



# Chickens and Eggs

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## January Egg Production Up 2 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.54 billion during January 2015, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.43 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 86 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2015 averaged 364 million, up 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,348 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2014.

All layers in the United States on February 1, 2015 totaled 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 362 million layers consisted of 305 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.57 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2015, averaged 74.9 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from February 1, 2014.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2015 totaled 43.7 million, down 1 percent from January 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.3 million on February 1, 2015, down slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 270 thousand during January 2015, unchanged from January 2014.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2015 totaled 792 million, up 3 percent from January 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 643 million on February 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 6.96 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2015, up 8 percent from January 2014.

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## Average Number of All Layers on Hand During the Month – United States: 2014-2015

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

Month	2014		2015	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		360,673		365,691
January .....		359,556		363,769
February .....		358,967		
March .....		359,955		
April .....		360,826		
May .....		360,383		
June .....		359,729		
July .....		360,787		
August .....		361,731		
September .....		361,813		
October .....		362,034		
November .....		364,017		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2014-2015

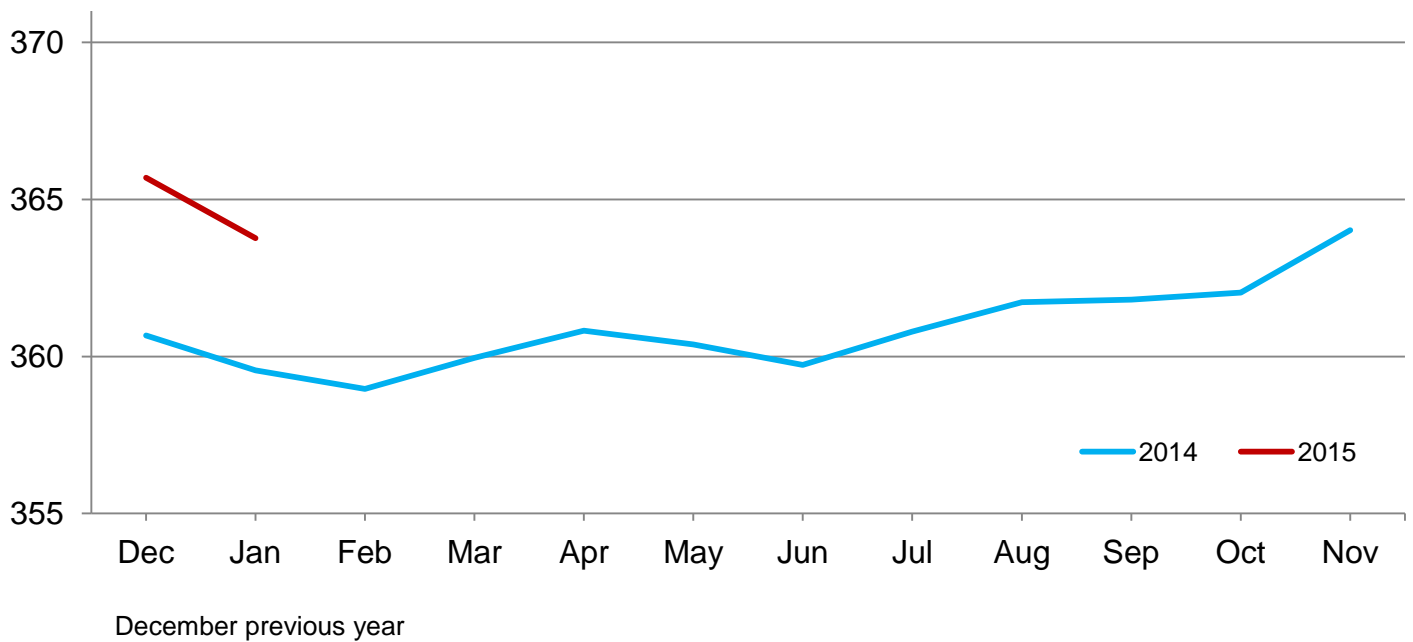
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	8,489	8,731	7,422	7,633	1,068	1,098
January .....	8,397	8,541	7,321	7,430	1,077	1,111
February .....	7,551		6,579		972	
March .....	8,430		7,354		1,077	
April .....	8,205		7,160		1,045	
May .....	8,428		7,336		1,094	
June .....	8,151		7,091		1,060	
July .....	8,503		7,404		1,100	
August .....	8,491		7,394		1,098	
September .....	8,186		7,126		1,060	
October .....	8,526		7,433		1,094	
November .....	8,411		7,353		1,058	
During year .....	99,768		86,971		12,803	

