



# Chickens and Eggs

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## September Egg Production Up 10 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.30 billion during September 2016, up 10 percent from last year. Production included 7.21 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 85.7 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2016 averaged 361 million, up 7 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up 2 percent from September 2015.

All layers in the United States on October 1, 2016 totaled 361 million, up 7 percent from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 304 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2016, averaged 76.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 3 percent from October 1, 2015.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 10 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2016 totaled 44.3 million, down 10 percent from September 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.7 million on October 1, 2016, down 18 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 181 thousand during September 2016, down 18 percent from September 2015.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2016 totaled 771 million, up 1 percent from September 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 628 million on October 1, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.04 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2016, down 18 percent from September 2015.

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## Average Number of All Layers on Hand During the Month – United States: 2015-2016

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Month	2015		2016	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		369,521		347,847
January .....		366,702		351,297
February .....		365,440		357,103
March .....		365,951		361,243
April .....		361,956		361,126
May .....		345,342		360,621
June .....		332,622		359,284
July .....		333,250		357,644
August .....		334,491		358,512
September .....		336,610		360,527
October .....		339,431		
November .....		343,469		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2015-2016

[Totals may not add due to rounding. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	8,823.7	8,116.8	7,726.5	6,985.4	1,097.2	1,131.4
January .....	8,611.6	8,152.4	7,503.1	7,018.9	1,108.5	1,133.5
February .....	7,685.7	7,818.4	6,684.7	6,755.6	1,001.0	1,062.8
March .....	8,634.0	8,495.5	7,515.2	7,356.8	1,118.8	1,138.7
April .....	8,294.0	8,206.5	7,198.5	7,095.5	1,095.5	1,111.0
May .....	8,075.9	8,509.4	6,936.4	7,355.4	1,139.5	1,154.0
June .....	7,508.6	8,208.4	6,400.8	7,098.7	1,107.8	1,109.7
July .....	7,774.5	8,497.5	6,629.2	7,350.5	1,145.3	1,147.0
August .....	7,798.2	8,551.7	6,655.4	7,409.0	1,142.8	1,142.7
September .....	7,562.3	8,299.8	6,465.1	7,206.5	1,097.2	1,093.3
October .....	7,871.7		6,743.1		1,128.6	
November .....	7,762.9		6,670.5		1,092.4	

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

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2015-2016

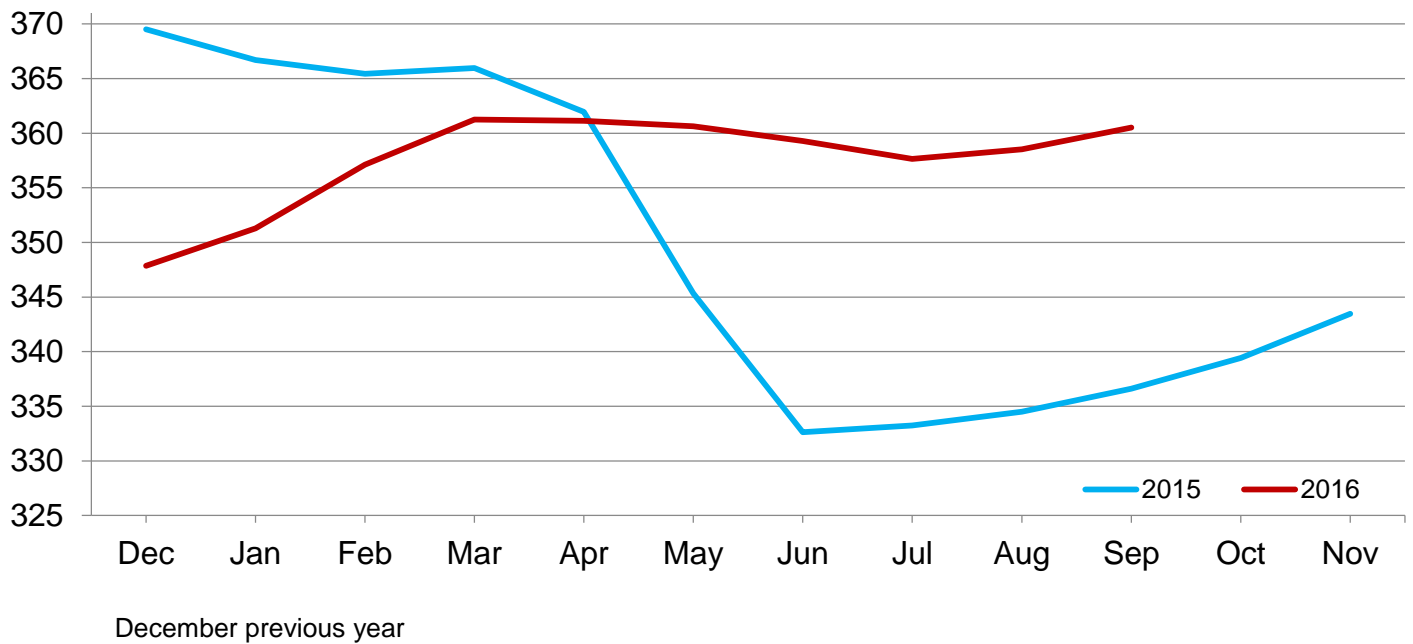
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	735,308.0	676,400.6	643,874.7	582,117.1	91,433.3	94,283.5
January .....	717,633.8	679,366.9	625,258.7	584,908.6	92,375.1	94,458.3
February .....	640,475.0	651,533.4	557,058.6	562,966.9	83,416.4	88,566.5
March .....	719,500.3	707,958.2	626,266.9	613,066.4	93,233.4	94,891.8
April .....	691,166.9	683,875.0	599,875.3	591,291.7	91,291.6	92,583.3
May .....	672,991.4	709,116.9	578,033.2	612,950.1	94,958.2	96,166.8
June .....	625,716.8	684,033.6	533,400.2	591,558.6	92,316.6	92,475.0
July .....	647,875.3	708,125.4	552,433.7	612,541.9	95,441.6	95,583.5
August .....	649,850.4	712,641.5	554,617.0	617,416.8	95,233.4	95,224.7
September .....	630,191.8	691,650.7	538,758.6	600,542.4	91,433.2	91,108.3
October .....	655,975.0		561,924.9		94,050.1	
November .....	646,908.4		555,875.1		91,033.3	

