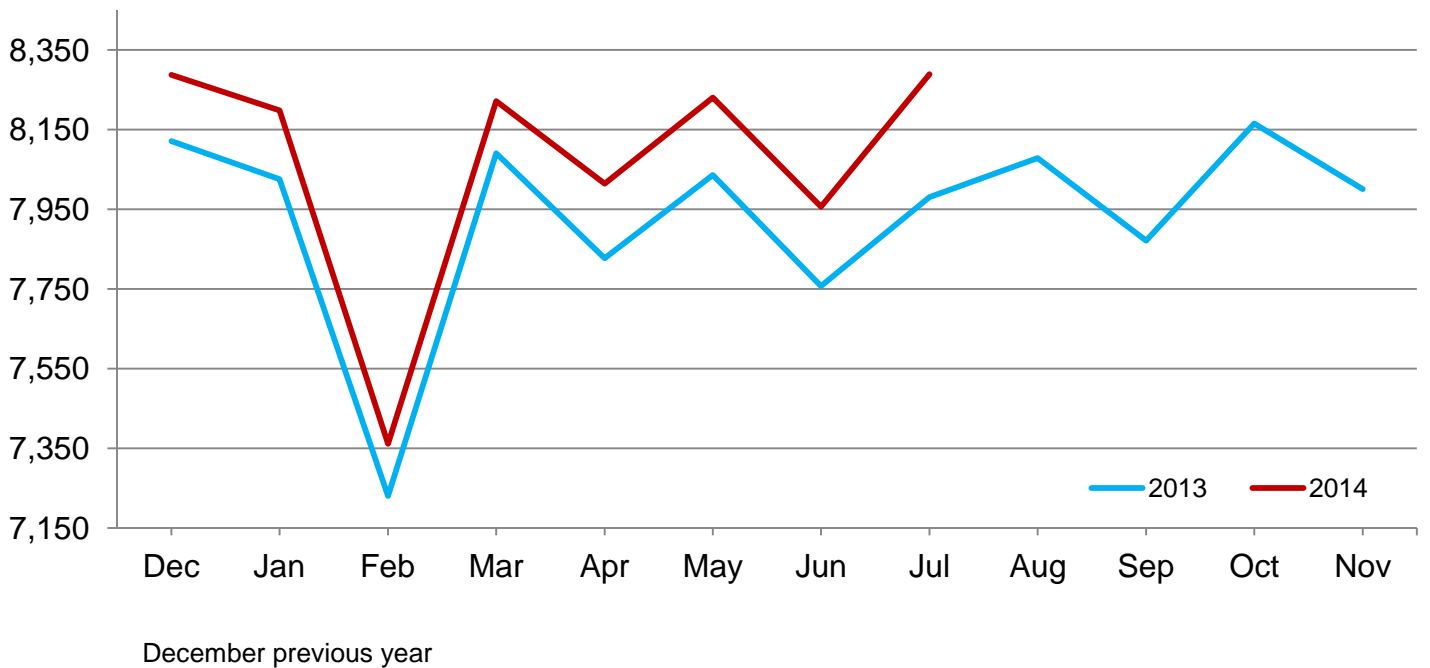
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

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:  
June-July 2013 and 2014**

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
<b>Layers during June</b>			
All layers .....1,000	344,857	351,462	102
Table egg type .....1,000	288,668	294,689	102
Hatching egg type .....1,000	56,189	56,773	101
Broiler-type hatching .....1,000	52,987	53,718	101
Egg-type hatching .....1,000	3,202	3,055	95
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during June</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,249	2,264	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,317	2,339	101
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,903	1,871	98
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,874	1,837	98
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,374	2,455	103
<b>Eggs produced during June</b>			
All layers ..... million	7,757	7,956	103
Table egg type ..... million	6,688	6,894	103
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,069	1,062	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	993	987	99
Egg-type hatching ..... million	76	75	99
<b>Layers on July 1</b>			
All layers .....1,000	343,944	351,348	102
Table egg type .....1,000	288,310	294,705	102
Hatching egg type .....1,000	55,634	56,643	102
Broiler-type hatching .....1,000	52,464	53,616	102
Egg-type hatching .....1,000	3,170	3,027	95
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on July 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	74.7	75.9	102
Table egg type ..... number	76.8	78.5	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
<b>Forced molt layers on July 1</b>			
Being molted .....percent	3.1	2.6	84
Molt completed .....percent	18.5	18.3	99
Layers sold for slaughter during June .....1,000	14,384	14,340	100
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during June .....1,000	7,466	7,653	103
Pullets on July 1 .....1,000	106,892	107,670	101
Pullets added during June <sup>1</sup> .....1,000	22,565	22,880	101