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

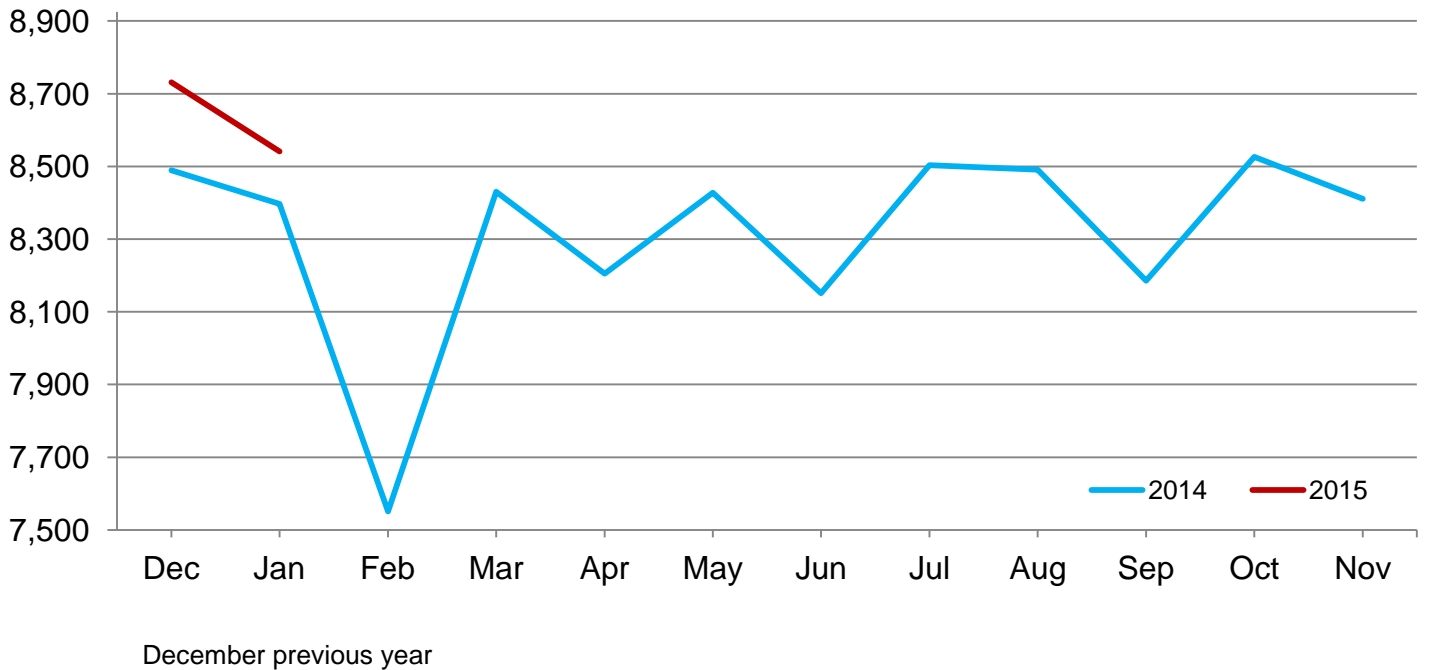
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## All Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: December-January 2013-2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	
<b>Layers during December</b>				
All layers .....	1,000	360,673	365,691	101
Table egg type .....	1,000	305,151	309,117	101
Hatching egg type .....	1,000	55,522	56,574	102
Broiler-type hatching .....	1,000	52,205	53,257	102
Egg-type hatching .....	1,000	3,317	3,317	100
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during December</b>				
All layers .....	number	2,354	2,388	101
Table egg type .....	number	2,432	2,469	102
Hatching egg type .....	number	1,924	1,941	101
Broiler-type hatching .....	number	1,891	1,908	101
Egg-type hatching .....	number	2,442	2,472	101
<b>Eggs produced during December</b>				
All layers .....	million	8,489	8,731	103
Table egg type .....	million	7,422	7,633	103
Hatching egg type .....	million	1,068	1,098	103
Broiler-type hatching .....	million	987	1,016	103
Egg-type hatching .....	million	81	82	101
		2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
<b>Layers on January 1</b>				
All layers .....	1,000	360,079	365,314	101
Table egg type .....	1,000	304,292	308,168	101
Hatching egg type .....	1,000	55,787	57,146	102
Broiler-type hatching .....	1,000	52,557	53,699	102
Egg-type hatching .....	1,000	3,230	3,447	107
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on January 1</b>				
All layers .....	number	75.6	76.5	101
Table egg type .....	number	78.2	79.1	101
Hatching egg type .....	number	61.9	62.6	101
Broiler-type hatching .....	number	60.8	61.6	101
Egg-type hatching .....	number	81.4	78.9	97
<b>Molted layers on January 1</b>				
Percent being molted .....	percent	2.7	2.1	78
Percent with molt completed .....	percent	18.2	18.1	99
Layers sold for slaughter during December .....	1,000	14,156	14,317	101
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, Composted or disappeared for any Reason during December .....	1,000	7,573	8,667	114
Pullets on January 1 .....	1,000	108,526	106,793	98
Pullets added during December <sup>1</sup> .....	1,000	23,722	23,684	100