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

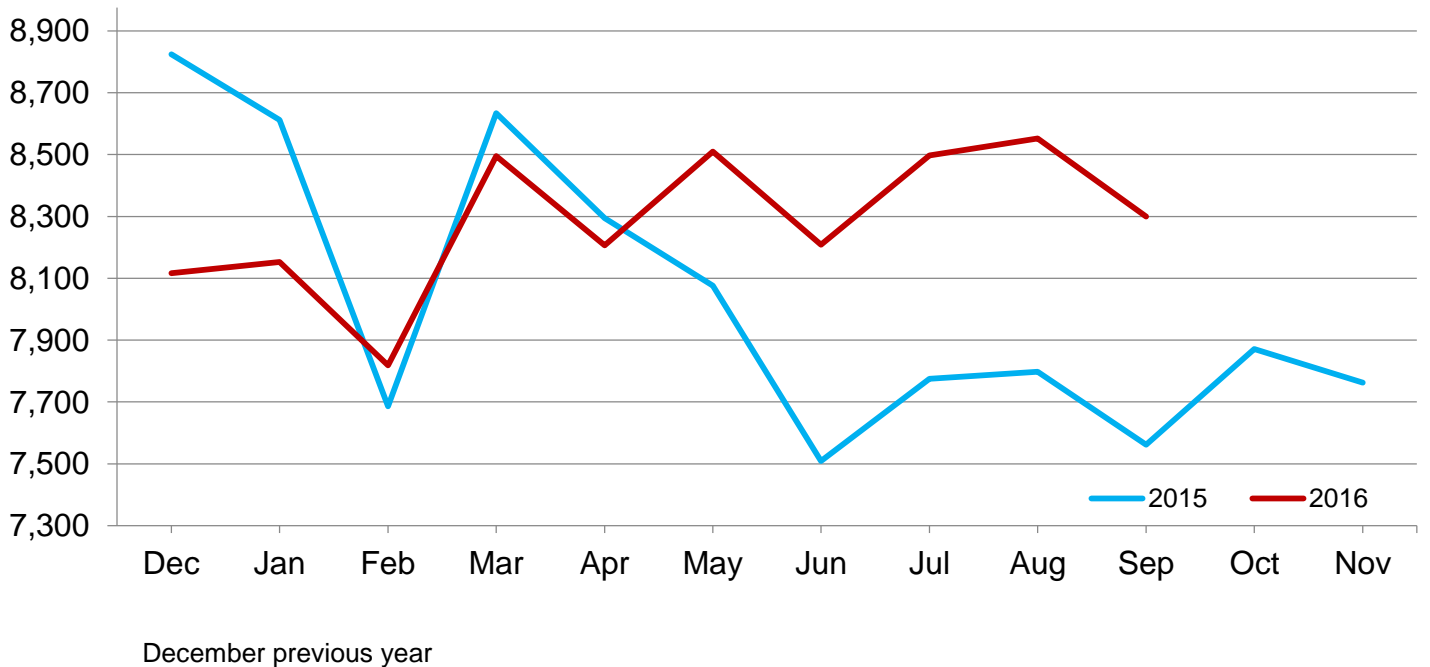
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## All Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
August-September 2015 and 2016**

