



Chickens and Eggs

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June Egg Production Down 9 Percent

United States egg production totaled 7.41 billion during June 2015, down 9 percent from last year. Production included 6.30 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2015 averaged 328 million, down 9 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,258 eggs, down slightly from June 2014.

All layers in the United States on July 1, 2015 totaled 328 million, down 9 percent from last year. The 328 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.23 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2015, averaged 75.3 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from July 1, 2014.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 7 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2015 totaled 46.9 million, up 7 percent from June 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 43.8 million on July 1, 2015, up 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 320 thousand during June 2015, up 86 percent from June 2014.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2015 totaled 787 million, up 3 percent from June 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on July 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.79 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2015, up 10 percent from June 2014.

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

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Month	2014		2015	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December ¹		360,673		365,691
January		359,556		363,732
February		358,967		362,338
March		359,955		362,501
April		360,826		358,416
May		360,383		341,647
June		359,729		328,311
July		360,787		
August		361,731		
September		361,813		
October		362,034		
November		364,017		

¹ December preceding year.

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

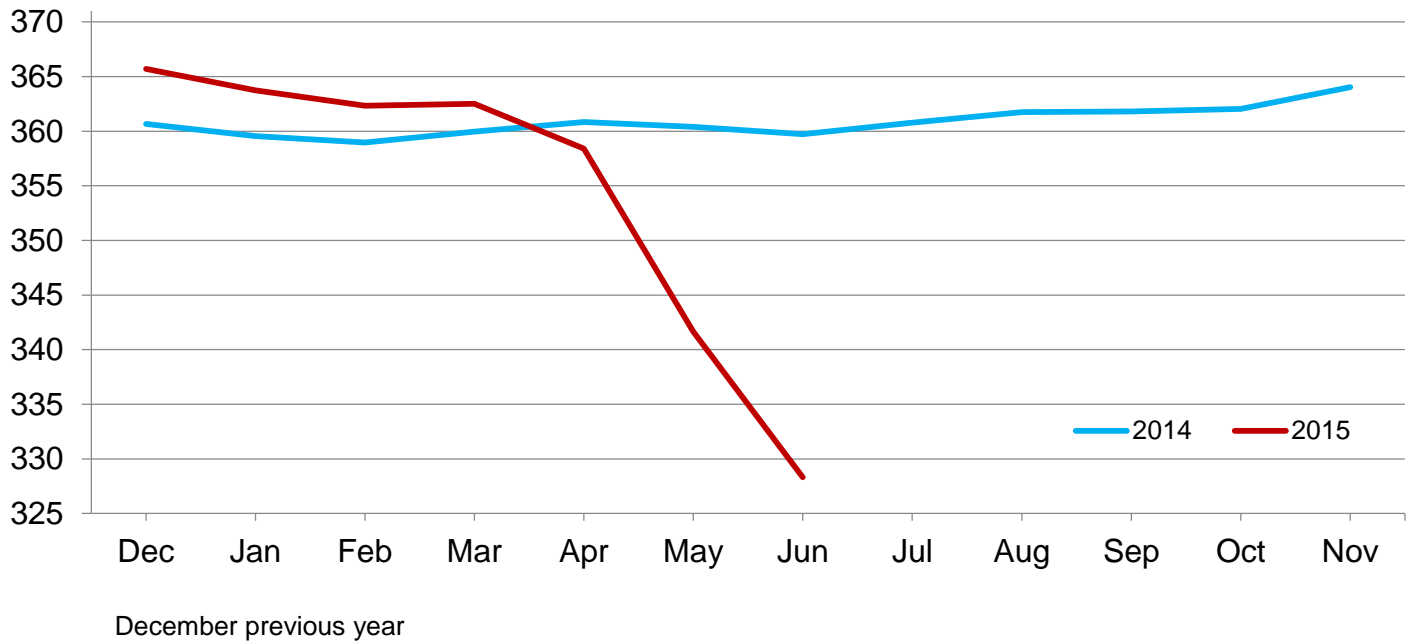
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December ¹	8,489	8,731	7,422	7,633	1,068	1,098
January	8,397	8,540	7,321	7,428	1,077	1,112
February	7,551	7,620	6,579	6,615	972	1,006
March	8,430	8,548	7,354	7,429	1,077	1,119
April	8,205	8,209	7,160	7,113	1,045	1,096
May	8,428	7,993	7,336	6,851	1,094	1,142
June	8,151	7,412	7,091	6,302	1,060	1,110
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	

¹ December preceding year.