<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: January-February 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
<b>Layers during January</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	359,556	363,769	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000	303,392	306,465	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	56,164	57,304	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	52,858	53,795	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,306	3,509	106
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during January</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,335	2,348	101
Table egg type ..... number	2,413	2,424	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,918	1,939	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,882	1,905	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,480	2,451	99
<b>Eggs produced during January</b>			
All layers ..... million	8,397	8,541	102
Table egg type ..... million	7,321	7,430	101
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,077	1,111	103
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	995	1,025	103
Egg-type hatching ..... million	82	86	105
<b>Layers on February 1</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	358,861	362,197	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000	302,343	304,748	101
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	56,518	57,449	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	53,146	53,883	101
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,372	3,566	106
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on February 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	74.9	74.9	100
Table egg type ..... number	77.5	77.2	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	61.4	62.3	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	60.3	61.2	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	78.7	78.3	99
<b>Molted layers on February 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.8	3.3	118
Molt completed ..... percent	18.0	17.9	99
Layers sold for slaughter during January ..... 1,000	15,707	16,141	103
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during January ..... 1,000	8,222	8,117	99
Pullets on February 1 ..... 1,000	108,122	108,055	100
Pullets added during January <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	22,821	23,359	102

<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 December 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 .....	1,482	1,588	9,176	9,274	1,994	1,984
Arkansas .....	3,602	3,786	11,823	12,620	2,098	2,108
California .....	16,448	13,581	16,811	14,080	2,445	2,379
Colorado .....	4,552	4,300	5,014	4,673	2,513	2,440
Connecticut .....	2,326	2,326	2,420	2,419	2,314	2,315
Florida .....	8,273	8,731	8,634	9,112	2,363	2,447
Georgia .....	9,369	10,127	18,096	18,950	2,238	2,211
Illinois .....	4,287	4,509	4,764	4,979	2,414	2,350
Indiana .....	26,546	26,124	27,545	27,009	2,396	2,444
Iowa .....	57,561	58,738	58,676	59,930	2,340	2,423
Maine .....	3,478	3,478	3,533	3,533	2,378	2,378
Maryland .....	2,719	2,661	2,888	2,827	2,216	2,441
Michigan .....	12,812	12,878	13,025	13,093	2,495	2,551
Minnesota .....	10,310	11,108	10,757	11,563	2,371	2,447
Mississippi .....	1,532	1,514	5,709	5,600	2,032	2,107
Missouri .....	6,257	6,837	8,511	9,063	2,350	2,438
Nebraska .....	9,257	9,464	9,365	9,572	2,499	2,549
New York .....	4,759	4,809	5,122	5,161	2,519	2,577
North Carolina .....	5,863	6,724	13,252	14,404	2,151	2,201
Ohio .....	28,924	30,203	29,752	31,062	2,481	2,450
Oregon .....	2,197	2,144	2,336	2,283	2,697	2,628
Pennsylvania .....	24,384	24,093	26,290	26,031	2,495	2,582
South Carolina .....	3,221	3,012	4,441	4,281	2,252	2,172
South Dakota .....	2,593	2,510	2,735	2,652	2,523	2,564
Texas .....	14,989	15,096	19,084	19,150	2,316	2,355
Utah .....	3,865	4,407	3,903	4,445	2,460	2,520
Virginia .....	1,196	1,260	2,851	2,948	2,210	2,239
Washington .....	6,756	7,113	6,920	7,278	2,399	2,446
Wisconsin .....	4,726	4,831	5,497	5,609	2,547	2,460
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	12,946	13,084	21,743	22,090	2,221	2,277
United States .....	297,230	301,036	360,673	365,691	2,354	2,388