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
<b>Layers during August</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	334,491	358,512	107
Table egg type ..... 1,000	276,561	300,917	109
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	57,930	57,595	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	54,667	53,875	99
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,263	3,720	114
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during August</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,331	2,385	102
Table egg type ..... number	2,406	2,462	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,973	1,984	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,938	1,949	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,562	2,489	97
<b>Eggs produced during August</b>			
All layers ..... million	7,798.2	8,551.7	110
Table egg type ..... million	6,655.4	7,409.0	111
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,142.8	1,142.7	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,059.2	1,050.1	99
Egg-type hatching ..... million	83.6	92.6	111
<b>Eggs produced during August</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000 dozen	649,850.4	712,641.5	110
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	554,617.0	617,416.8	111
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	95,233.4	95,224.7	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	88,266.8	87,508.3	99
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	6,966.6	7,716.4	111
<b>Layers on September 1</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	334,912	359,771	107
Table egg type ..... 1,000	277,136	302,480	109
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	57,776	57,291	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	54,570	53,595	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,206	3,696	115
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on September 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	75.2	76.6	102
Table egg type ..... number	77.6	79.1	102
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.6	63.9	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.5	62.8	100
Egg-type hatching ..... number	82.5	79.7	97
<b>Molted layers on September 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	3.4	2.6	76
Molt completed ..... percent	19.7	16.5	84
Layers sold for slaughter during August ..... 1,000	13,497.7	16,969.4	126
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during August ..... 1,000	7,654.2	8,036.8	105
Pullets on September 1 ..... 1,000	111,061	113,938	103
Pullets added during August <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	25,805.2	26,120.6	101

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

**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
September-October 2015 and 2016**

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
<b>Layers during September</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	336,610	360,527	107
Table egg type ..... 1,000	278,923	303,366	109
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	57,687	57,161	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	54,436	53,571	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,251	3,590	110
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during September</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,247	2,302	102
Table egg type ..... number	2,318	2,376	103
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,902	1,913	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,870	1,881	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,430	2,387	98
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
All layers ..... million	7,562.3	8,299.8	110
Table egg type ..... million	6,465.1	7,206.5	111
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,097.2	1,093.3	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,018.2	1,007.6	99
Egg-type hatching ..... million	79.0	85.7	108
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000 dozen	630,191.8	691,650.7	110
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	538,758.6	600,542.4	111
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	91,433.2	91,108.3	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	84,850.0	83,966.6	99
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	6,583.2	7,141.7	108
<b>Layers on October 1</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	338,273	361,255	107
Table egg type ..... 1,000	280,696	304,235	108
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	57,577	57,020	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	54,288	53,540	99
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,289	3,480	106
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on October 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	74.5	76.8	103
Table egg type ..... number	76.8	79.2	103
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.1	63.6	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.1	62.5	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	79.4	79.4	100
<b>Molted layers on October 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	3.4	2.1	62
Molt completed ..... percent	20.5	16.8	82
Layers sold for slaughter during September ..... 1,000	14,291.6	16,608.7	116
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during September ..... 1,000	5,943.7	7,461.4	126
Pullets on October 1 ..... 1,000	113,241	112,602	99
Pullets added during September <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,069.9	25,646.2	95