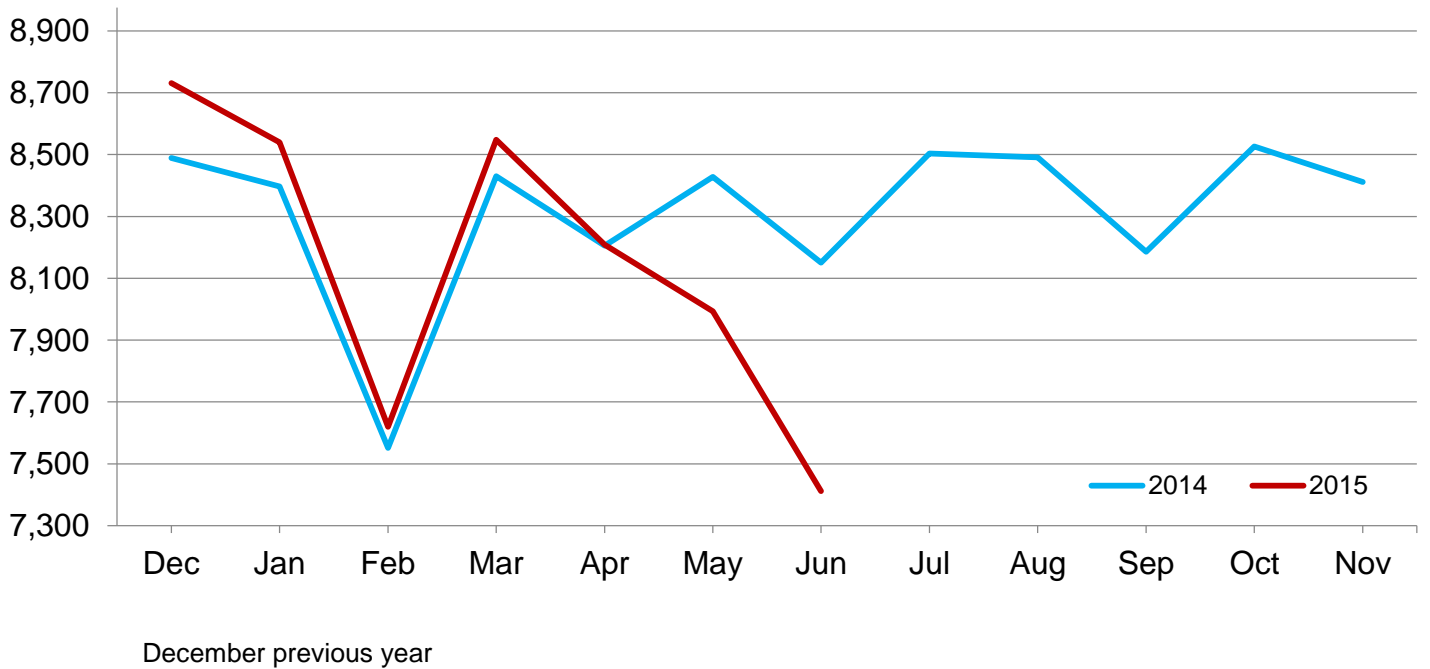
Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



All Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: May-June 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
Layers during May			
All layers1,000	360,383	341,647	95
Table egg type1,000	303,607	283,072	93
Hatching egg type1,000	56,776	58,575	103
Broiler-type hatching1,000	53,446	55,300	103
Egg-type hatching1,000	3,330	3,275	98
Eggs per 100 layers during May			
All layers number	2,339	2,340	100
Table egg type number	2,416	2,420	100
Hatching egg type number	1,927	1,950	101
Broiler-type hatching number	1,892	1,915	101
Egg-type hatching number	2,492	2,534	102
Eggs produced during May			
All layers million	8,428	7,993	95
Table egg type million	7,336	6,851	93
Hatching egg type million	1,094	1,142	104
Broiler-type hatching million	1,011	1,059	105
Egg-type hatching million	83	83	100
Layers on June 1			
All layers1,000	359,752	328,911	91
Table egg type1,000	302,943	270,158	89
Hatching egg type1,000	56,809	58,753	103
Broiler-type hatching1,000	53,529	55,560	104
Egg-type hatching1,000	3,280	3,193	97
Eggs per 100 layers on June 1			
All layers number	75.0	75.0	100
Table egg type number	77.3	77.7	101
Hatching egg type number	62.3	62.8	101
Broiler-type hatching number	61.1	61.7	101
Egg-type hatching number	81.5	81.0	99
Molted layers on June 1			
Being molted percent	3.0	2.4	80
Molt completed percent	17.2	17.5	102
Layers sold for slaughter during May1,000	15,207	16,099	106
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during May1,000	8,373	32,164	384
Pullets on June 11,000	109,397	106,324	97
Pullets added during May ¹1,000	24,570	22,540	92

