



Chickens and Eggs

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November Egg Production Up 3 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.31 billion during November 2014, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.26 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 986 million were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2014 averaged 360 million, up 1 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,308 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2013.

All layers in the United States on December 1, 2014 totaled 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 362 million layers consisted of 306 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.97 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2014, averaged 77.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from December 1, 2013.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 12 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2014 totaled 36.5 million, down 12 percent from November 2013. Eggs in incubators totaled 42.0 million on December 1, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 325 thousand during November 2014, up 83 percent from November 2013.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2014 totaled 733 million, up 3 percent from November 2013. Eggs in incubators totaled 651 million on December 1, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.59 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2014, up 5 percent from November 2013.

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

Month	2013	2014
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)
December ¹	350,347	356,527
January	349,184	355,205
February	350,296	354,349
March	352,176	355,618
April	350,800	356,988
May	349,407	356,510
June	349,204	355,724
July	349,094	356,631
August	350,885	357,646
September	350,924	357,965
October	351,478	358,267
November	354,968	360,125

¹ December preceding year.

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

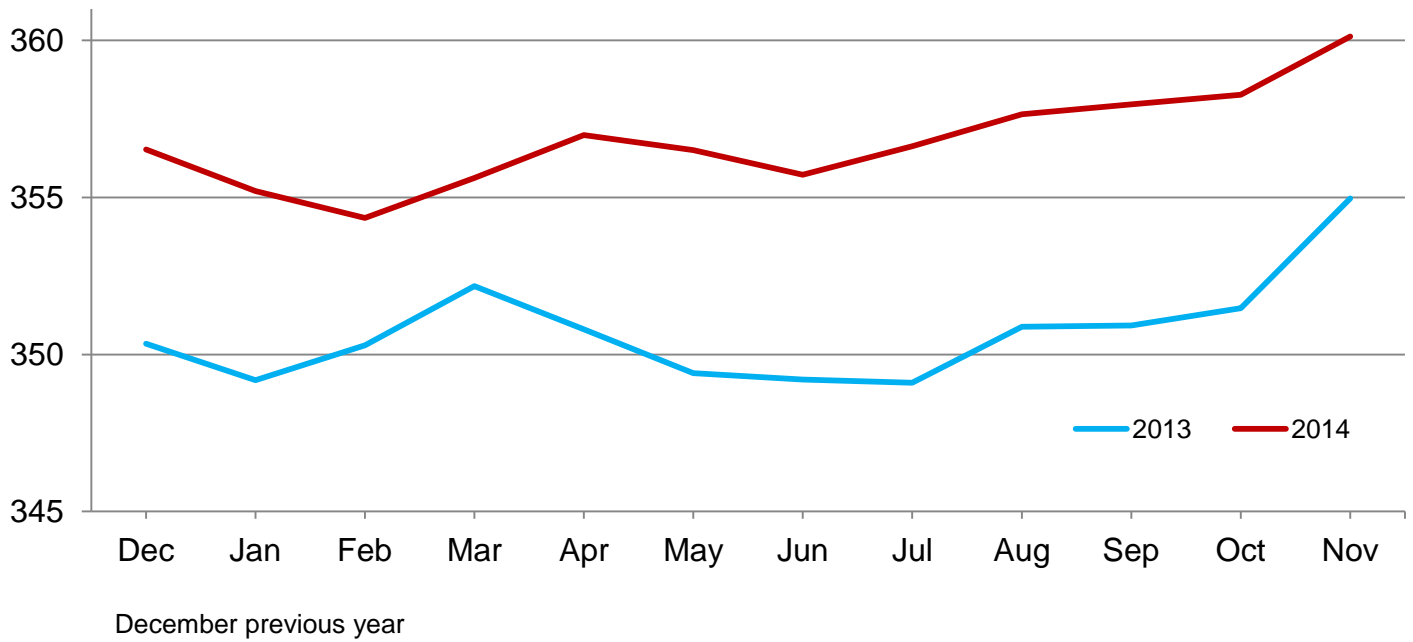
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December ¹	8,226	8,387	7,183	7,320	1,043	1,068
January	8,125	8,297	7,064	7,222	1,061	1,076
February	7,321	7,452	6,355	6,482	966	969
March	8,195	8,324	7,108	7,252	1,087	1,073
April	7,929	8,117	6,863	7,074	1,066	1,042
May	8,139	8,335	7,033	7,244	1,106	1,093
June	7,857	8,054	6,788	6,992	1,069	1,062
July	8,082	8,395	6,989	7,296	1,093	1,100
August	8,178	8,394	7,091	7,298	1,087	1,097
September	7,969	8,094	6,923	7,033	1,046	1,061
October	8,267	8,435	7,192	7,340	1,075	1,096
November	8,098	8,313	7,064	7,255	1,034	1,058
During year	96,382	98,597	83,657	85,808	12,733	12,795