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



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During January 2014 and 2015

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,506	1,536	9,275	9,268	1,930	1,964
Arkansas .....	3,698	3,737	11,930	12,720	2,070	2,099
California .....	16,306	12,771	16,736	13,269	2,366	2,344
Colorado .....	4,515	4,169	4,929	4,542	2,516	2,400
Connecticut .....	2,285	2,285	2,379	2,378	2,354	2,355
Florida .....	8,264	8,760	8,655	9,122	2,322	2,302
Georgia .....	9,252	10,009	18,105	18,869	2,209	2,162
Illinois .....	4,251	4,334	4,726	4,794	2,433	2,461
Indiana .....	26,576	25,885	27,572	26,767	2,394	2,324
Iowa .....	57,386	58,491	58,522	59,723	2,331	2,403
Maine .....	3,476	3,476	3,531	3,531	2,407	2,407
Maryland .....	2,669	2,649	2,830	2,814	2,332	2,416
Michigan .....	12,482	12,828	12,708	13,062	2,439	2,503
Minnesota .....	10,214	11,390	10,634	11,845	2,417	2,431
Mississippi .....	1,531	1,535	5,782	5,676	2,024	2,079
Missouri .....	6,196	6,791	8,502	9,033	2,294	2,314
Nebraska .....	9,325	9,464	9,433	9,572	2,512	2,549
New York .....	4,676	4,732	5,036	5,087	2,502	2,536
North Carolina .....	5,805	6,575	13,205	14,331	2,143	2,198
Ohio .....	28,751	29,564	29,599	30,426	2,473	2,416
Oregon .....	2,199	2,194	2,338	2,333	2,609	2,615
Pennsylvania .....	24,274	23,987	26,185	26,043	2,486	2,550
South Carolina .....	3,115	3,178	4,368	4,437	2,312	2,186
South Dakota .....	2,498	2,496	2,640	2,638	2,462	2,426
Texas .....	14,885	14,885	19,003	19,037	2,289	2,243
Utah .....	3,855	4,298	3,893	4,336	2,415	2,491
Virginia .....	1,093	1,251	2,834	2,953	2,152	2,201
Washington .....	6,829	7,225	6,993	7,390	2,302	2,449
Wisconsin .....	4,459	4,749	5,231	5,526	2,504	2,407
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	13,018	13,140	21,982	22,247	2,215	2,270
United States .....	295,389	298,384	359,556	363,769	2,335	2,348

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

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: December 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 .....	183	184	37	41	146	143
Arkansas .....	248	266	93	97	155	169
California .....	411	335	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	126	114	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	56	56	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	204	223	200	218	4	5
Georgia .....	405	419	235	248	170	171
Illinois .....	115	117	110	112	5	5
Indiana .....	660	660	642	644	18	16
Iowa .....	1,373	1,452	1,359	1,436	14	16
Maine .....	84	84	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	64	69	63	68	1	1
Michigan .....	325	334	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	255	283	249	277	6	6
Mississippi .....	116	118	38	39	78	79
Missouri .....	200	221	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	234	244	234	244	-	-
New York .....	129	133	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	285	317	150	175	135	142
Ohio .....	738	761	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	63	60	63	60	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	656	672	628	643	28	29
South Carolina .....	100	93	80	71	20	22
South Dakota .....	69	68	69	68	-	-
Texas .....	442	451	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	96	112	96	112	-	-
Virginia .....	63	66	33	35	30	31
Washington .....	166	178	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	140	138	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	483	503	349	367	135	136
United States .....	8,489	8,731	7,422	7,633	1,068	1,098

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## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: January 2014 and 2015

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State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	179	182	35	39	144	143
Arkansas .....	247	267	92	95	155	172
California .....	396	311	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	124	109	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	56	56	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	201	210	197	206	4	4
Georgia .....	400	408	229	236	171	172
Illinois .....	115	118	111	113	4	5
Indiana .....	660	622	641	606	19	16
Iowa .....	1,364	1,435	1,348	1,417	16	18
Maine .....	85	85	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	66	68	65	67	1	1
Michigan .....	310	327	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	257	288	251	282	6	6
Mississippi .....	117	118	37	38	80	80
Missouri .....	195	209	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	237	244	237	244	-	-
New York .....	126	129	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	283	315	148	172	135	143
Ohio .....	732	735	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	61	61	61	61	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	651	664	623	635	28	29
South Carolina .....	101	97	80	74	21	23
South Dakota .....	65	64	65	64	-	-
Texas .....	435	427	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	94	108	94	108	-	-
Virginia .....	61	65	30	34	31	31
Washington .....	161	181	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	131	133	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	487	505	352	368	136	137
United States .....	8,397	8,541	7,321	7,430	1,077	1,111