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

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: June-July 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
Layers during June			
All layers 1,000	359,729	328,311	91
Table egg type 1,000	303,025	269,937	89
Hatching egg type 1,000	56,704	58,374	103
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	53,455	55,159	103
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,249	3,215	99
Eggs per 100 layers during June			
All layers number	2,266	2,258	100
Table egg type number	2,340	2,335	100
Hatching egg type number	1,869	1,902	102
Broiler-type hatching number	1,835	1,871	102
Egg-type hatching number	2,432	2,426	100
Eggs produced during June			
All layers million	8,151	7,412	91
Table egg type million	7,091	6,302	89
Hatching egg type million	1,060	1,110	105
Broiler-type hatching million	981	1,032	105
Egg-type hatching million	79	78	99
Layers on July 1			
All layers 1,000	359,671	327,684	91
Table egg type 1,000	303,092	269,701	89
Hatching egg type 1,000	56,579	57,983	102
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	53,369	54,749	103
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,210	3,234	101
Eggs per 100 layers on July 1			
All layers number	76.0	75.3	99
Table egg type number	78.5	77.9	99
Hatching egg type number	62.5	63.5	102
Broiler-type hatching number	61.5	62.5	102
Egg-type hatching number	80.1	81.7	102
Molted layers on July 1			
Being molted percent	2.6	2.6	100
Molt completed percent	18.0	18.2	101
Layers sold for slaughter during June 1,000	14,402	13,000	90
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during June 1,000	8,148	10,331	127
Pullets on July 1 1,000	109,567	103,646	95
Pullets added during June ¹ 1,000	23,230	22,875	98

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

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During May 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	1,509	1,377	9,562	9,718	1,945	1,945
Arkansas	3,652	3,569	12,152	12,905	2,057	2,092
California	15,791	12,772	16,215	13,273	2,381	2,434
Colorado	4,357	4,179	4,730	4,625	2,600	2,422
Connecticut ¹	2,272	(NA)	2,366	(NA)	2,451	(NA)
Florida	8,066	8,499	8,460	8,853	2,329	2,282
Georgia	9,526	9,356	18,407	18,393	2,184	2,191
Illinois	4,206	4,122	4,690	4,601	2,495	2,391
Indiana	26,449	25,558	27,423	26,452	2,407	2,382
Iowa	58,188	43,007	59,422	44,172	2,395	2,325
Maine ¹	3,434	(NA)	3,489	(NA)	2,436	(NA)
Maryland	2,635	2,402	2,804	2,570	2,389	2,490
Michigan	12,760	12,537	12,991	12,780	2,486	2,535
Minnesota	10,329	9,531	10,784	9,986	2,328	2,403
Mississippi	1,530	1,528	5,662	5,841	2,031	2,072
Missouri	6,202	6,357	8,472	8,579	2,408	2,378
Nebraska	9,338	8,089	9,446	8,197	2,594	2,562
New York	4,694	4,499	5,052	4,859	2,474	2,531
North Carolina	5,718	6,344	13,232	14,141	2,139	2,150
Ohio	30,197	30,820	31,053	31,680	2,328	2,399
Oregon	2,181	2,069	2,320	2,208	2,716	2,672
Pennsylvania	23,102	23,399	24,958	25,342	2,516	2,569
South Carolina	3,080	3,119	4,361	4,441	2,224	2,184
South Dakota	2,532	2,049	2,674	2,191	2,244	2,602
Texas	14,800	14,927	18,920	18,958	2,262	2,252
Utah	3,956	4,232	3,994	4,270	2,379	2,342
Virginia	1,197	1,179	3,006	2,976	2,196	2,117
Washington	6,836	6,831	7,002	6,996	2,314	2,473
Wisconsin	4,183	3,760	4,957	4,539	2,401	2,379
Other States ²	12,884	18,880	21,779	28,101	2,236	2,285
United States	295,604	274,991	360,383	341,647	2,339	2,340

(NA) Not available.