¹ December preceding year.

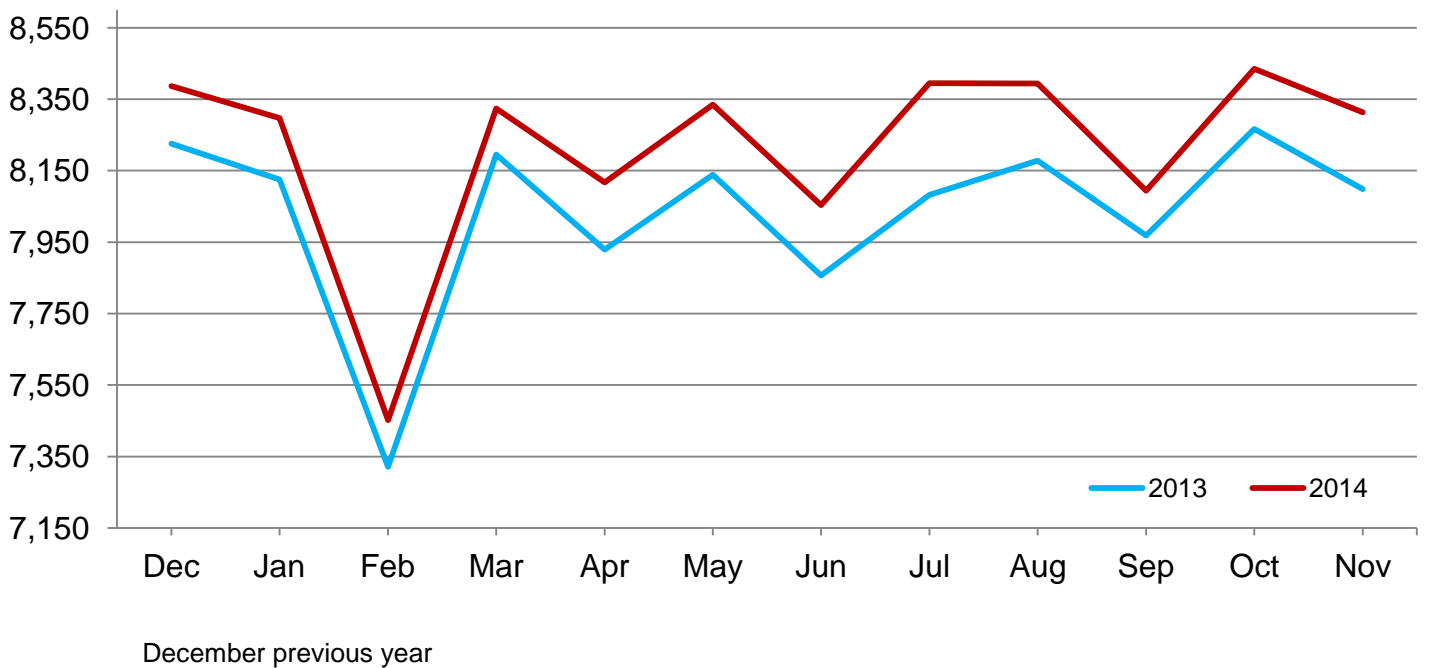
Average Layers During the Month – United States

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:
October-November 2013 and 2014**