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## Molted as Percent of All Layers by Month – United States: 2014-2015

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	2.7	2.1	18.2	18.1
February .....	2.8	3.3	18.0	17.9
March .....	2.4		18.0	
April .....	1.9		17.9	
May .....	2.8		17.7	
June .....	3.0		17.2	
July .....	2.6		18.0	
August .....	3.3		18.0	
September .....	2.9		18.9	
October .....	3.3		19.3	
November .....	2.0		19.9	
December .....	1.3		19.3	

## Molted as Percent of All Layers – States and United States: February 1, 2014 and 2015

[As of the first of the month]

State	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.5	3.0	4.5	7.5
Arkansas .....	1.5	3.0	10.0	16.0
California .....	8.0	2.5	22.0	30.5
Colorado .....	5.5	2.0	16.5	21.0
Connecticut .....	9.0	9.0	8.5	8.5
Florida .....	8.5	12.0	26.5	40.5
Georgia .....	2.5	3.5	13.5	19.5
Illinois .....	2.0	1.0	14.5	10.0
Indiana .....	1.5	4.0	27.5	25.5
Iowa .....	3.0	5.0	27.0	23.0
Maine .....	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	7.5	-
Michigan .....	1.0	1.5	9.0	8.5
Minnesota .....	4.5	3.5	17.0	18.5
Mississippi .....	1.0	3.5	10.0	13.5
Missouri .....	1.5	3.5	23.0	12.0
Nebraska .....	-	-	6.5	1.0
New York .....	2.0	1.0	4.5	4.0
North Carolina .....	-	0.5	13.5	16.0
Ohio .....	3.0	2.0	22.0	22.5
Oregon .....	-	2.5	14.0	15.0
Pennsylvania .....	1.0	0.5	7.0	1.0
South Carolina .....	-	2.5	11.5	7.5
South Dakota .....	4.5	-	8.0	7.0
Texas .....	5.0	7.0	24.0	29.5
Utah .....	4.0	9.5	29.0	22.5
Virginia .....	4.0	-	15.0	22.0
Washington .....	6.5	5.0	24.5	20.0
Wisconsin .....	6.5	6.5	21.0	30.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	1.5	14.3	11.9
United States .....	2.8	3.3	18.0	17.9

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2014 and 2015

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on February 1 .....	40,524	40,327	100
Chicks hatched during January .....	44,134	43,662	99
<b>Pullets hatched during January for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	270	270	100
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,714	2,947	109
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on February 1 .....	627,231	642,537	102
Chicks hatched during January .....	770,893	792,176	103
<b>Pullets hatched during January for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	6,470	6,959	108
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	60,546	62,018	102

<sup>1</sup> 2015 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2013 through June 2014.

<sup>2</sup> 2015 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2013 through June 2014.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2014-2015

[See regional listing on page 19]

Region	January 1		2015 as percent of 2014	February 1		2015 as percent of 2014
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic .....	5,772	5,872	102	3,590	3,812	106
East North Central .....	8,882	9,258	104	8,841	8,711	99
West North Central .....	9,993	11,702	117	10,042	10,452	104
South Atlantic .....	4,430	4,527	102	4,809	4,484	93
South Central .....	6,025	5,643	94	5,843	6,283	108
West .....	5,951	5,235	88	7,399	6,585	89
United States .....	41,053	42,237	103	40,524	40,327	100

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2014-2015

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

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	44,134	43,662	99	44,134	43,662	99
February .....	40,323			84,457		
March .....	43,818			128,275		
April .....	45,115			173,390		
May .....	49,003			222,393		
June .....	43,470			265,863		
July .....	42,123			307,986		
August .....	39,458			347,444		
September .....	43,309			390,753		
October .....	44,416			435,169		
November .....	36,539			471,708		
December .....	42,980			514,688		

## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month – United States: 2014-2015