¹ Included in Other States in 2015.

² Includes data for States not published in this table.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During June 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	1,534	1,454	9,478	9,672	1,931	1,913
Arkansas	3,673	3,504	12,260	12,763	1,982	2,014
California	15,571	12,952	15,990	13,460	2,326	2,266
Colorado	4,537	4,085	4,910	4,563	2,464	2,389
Connecticut ¹	2,286	(NA)	2,379	(NA)	2,312	(NA)
Florida	8,128	8,507	8,520	8,888	2,218	2,228
Georgia	9,388	9,437	18,194	18,330	2,089	2,122
Illinois	4,081	4,112	4,578	4,590	2,468	2,222
Indiana	26,656	25,666	27,625	26,585	2,320	2,343
Iowa	57,779	33,236	59,001	34,374	2,295	2,220
Maine ¹	3,408	(NA)	3,463	(NA)	2,339	(NA)
Maryland	2,614	2,539	2,784	2,709	2,335	2,436
Michigan	12,877	12,661	13,097	12,886	2,413	2,398
Minnesota	10,389	7,936	10,846	8,395	2,314	2,263
Mississippi	1,407	1,538	5,538	5,902	1,968	2,033
Missouri	6,206	6,201	8,458	8,407	2,258	2,248
Nebraska	9,374	6,323	9,482	6,431	2,531	2,519
New York	4,718	4,496	5,072	4,859	2,405	2,490
North Carolina	5,768	6,627	13,324	14,507	2,064	2,040
Ohio	30,115	30,530	30,981	31,386	2,298	2,358
Oregon	2,243	2,155	2,382	2,294	2,645	2,616
Pennsylvania	23,191	23,452	25,055	25,368	2,431	2,436
South Carolina	3,066	3,297	4,343	4,563	2,164	2,170
South Dakota	2,471	1,506	2,613	1,648	2,258	2,488
Texas	14,900	15,032	19,025	19,125	2,202	2,175
Utah	3,996	4,296	4,034	4,334	2,305	2,353
Virginia	1,201	1,095	3,002	2,861	2,132	2,132
Washington	6,633	6,951	6,799	7,116	2,324	2,403
Wisconsin	4,034	3,370	4,810	4,150	2,349	2,361
Other States ²	12,778	18,898	21,686	28,145	2,149	2,210
United States	295,022	261,856	359,729	328,311	2,266	2,258

(NA) Not available.

¹ Included in Other States in 2015.

² Includes data for States not published in this table.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: May 2014 and 2015

[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	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	186	189	39	35	147	154
Arkansas	250	270	88	91	162	179
California	386	323	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	123	112	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	58	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	197	202	192	197	5	5
Georgia	402	403	232	227	170	176
Illinois	117	110	112	105	5	5
Indiana	660	630	641	613	19	17
Iowa	1,423	1,027	1,405	1,010	18	17
Maine ¹	85	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	67	64	66	63	1	1
Michigan	323	324	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	251	240	245	234	6	6
Mississippi	115	121	37	37	78	84
Missouri	204	204	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	245	210	245	210	-	-
New York	125	123	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	283	304	144	158	139	146
Ohio	723	760	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	63	59	63	59	-	-
Pennsylvania	628	651	602	622	26	29
South Carolina	97	97	75	74	22	23
South Dakota	60	57	60	57	-	-
Texas	428	427	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	95	100	95	100	-	-
Virginia	66	63	32	31	34	32
Washington	162	173	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	119	108	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States ²	487	642	353	502	135	140
United States	8,428	7,993	7,336	6,851	1,094	1,142

- Represents zero.