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

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

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
<b>Layers during July</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	344,764	352,148	102
Table egg type ..... 1,000	288,971	295,457	102
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	55,793	56,691	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	52,579	53,700	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,214	2,991	93
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during July</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,315	2,354	102
Table egg type ..... number	2,383	2,434	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,959	1,940	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,929	1,911	99
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,458	2,474	101
<b>Eggs produced during July</b>			
All layers ..... million	7,980	8,289	104
Table egg type ..... million	6,887	7,190	104
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,093	1,100	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,014	1,026	101
Egg-type hatching ..... million	79	74	94
<b>Layers on August 1</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	345,550	352,920	102
Table egg type ..... 1,000	289,613	296,199	102
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	55,937	56,721	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	52,684	53,772	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,253	2,949	91
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on August 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	74.6	75.8	102
Table egg type ..... number	76.9	78.4	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.4	62.2	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	61.3	61.3	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	80.1	79.3	99
<b>Forced molt layers on August 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.7	2.9	107
Molt completed ..... percent	19.2	18.3	95
Layers sold for slaughter during July ..... 1,000	13,010	13,375	103
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during July ..... 1,000	6,417	8,190	128
Pullets on August 1 ..... 1,000	108,450	108,270	100
Pullets added during July <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	23,249	24,549	106

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

## 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	9,388	18,030	18,157	2,052	2,087
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	1,407	5,831	5,522	1,955	1,956
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	5,768	12,987	13,232	2,033	2,063
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	14,900	18,545	18,825	2,216	2,199
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	6,633	6,896	6,752	2,248	2,325
Wisconsin .....	4,465	4,034	5,032	4,695	2,325	2,343
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	12,850	12,778	20,804	21,156	2,173	2,146
United States .....	284,073	289,921	344,857	351,462	2,249	2,264

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During July 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 .....	1,304	1,529	9,055	9,222	2,032	2,006
Arkansas .....	3,616	3,584	12,649	12,841	2,087	2,071
California .....	17,291	15,585	17,654	16,121	2,424	2,401
Colorado .....	4,218	4,628	4,678	4,979	2,373	2,490
Connecticut .....	2,311	2,311	2,401	2,399	2,457	2,459
Florida .....	7,532	8,170	7,884	8,525	2,283	2,311
Georgia .....	8,689	9,387	17,499	18,117	2,137	2,158
Illinois .....	3,768	4,037	4,081	4,353	2,401	2,504
Indiana .....	25,492	26,486	26,463	27,438	2,313	2,402
Iowa .....	52,116	52,888	53,092	53,903	2,343	2,375
Maine .....	3,422	3,422	3,477	3,477	2,358	2,358
Maryland .....	2,050	2,603	2,169	2,728	2,444	2,419
Michigan .....	12,669	12,787	12,821	12,941	2,473	2,519
Minnesota .....	9,811	10,402	10,265	10,811	2,396	2,451
Mississippi .....	1,579	1,261	5,862	5,428	2,013	2,045
Missouri .....	6,287	6,481	7,797	8,073	2,309	2,354
Nebraska .....	9,251	9,468	9,301	9,518	2,473	2,606
New York .....	4,139	4,557	4,369	4,782	2,518	2,488
North Carolina .....	5,586	6,009	12,842	13,636	2,079	2,112
Ohio .....	28,179	29,979	28,640	30,562	2,304	2,457
Oregon .....	2,085	2,239	2,180	2,309	2,752	2,685
Pennsylvania .....	23,515	23,721	24,644	24,860	2,491	2,514
South Carolina .....	3,079	2,978	4,344	4,188	2,233	2,173
South Dakota .....	2,751	2,409	2,791	2,449	2,544	2,409
Texas .....	14,442	14,827	18,294	18,697	2,301	2,311
Utah .....	3,954	4,160	3,984	4,190	2,460	2,387
Virginia .....	1,126	1,208	2,792	2,880	2,006	2,153
Washington .....	6,804	6,686	6,922	6,805	2,311	2,469
Wisconsin .....	4,434	4,116	5,007	4,777	2,377	2,428
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	12,874	12,771	20,807	21,139	2,244	2,228
United States .....	284,374	290,689	344,764	352,148	2,315	2,354