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
Layers during October			
All layers1,000	351,478	358,267	102
Table egg type1,000	296,695	302,486	102
Hatching egg type1,000	54,783	55,781	102
Broiler-type hatching1,000	51,624	52,818	102
Egg-type hatching1,000	3,159	2,963	94
Eggs per 100 layers during October			
All layers number	2,352	2,354	100
Table egg type number	2,424	2,427	100
Hatching egg type number	1,962	1,965	100
Broiler-type hatching number	1,927	1,939	101
Egg-type hatching number	2,532	2,430	96
Eggs produced during October			
All layers million	8,267	8,435	102
Table egg type million	7,192	7,340	102
Hatching egg type million	1,075	1,096	102
Broiler-type hatching million	995	1,024	103
Egg-type hatching million	80	72	90
Layers on November 1			
All layers1,000	352,971	358,201	101
Table egg type1,000	298,333	302,381	101
Hatching egg type1,000	54,638	55,820	102
Broiler-type hatching1,000	51,500	52,871	103
Egg-type hatching1,000	3,138	2,949	94
Eggs per 100 layers on November 1			
All layers number	75.9	76.5	101
Table egg type number	78.2	79.0	101
Hatching egg type number	63.0	63.2	100
Broiler-type hatching number	61.9	62.2	100
Egg-type hatching number	80.8	81.0	100
Forced molt layers on November 1			
Being moltedpercent	2.1	2.0	95
Molt completedpercent	18.7	20.0	107
Layers sold for slaughter during October1,000	15,038	14,493	96
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during October1,000	6,922	7,020	101
Pullets on November 11,000	107,729	108,068	100
Pullets added during October ¹1,000	25,291	24,450	97

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: November-December 2013 and 2014

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
Layers during November			
All layers1,000	354,968	360,125	101
Table egg type1,000	300,002	304,146	101
Hatching egg type1,000	54,966	55,979	102
Broiler-type hatching1,000	51,795	53,016	102
Egg-type hatching1,000	3,171	2,963	93
Eggs per 100 layers during November			
All layersnumber	2,281	2,308	101
Table egg typenumber	2,355	2,385	101
Hatching egg typenumber	1,881	1,890	100
Broiler-type hatchingnumber	1,853	1,860	100
Egg-type hatchingnumber	2,334	2,430	104
Eggs produced during November			
All layersmillion	8,098	8,313	103
Table egg typemillion	7,064	7,255	103
Hatching egg typemillion	1,034	1,058	102
Broiler-type hatchingmillion	960	986	103
Egg-type hatchingmillion	74	72	97
Layers on December 1			
All layers1,000	356,923	362,010	101
Table egg type1,000	301,650	305,896	101
Hatching egg type1,000	55,273	56,114	102
Broiler-type hatching1,000	52,078	53,146	102
Egg-type hatching1,000	3,195	2,968	93
Eggs per 100 layers on December 1			
All layersnumber	76.1	77.2	101
Table egg typenumber	78.6	79.9	102
Hatching egg typenumber	62.2	62.6	101
Broiler-type hatchingnumber	61.3	61.6	100
Egg-type hatchingnumber	75.8	79.6	105
Forced molt layers on December 1			
Being moltedpercent	1.5	1.4	93
Molt completedpercent	18.4	19.3	105
Layers sold for slaughter during November1,000	13,431	13,670	102
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during November1,000	6,068	7,133	118
Pullets on December 11,000	106,020	105,256	99
Pullets added during November ¹1,000	23,438	23,373	100