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: June 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	183	185	40	36	143	149
Arkansas	243	257	83	85	160	172
California	372	305	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	121	109	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	55	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	189	198	184	193	5	5
Georgia	380	389	216	219	164	170
Illinois	113	102	108	97	5	5
Indiana	641	623	623	606	18	17
Iowa	1,354	763	1,336	747	18	16
Maine ¹	81	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	65	66	64	64	1	2
Michigan	316	309	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	251	190	245	184	6	6
Mississippi	109	120	34	38	75	82
Missouri	191	189	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	240	162	240	162	-	-
New York	122	121	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	275	296	140	152	135	144
Ohio	712	740	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	63	60	63	60	-	-
Pennsylvania	609	618	585	591	24	27
South Carolina	94	99	72	76	22	23
South Dakota	59	41	59	41	-	-
Texas	419	416	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	93	102	93	102	-	-
Virginia	64	61	32	30	32	31
Washington	158	171	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	113	98	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States ²	466	622	336	485	130	137
United States	8,151	7,412	7,091	6,302	1,060	1,110

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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	1.9	18.0	18.9
April	1.9	2.0	17.9	18.0
May	2.8	3.1	17.7	17.7
June	3.0	2.4	17.2	17.5
July	2.6	2.6	18.0	18.2
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: July 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	-	0.5	6.5	7.5
Arkansas	2.0	1.0	12.0	15.0
California	3.5	2.5	31.5	30.0
Colorado	4.0	1.0	18.5	12.0
Connecticut ¹	-	(NA)	17.5	(NA)
Florida	8.0	7.0	25.0	46.5
Georgia	3.0	4.0	17.0	12.5
Illinois	4.0	-	9.5	19.5
Indiana	2.0	2.5	24.5	27.5
Iowa	3.5	4.0	23.5	23.5
Maine ¹	-	(NA)	-	(NA)
Maryland	-	-	7.0	3.0
Michigan	1.5	1.0	5.5	10.0
Minnesota	1.5	4.0	22.0	9.0
Mississippi	2.0	1.0	9.0	14.0
Missouri	-	1.0	17.5	14.0
Nebraska	-	-	3.0	2.0
New York	5.0	-	6.0	4.5
North Carolina	2.5	3.0	12.5	14.5
Ohio	4.0	3.5	25.5	23.0
Oregon	-	2.5	13.5	15.0
Pennsylvania	0.5	0.5	5.5	4.5
South Carolina	-	2.0	9.5	10.0
South Dakota	3.5	-	15.5	15.0
Texas	3.0	5.5	27.0	36.5
Utah	7.0	4.5	31.5	30.0
Virginia	-	-	13.0	17.5
Washington	3.0	6.0	20.5	21.5
Wisconsin	4.5	-	21.5	21.5
Other States ²	2.8	1.5	13.4	9.6
United States	2.6	2.6	18.0	18.2

- Represents zero.

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Hatchery Production – United States: 2014 and 2015

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on July 1	41,041	43,796	107
Chicks hatched during June	44,006	46,868	107
Chicks hatched January through June	268,532	281,457	105
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	172	320	186
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,680	3,178	119
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on July 1	638,487	652,015	102
Chicks hatched during June	764,412	787,251	103
Chicks hatched January through June	4,536,715	4,663,636	103
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	7,094	7,790	110
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	61,444	63,509	103

¹ 2015 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2013 through November 2014.

² 2015 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2014 through November 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	June 1		2015 as percent of 2014	July 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	5,722	7,354	129	5,300	7,969	150
East North Central	9,396	9,410	100	8,727	8,371	96
West North Central	10,796	13,007	120	10,395	10,525	101
South Atlantic	4,315	5,465	127	4,256	4,636	109
South Central	5,998	5,873	98	6,337	5,631	89
West	6,511	6,443	99	6,026	6,664	111
United States	42,738	47,552	111	41,041	43,796	107

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	44,458	44,174	99	44,458	44,174	99
February	40,986	43,091	105	85,444	87,265	102
March	44,233	50,077	113	129,677	137,342	106
April	45,703	49,595	109	175,380	186,937	107
May	49,146	47,652	97	224,526	234,589	104
June	44,006	46,868	107	268,532	281,457	105
July	42,297			310,829		
August	39,803			350,632		
September	43,722			394,354		
October	44,468			438,822		
November	36,544			475,366		
December	42,980			518,346		

Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month – United States: 2014-2016