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: June 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 .....	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	379	201	215	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	108	36	33	78	75
Missouri .....	172	178	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	225	238	225	238	-	-
New York .....	104	114	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	264	273	131	138	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	414	(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 <sup>1</sup> .....	452	454	327	325	125	129
United States .....	7,757	7,956	6,688	6,894	1,069	1,062

- Represents zero.

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## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: July 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	185	32	39	152	146
Arkansas .....	264	266	88	87	176	179
California .....	428	387	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	111	124	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	59	59	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	180	197	175	192	5	5
Georgia .....	374	391	202	222	172	169
Illinois .....	98	109	93	104	5	5
Indiana .....	612	659	593	640	19	19
Iowa .....	1,244	1,280	1,228	1,262	16	18
Maine .....	82	82	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	53	66	51	64	2	2
Michigan .....	317	326	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	246	265	238	258	8	7
Mississippi .....	118	111	37	32	81	79
Missouri .....	180	190	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	230	248	230	248	-	-
New York .....	110	119	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	267	288	134	148	133	140
Ohio .....	660	751	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	60	62	59	62	1	-
Pennsylvania .....	614	625	593	605	21	20
South Carolina .....	97	91	74	69	23	22
South Dakota .....	71	59	71	59	-	-
Texas .....	421	432	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	98	100	98	100	-	-
Virginia .....	56	62	24	30	32	32
Washington .....	160	168	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	119	116	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	467	471	339	338	128	134
United States .....	7,980	8,289	6,887	7,190	1,093	1,100

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## 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	2.6	18.5	18.3
August .....	2.7	2.9	19.2	18.3
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: August 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	1.0	6.5	6.0
Arkansas .....	1.0	1.5	10.0	12.5
California .....	2.0	6.0	29.5	30.5
Colorado .....	-	3.5	18.0	21.5
Connecticut .....	-	-	14.0	14.0
Florida .....	6.5	8.0	30.5	29.5
Georgia .....	5.5	4.0	16.0	16.5
Illinois .....	4.0	-	23.0	9.5
Indiana .....	2.5	3.5	21.0	24.5
Iowa .....	3.5	4.0	28.5	25.5
Maine .....	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	9.0	4.5
Michigan .....	1.0	1.0	11.5	6.5
Minnesota .....	2.0	1.0	21.5	20.0
Mississippi .....	2.0	2.5	8.5	11.0
Missouri .....	-	1.0	20.0	16.5
Nebraska .....	2.0	-	2.0	1.5
New York .....	2.0	2.5	5.0	5.5
North Carolina .....	3.0	2.0	13.0	13.5
Ohio .....	2.5	3.0	24.0	25.0
Oregon .....	5.0	-	26.5	13.5
Pennsylvania .....	2.0	1.0	8.0	5.5
South Carolina .....	-	2.5	13.5	7.5
South Dakota .....	7.0	4.0	10.0	15.5
Texas .....	3.5	3.0	25.0	28.0
Utah .....	5.0	6.0	34.5	28.5
Virginia .....	4.0	6.0	15.5	10.0
Washington .....	6.5	1.0	28.5	21.0
Wisconsin .....	3.0	12.5	19.0	22.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.7	2.2	17.2	14.3
United States .....	2.7	2.9	19.2	18.3

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on August 1 .....	36,367	38,507	106
Chicks hatched during July .....	39,225	42,290	108
Chicks hatched January through July .....	304,594	308,153	101
<b>Pullets hatched during July for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	267	275	103
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,677	2,866	107
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on August 1 .....	627,529	643,233	103
Chicks hatched during July .....	783,999	784,499	100
Chicks hatched January through July .....	5,309,047	5,310,649	100
<b>Pullets hatched during July for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	6,569	6,212	95
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	60,591	61,524	102

<sup>1</sup> 2014 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2013 through December 2013.