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

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 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	1,419	1,467	9,039	9,081	1,991	2,004
Arkansas	3,723	3,717	12,504	12,880	2,063	2,057
California	17,103	15,033	17,457	15,573	2,394	2,408
Colorado	4,435	4,281	4,882	4,632	2,519	2,547
Connecticut	2,210	2,210	2,298	2,299	2,393	2,436
Florida	7,721	8,328	8,045	8,660	2,262	2,356
Georgia	9,207	9,609	17,842	18,291	2,203	2,214
Illinois	4,111	4,411	4,422	4,720	2,397	2,521
Indiana	25,953	26,256	26,858	27,121	2,379	2,389
Iowa	56,471	58,207	57,420	59,174	2,370	2,384
Maine	3,505	3,505	3,560	3,560	2,331	2,331
Maryland	2,512	2,564	2,633	2,684	2,469	2,422
Michigan	12,535	12,810	12,687	12,962	2,514	2,500
Minnesota	9,772	10,584	10,205	10,993	2,381	2,365
Mississippi	1,535	1,429	5,645	5,387	2,055	2,042
Missouri	6,410	6,460	7,942	8,052	2,367	2,409
Nebraska	9,203	9,371	9,253	9,421	2,572	2,601
New York	4,320	4,496	4,552	4,713	2,548	2,567
North Carolina	5,864	6,283	12,885	13,729	2,080	2,120
Ohio	28,087	29,985	28,607	30,560	2,461	2,392
Oregon	2,144	2,134	2,226	2,204	2,695	2,722
Pennsylvania	24,432	24,234	25,573	25,446	2,464	2,562
South Carolina	2,987	2,952	4,195	4,150	2,288	2,313
South Dakota	2,733	2,328	2,773	2,368	2,560	2,534
Texas	14,764	15,081	18,557	18,910	2,323	2,226
Utah	3,731	4,495	3,761	4,525	2,473	2,453
Virginia	1,213	1,185	2,842	2,845	2,252	2,214
Washington	6,551	7,003	6,669	7,121	2,534	2,429
Wisconsin	4,662	4,444	5,243	5,106	2,479	2,370
Other States ¹	12,787	12,856	20,903	21,100	2,239	2,232
United States	292,100	297,718	351,478	358,267	2,352	2,354

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During November 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	1,486	1,500	9,054	9,155	1,944	1,933
Arkansas	3,614	3,866	12,328	13,026	2,020	2,011
California	16,761	14,669	17,149	15,207	2,350	2,367
Colorado	4,514	4,390	4,965	4,741	2,457	2,468
Connecticut	2,249	2,249	2,338	2,338	2,267	2,267
Florida	7,968	8,536	8,263	8,878	2,287	2,410
Georgia	9,352	9,782	18,037	18,531	2,168	2,164
Illinois	4,307	4,481	4,614	4,786	2,341	2,298
Indiana	26,110	26,207	27,056	27,045	2,354	2,348
Iowa	57,010	58,176	57,951	59,157	2,280	2,318
Maine	3,511	3,511	3,566	3,566	2,299	2,299
Maryland	2,651	2,578	2,775	2,696	2,234	2,337
Michigan	12,878	12,907	13,029	13,059	2,395	2,404
Minnesota	9,954	10,618	10,386	11,028	2,301	2,330
Mississippi	1,533	1,489	5,580	5,474	1,989	2,064
Missouri	6,419	6,736	7,979	8,292	2,294	2,352
Nebraska	9,279	9,447	9,329	9,497	2,455	2,506
New York	4,571	4,628	4,806	4,844	2,455	2,477
North Carolina	5,933	6,486	13,137	14,034	2,032	2,081
Ohio	28,185	30,239	28,715	30,812	2,372	2,408
Oregon	2,152	2,126	2,222	2,196	2,610	2,596
Pennsylvania	24,832	24,341	26,026	25,561	2,386	2,504
South Carolina	3,064	2,895	4,241	4,131	2,169	2,227
South Dakota	2,732	2,468	2,772	2,508	2,417	2,352
Texas	14,946	15,163	18,805	18,986	2,249	2,270
Utah	3,871	4,417	3,901	4,447	2,435	2,429
Virginia	1,201	1,179	2,785	2,787	2,154	2,189
Washington	6,654	6,794	6,772	6,913	2,451	2,372
Wisconsin	4,753	4,636	5,372	5,300	2,420	2,396
Other States ¹	12,825	12,864	21,015	21,130	2,156	2,168
United States	295,315	299,378	354,968	360,125	2,281	2,308

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: October 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	180	182	35	36	145	146
Arkansas	258	265	88	88	170	177
California	418	375	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	123	118	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	55	56	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	182	204	177	199	5	5
Georgia	393	405	224	234	169	171
Illinois	106	119	101	114	5	5
Indiana	639	648	620	631	19	17
Iowa	1,361	1,411	1,345	1,394	16	17
Maine	83	83	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	65	65	63	64	2	1
Michigan	319	324	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	243	260	236	253	7	7
Mississippi	116	110	37	34	79	76
Missouri	188	194	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	238	245	238	245	-	-
New York	116	121	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	268	291	135	150	133	141
Ohio	704	731	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	60	60	60	60	-	-
Pennsylvania	630	652	609	630	21	22
South Carolina	96	96	74	74	22	22
South Dakota	71	60	71	60	-	-
Texas	431	421	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	93	111	93	111	-	-
Virginia	64	63	32	31	32	32
Washington	169	173	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	130	121	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	468	471	336	338	132	134
United States	8,267	8,435	7,192	7,340	1,075	1,096