[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 ¹	
	2014	2015		2015	2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January	270	270	100	2,947	3,386
February	243	309	127	2,955	
March	235	346	147	2,863	
April	243	219	90	2,987	
May	224	235	105	3,206	
June	172	320	186	3,178	
July	275			3,074	
August	251			3,074	
September	394			3,140	
October	369			3,251	
November	150			3,227	
December	248			3,238	
Total	3,074				

¹ For June 2015, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched December 2013 through November 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	June 1		2015 as percent of 2014	July 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	13,908	14,366	103	13,685	14,301	105
East North Central	14,345	14,637	102	14,463	14,620	101
West North Central	30,582	31,538	103	30,594	31,263	102
South Atlantic	249,812	253,460	101	246,908	251,216	102
South Central	312,343	319,021	102	309,525	316,538	102
West	22,571	23,729	105	23,312	24,077	103
United States	643,561	656,751	102	638,487	652,015	102

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

State	During June			January-June		
	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	103,091	106,655	103	615,884	632,291	103
Arkansas	76,783	78,436	102	449,087	468,855	104
Delaware	16,077	16,868	105	96,428	101,558	105
Florida	4,432	4,458	101	26,150	25,602	98
Georgia	122,093	123,482	101	724,674	730,057	101
Kentucky	27,914	28,716	103	164,660	168,546	102
Louisiana	13,939	13,889	100	83,405	83,484	100
Maryland	27,092	28,815	106	163,016	168,836	104
Mississippi	62,663	65,687	105	379,281	390,153	103
Missouri	29,521	30,120	102	181,043	177,154	98
North Carolina	74,769	77,988	104	438,344	456,638	104
Oklahoma	23,743	23,809	100	143,171	139,866	98
Pennsylvania	15,447	16,714	108	93,193	96,235	103
South Carolina	17,686	19,619	111	103,302	115,427	112
Texas	53,301	55,693	104	314,187	331,588	106
Virginia	24,066	23,406	97	141,991	141,532	100
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	42,575	43,532	102	247,048	261,089	106
19 States ¹	735,192	757,887	103	4,364,864	4,488,911	103
Other States ²	29,220	29,364	100	171,851	174,725	102
United States	764,412	787,251	103	4,536,715	4,663,636	103

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: 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	772,825	792,176	103	772,825	792,176	103
February	694,277	711,223	102	1,467,102	1,503,399	102
March	771,618	791,109	103	2,238,720	2,294,508	102
April	750,447	772,833	103	2,989,167	3,067,341	103
May	783,136	809,044	103	3,772,303	3,876,385	103
June	764,412	787,251	103	4,536,715	4,663,636	103
July	785,896			5,322,611		
August	789,582			6,112,193		
September	757,650			6,869,843		
October	762,311			7,632,154		
November	732,978			8,365,132		
December	795,846			9,160,978		

Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2014-2016

[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 ¹	
	2014 (1,000 chicks)	2015 (1,000 chicks)		2015 (1,000 chicks)	2016 (1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January	6,470	6,959	108	62,018	65,575
February	7,239	7,921	109	61,999	
March	6,790	7,160	105	62,220	
April	6,710	6,995	104	62,804	
May	7,600	7,541	99	63,157	
June	7,094	7,790	110	63,509	
July	6,212			63,514	
August	7,436			63,763	
September	7,253			64,084	
October	6,823			64,150	
November	7,591			64,933	
December	6,795			65,038	
Annual total	84,013				
Total placements ²					
January	8,077	8,382	104		
February	9,068	9,546	105		
March	8,702	8,875	102		
April	8,122	8,358	103		
May	9,470	9,409	99		
June	9,021	9,785	108		
July	7,916				
August	9,413				
September	9,228				
October	8,288				
November	9,540				
December	8,649				
Annual total	105,494				

¹ For June 2015, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched March 2014 through November 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 2.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 328 million layers by more than 2.0 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.4 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) 2.0	(percent) 3.4	(1,000) 6,143	(1,000) 37	(1,000) 10,344	(number) 21	(number) 3
Eggs	2.1	3.6	(million) 148	(million) 1	(million) 271	21	3

Egg-Type Regional Listing

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

Broiler-Type Regional Listing

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

Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

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

Intended Placements are reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per case of 30 dozen eggs.

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

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