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2015 as percent of 2014	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2014	2015		2014	2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	270	270	100	2,714	2,947
February .....	243			2,710	2,955
March .....	235			2,716	2,863
April .....	243			2,780	2,987
May .....	224			2,744	3,206
June .....	172			2,680	3,178
July .....	275			2,866	3,074
August .....	251			2,786	3,074
September .....	394			2,805	
October .....	369			2,868	
November .....	150			2,878	
December .....	248			2,927	
Total .....	3,074				

<sup>1</sup> For January 2015, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched July 2013 through June 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: 2014-2015

[See regional listing on page 19]

Region	January 1		2015 as percent of 2014	February 1		2015 as percent of 2014
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic .....	13,941	14,477	104	13,631	13,739	101
East North Central .....	13,861	14,160	102	13,855	13,794	100
West North Central .....	30,337	30,091	99	30,568	30,018	98
South Atlantic .....	242,365	250,748	103	242,155	246,544	102
South Central .....	306,472	312,218	102	305,251	315,899	103
West .....	21,670	22,485	104	21,771	22,543	104
United States .....	628,646	644,179	102	627,231	642,537	102

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: January 2014 and 2015

State	During January			January-January		
	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	104,620	105,890	101	104,620	105,890	101
Arkansas .....	77,905	80,015	103	77,905	80,015	103
Delaware .....	16,338	17,148	105	16,338	17,148	105
Florida .....	4,473	4,537	101	4,473	4,537	101
Georgia .....	124,292	126,907	102	124,292	126,907	102
Kentucky .....	28,415	29,068	102	28,415	29,068	102
Louisiana .....	14,153	14,256	101	14,153	14,256	101
Maryland .....	26,677	28,980	109	26,677	28,980	109
Mississippi .....	65,622	66,354	101	65,622	66,354	101
Missouri .....	31,471	30,521	97	31,471	30,521	97
North Carolina .....	74,192	76,613	103	74,192	76,613	103
Oklahoma .....	24,826	23,282	94	24,826	23,282	94
Pennsylvania .....	15,946	16,009	100	15,946	16,009	100
South Carolina .....	17,885	19,348	108	17,885	19,348	108
Texas .....	52,719	55,558	105	52,719	55,558	105
Virginia .....	23,823	24,249	102	23,823	24,249	102
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	38,529	43,359	113	38,529	43,359	113
19 States <sup>1</sup> .....	741,886	762,094	103	741,886	762,094	103
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	29,007	30,082	104	29,007	30,082	104
United States .....	770,893	792,176	103	770,893	792,176	103

<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: 2014-2015

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

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	770,893	792,176	103	770,893	792,176	103
February .....	692,647			1,463,540		
March .....	769,818			2,233,358		
April .....	748,669			2,982,027		
May .....	781,446			3,763,473		
June .....	762,677			4,526,150		
July .....	784,571			5,310,721		
August .....	788,385			6,099,106		
September .....	756,086			6,855,192		
October .....	760,593			7,615,785		
November .....	732,972			8,348,757		
December .....	796,060			9,144,817		



## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2014-2015

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2015 as percent of 2014	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2014 (1,000 chicks)	2015 (1,000 chicks)		2014 (1,000 chicks)	2015 (1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	6,470	6,959	108	60,546	62,018
February .....	7,239			60,850	61,999
March .....	6,790			61,214	62,220
April .....	6,710			61,457	62,804
May .....	7,600			61,385	63,157
June .....	7,094			61,444	63,509
July .....	6,212			61,524	63,514
August .....	7,436			61,772	63,763
September .....	7,253			61,446	
October .....	6,823			61,225	
November .....	7,591			61,366	
December .....	6,795			61,835	
Annual total .....	84,013				
Total placements <sup>2</sup> .....					
January .....	8,077	8,382	104		
February .....	9,068				
March .....	8,702				
April .....	8,122				
May .....	9,470				
June .....	9,021				
July .....	7,916				
August .....	9,413				
September .....	9,228				
October .....	8,288				
November .....	9,540				
December .....	8,649				

<sup>1</sup> For January 2015, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched October 2013 through June 2014.

<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 2.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 364 million layers by more than 2.3 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 4.0 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) 2.3	(percent) 4.0	(1,000) 8,021	(1,000) 3,606	(1,000) 10,344	(number) 24	(number) 0
Eggs .....	2.4	4.2	(million) 192	(million) 87	(million) 418	24	0

## 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.

**Molted Layers** is the same data series as the previously published Forced Molt Layers. Nomenclature changed as of January 2015.

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