- 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: November 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	176	177	35	36	141	141
Arkansas	249	262	87	93	162	169
California	403	360	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	122	117	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	53	53	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	189	214	185	209	4	5
Georgia	391	401	227	235	164	166
Illinois	108	110	103	105	5	5
Indiana	637	635	619	619	18	16
Iowa	1,321	1,371	1,307	1,355	14	16
Maine	82	82	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	62	63	61	62	1	1
Michigan	312	314	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	239	257	232	251	7	6
Mississippi	111	113	36	37	75	76
Missouri	183	195	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	229	238	229	238	-	-
New York	118	120	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	267	292	137	154	130	138
Ohio	681	742	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	58	57	58	57	-	-
Pennsylvania	621	640	600	618	21	22
South Carolina	92	92	72	70	20	22
South Dakota	67	59	67	59	-	-
Texas	423	431	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	95	108	95	108	-	-
Virginia	60	61	31	31	29	30
Washington	166	164	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	130	127	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	453	458	323	329	130	129
United States	8,098	8,313	7,064	7,255	1,034	1,058

- Represents zero.

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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]

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	2.9	2.6	18.9	18.2
February	3.6	2.9	18.5	17.9
March	2.5	2.5	19.0	17.7
April	2.0	1.9	18.7	17.9
May	3.4	2.9	18.1	17.7
June	2.7	3.0	18.0	17.2
July	3.0	2.6	18.2	18.0
August	2.8	3.2	18.8	18.1
September	2.7	2.9	18.9	18.9
October	2.8	3.4	18.7	19.3
November	2.1	2.0	18.7	20.0
December	1.5	1.4	18.4	19.3

Forced Molt as Percent of All Layers – States and United States: December 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	-	1.0	10.5	14.5
California	0.5	2.5	25.5	32.5
Colorado	3.0	-	8.5	21.5
Connecticut	-	-	9.5	9.5
Florida	-	-	35.0	43.5
Georgia	-	1.0	14.5	19.5
Illinois	-	2.5	25.5	12.0
Indiana	1.5	-	26.0	28.0
Iowa	3.5	3.5	23.0	25.0
Maine	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	8.0	-
Michigan	0.5	-	9.0	9.5
Minnesota	2.0	3.0	20.0	18.5
Mississippi	1.0	0.5	10.0	15.5
Missouri	-	-	22.0	16.0
Nebraska	1.0	-	4.0	-
New York	-	-	6.5	8.0
North Carolina	-	-	17.5	16.0
Ohio	2.5	2.5	22.0	22.0
Oregon	4.5	4.5	25.0	13.5
Pennsylvania	1.5	-	6.0	0.5
South Carolina	-	-	11.0	10.0
South Dakota	3.5	3.5	4.0	10.0
Texas	3.0	0.5	26.5	33.0
Utah	-	1.0	40.0	33.0
Virginia	-	-	16.0	19.5
Washington	1.1	3.0	27.5	23.0
Wisconsin	-	-	22.5	32.5
Other States ¹	1.5	1.9	16.3	14.6
United States	1.5	1.4	18.4	19.3

- 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 December 1	41,005	41,967	102
Chicks hatched during November	41,750	36,538	88
Chicks hatched January through November	468,649	471,707	101
Pullets hatched during November for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	178	325	183
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,808	2,878	102
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on December 1	629,932	650,869	103
Chicks hatched during November	713,191	732,958	103
Chicks hatched January through November	8,283,436	8,348,743	101
Pullets hatched during November for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	7,215	7,591	105
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	59,994	61,366	102

¹ 2014 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2013 through April 2014.

² 2014 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2013 through April 2014.