<sup>2</sup> 2014 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2013 through December 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	July 1		2014 as percent of 2013	August 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 .....	4,427	5,286	119	4,727	5,026	106
East North Central .....	6,823	8,557	125	8,825	6,516	74
West North Central .....	9,838	9,877	100	7,731	10,615	137
South Atlantic .....	4,687	4,256	91	4,606	4,272	93
South Central .....	5,187	6,337	122	4,216	5,891	140
West .....	6,930	6,018	87	6,262	6,187	99
United States .....	37,892	40,331	106	36,367	38,507	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	42,290	108	304,594	308,153	101
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 <sup>1</sup>	
	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	2,955
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	275	103	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				

<sup>1</sup> For July 2014, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched January 2013 through December 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	July 1		2014 as percent of 2013	August 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 .....	14,414	13,541	94	13,810	14,014	101
East North Central .....	13,405	14,463	108	13,361	14,131	106
West North Central .....	30,214	30,594	101	30,178	30,875	102
South Atlantic .....	241,895	246,723	102	240,137	249,626	104
South Central .....	308,545	308,133	100	307,329	310,961	101
West .....	23,075	23,492	102	22,714	23,626	104
United States .....	631,548	636,946	101	627,529	643,233	103

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

State	During July			January-July		
	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 .....	105,738	105,993	100	716,836	721,877	101
Arkansas .....	80,476	78,083	97	553,229	527,334	95
Delaware .....	13,262	16,356	123	88,490	112,794	127
Florida .....	4,456	4,634	104	30,684	30,784	100
Georgia .....	125,017	124,958	100	840,646	849,626	101
Kentucky .....	29,028	28,525	98	193,916	193,194	100
Louisiana .....	13,326	14,390	108	89,096	97,795	110
Maryland .....	28,106	27,695	99	187,455	190,711	102
Mississippi .....	66,652	64,970	97	451,845	444,251	98
Missouri .....	30,943	31,008	100	211,436	212,051	100
North Carolina .....	74,855	77,039	103	510,136	515,375	101
Oklahoma .....	24,400	24,308	100	162,653	167,479	103
Pennsylvania .....	16,990	16,026	94	111,026	108,223	97
South Carolina .....	18,832	18,144	96	127,252	121,476	95
Texas .....	56,031	54,695	98	379,289	368,882	97
Virginia .....	24,426	25,071	103	164,951	167,064	101
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	42,791	43,110	101	288,942	280,528	97
19 States <sup>1</sup> .....	755,329	755,005	100	5,107,882	5,109,444	100
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	28,670	29,494	103	201,165	201,205	100
United States .....	783,999	784,499	100	5,309,047	5,310,649	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: 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	762,677	100	4,525,048	4,526,150	100
July .....	783,999	784,499	100	5,309,047	5,310,649	100
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 <sup>1</sup>	
	2013	2014		2014	2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
<b>United States placements</b>					
January .....	6,303	6,470	103	60,546	62,018
February .....	7,156	7,239	101	60,850	61,999
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	6,212	95	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				
<b>Total placements <sup>2</sup></b>					
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	7,916	97		
August .....	8,855				
September .....	8,635				
October .....	7,856				
November .....	8,784				
December .....	8,398				
Annual total .....	101,474				

<sup>1</sup> For July 2014, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2013 through December 2013.

<sup>2</sup> 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 0.4 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 0.4 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) 0.4	(percent) 0.8	(1,000) 1,189	(1,000) 48	(1,000) 3,158	(number) 20	(number) 4
Eggs .....	0.5	0.8	(million) 31	(million) 3	(million) 72	20	4

## 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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