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

[See regional listing on page 19]

Region	November 1		2014 as percent of 2013	December 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	5,432	4,930	91	5,158	5,450	106
East North Central	8,325	8,651	104	9,126	9,726	107
West North Central	10,867	8,631	79	9,893	11,651	118
South Atlantic	4,636	4,732	102	5,232	4,099	78
South Central	5,800	5,103	88	5,754	6,052	105
West	6,261	5,996	96	5,842	4,989	85
United States	41,321	38,043	92	41,005	41,967	102

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	42,123	107	304,594	307,986	101
August	38,231	39,458	103	342,825	347,444	101
September	41,668	43,309	104	384,493	390,753	102
October	42,406	44,416	105	426,899	435,169	102
November	41,750	36,538	88	468,649	471,707	101
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	2,955
March	172	235	137	2,716	2,863
April	233	243	104	2,780	2,987
May	175	224	128	2,744	3,206
June	152	172	113	2,680	3,353
July	267	275	103	2,866	
August	343	251	73	2,786	
September	270	394	146	2,805	
October	150	369	246	2,868	
November	178	325	183	2,878	
December	352			2,927	
Total	2,866				

¹ For November 2014, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched May 2013 through April 2014. 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	November 1		2014 as percent of 2013	December 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	12,842	12,900	100	14,272	14,746	103
East North Central	12,750	13,270	104	13,765	14,257	104
West North Central	28,357	27,484	97	30,737	30,074	98
South Atlantic	234,243	241,141	103	242,131	252,448	104
South Central	286,745	296,184	103	306,808	314,955	103
West	20,854	20,446	98	22,219	24,389	110
United States	595,791	611,425	103	629,932	650,869	103

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

State	During November			January-November		
	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	92,496	97,290	105	1,112,137	1,131,082	102
Arkansas	71,175	74,950	105	856,695	837,381	98
Delaware	14,905	16,631	112	142,709	177,196	124
Florida	4,364	4,203	96	48,023	48,392	101
Georgia	111,288	117,103	105	1,313,340	1,340,251	102
Kentucky	25,454	26,154	103	304,239	304,703	100
Louisiana	13,255	12,890	97	142,485	151,393	106
Maryland	26,922	26,676	99	297,394	298,701	100
Mississippi	59,403	62,051	104	696,017	698,856	100
Missouri	27,903	27,465	98	330,369	331,579	100
North Carolina	70,771	72,766	103	798,330	811,578	102
Oklahoma	23,474	22,348	95	258,202	261,924	101
Pennsylvania	15,032	14,967	100	175,959	171,141	97
South Carolina	17,744	17,513	99	198,179	192,789	97
Texas	52,342	50,650	97	591,275	577,563	98
Virginia	22,958	23,517	102	258,150	261,850	101
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	37,324	39,433	106	449,945	438,942	98
19 States ¹	686,810	706,607	103	7,973,448	8,035,321	101
Other States ²	26,381	26,351	100	309,988	313,422	101
United States	713,191	732,958	103	8,283,436	8,348,743	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: 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	784,571	100	5,309,047	5,310,721	100
August	777,124	788,385	101	6,086,171	6,099,106	100
September	744,907	756,086	102	6,831,078	6,855,192	100
October	739,167	760,593	103	7,570,245	7,615,785	101
November	713,191	732,958	103	8,283,436	8,348,743	101
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	61,999
March	6,589	6,790	103	61,214	62,220
April	6,222	6,710	108	61,457	62,804
May	7,565	7,600	100	61,385	63,157
June	7,011	7,094	101	61,444	63,509
July	6,569	6,212	95	61,524	
August	7,131	7,436	104	61,772	
September	6,911	7,253	105	61,446	
October	6,231	6,823	110	61,225	
November	7,215	7,591	105	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	7,916	97		
August	8,855	9,413	106		
September	8,635	9,228	107		
October	7,856	8,288	105		
November	8,784	9,540	109		
December	8,398				
Annual total	101,474				

¹ For November 2014, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched August 2013 through April 2014.

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 1.4 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 360 million layers by more than 1.4 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.4 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) 1.4	(percent) 2.4	(1,000) 4,523	(1,000) 36	(1,000) 7,581	(number) 22	(number) 2
Eggs	1.5	2.5	(million) 108	(million) 1	(million) 175	23	1

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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