<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 August 2015 and 2016

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,518	1,481	9,520	9,039	2,003	1,969
Arkansas .....	4,015	3,765	13,591	13,641	2,057	2,115
California .....	11,346	11,412	11,857	11,930	2,337	2,443
Colorado .....	4,191	3,969	4,644	4,412	2,562	2,446
Florida .....	8,484	7,914	8,884	8,343	2,337	2,359
Georgia .....	9,753	9,391	18,625	18,278	2,185	2,226
Illinois .....	4,275	4,665	4,753	5,142	2,291	2,583
Indiana .....	28,047	27,647	29,019	28,629	2,391	2,501
Iowa .....	32,601	51,200	33,752	52,563	2,278	2,458
Maryland .....	2,527	2,459	2,688	2,614	2,511	2,494
Michigan .....	12,775	12,724	12,991	12,962	2,499	2,457
Minnesota .....	8,232	9,837	8,690	10,298	2,343	2,448
Mississippi .....	1,526	1,443	5,656	5,527	2,088	2,149
Missouri .....	7,267	7,586	10,812	11,088	2,272	2,407
Nebraska .....	5,754	9,237	5,862	9,345	2,559	2,474
New York .....	4,795	5,314	5,147	5,675	2,524	2,520
North Carolina .....	6,839	6,983	14,696	14,467	2,107	2,149
Ohio .....	32,007	30,148	32,859	31,006	2,424	2,433
Oregon .....	2,345	2,066	2,484	2,205	2,641	2,544
Pennsylvania .....	23,850	24,488	25,745	26,748	2,518	2,595
South Carolina .....	2,809	2,871	4,056	4,129	2,364	2,199
South Dakota .....	1,403	2,230	1,545	2,372	2,544	2,281
Texas .....	15,614	16,277	19,689	20,095	2,267	2,317
Utah .....	4,216	4,407	4,254	4,445	2,525	2,326
Virginia .....	1,123	1,265	2,839	3,048	2,061	2,224
Washington .....	6,835	6,753	7,001	6,918	2,552	2,522
Wisconsin .....	3,821	4,929	4,559	5,617	2,441	2,373
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,066	18,942	28,273	27,976	2,166	2,289
United States .....	267,034	291,403	334,491	358,512	2,331	2,385

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



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During September 2015 and 2016

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,542	1,536	9,650	9,057	1,938	1,915
Arkansas .....	4,018	3,690	13,519	13,370	1,968	2,013
California .....	11,396	11,240	11,914	11,760	2,293	2,402
Colorado .....	4,217	4,207	4,672	4,641	2,369	2,353
Florida .....	8,557	7,866	8,965	8,288	2,189	2,242
Georgia .....	9,963	9,225	18,848	18,137	2,126	2,114
Illinois .....	4,426	4,600	4,903	5,064	2,382	2,494
Indiana .....	28,529	27,613	29,508	28,581	2,295	2,412
Iowa .....	33,058	51,909	34,196	53,244	2,160	2,367
Maryland .....	2,408	2,526	2,576	2,688	2,418	2,403
Michigan .....	12,554	12,986	12,771	13,224	2,487	2,337
Minnesota .....	8,791	10,138	9,249	10,598	2,194	2,299
Mississippi .....	1,534	1,415	5,627	5,480	2,015	2,066
Missouri .....	7,553	8,000	11,066	11,581	2,199	2,349
Nebraska .....	5,611	9,073	5,719	9,181	2,476	2,469
New York .....	4,938	5,212	5,289	5,570	2,437	2,476
North Carolina .....	6,711	7,077	14,394	14,540	2,088	2,087
Ohio .....	31,829	30,735	32,681	31,587	2,340	2,381
Oregon .....	2,298	2,191	2,437	2,330	2,519	2,438
Pennsylvania .....	24,019	24,513	25,905	26,691	2,437	2,499
South Carolina .....	2,960	2,806	4,212	4,005	2,244	2,107
South Dakota .....	1,404	2,376	1,546	2,518	2,329	2,260
Texas .....	15,644	16,178	19,635	19,939	2,142	2,216
Utah .....	4,323	4,559	4,361	4,597	2,305	2,243
Virginia .....	1,168	1,210	2,891	2,959	2,186	2,251
Washington .....	6,846	6,660	7,012	6,825	2,467	2,374
Wisconsin .....	3,977	5,286	4,714	5,973	2,329	2,334
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,122	19,025	28,350	28,099	2,223	2,206
United States .....	269,396	293,852	336,610	360,527	2,247	2,302

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

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: August 2015 and 2016

[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	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	190.7	178.0	41.1	38.7	149.6	139.3
Arkansas .....	279.6	288.5	99.0	99.1	180.6	189.4
California .....	277.1	291.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	119.0	107.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	207.6	196.8	202.3	191.0	5.3	5.8
Georgia .....	406.9	406.9	230.9	229.5	176.0	177.4
Illinois .....	108.9	132.8	104.0	127.9	4.9	4.9
Indiana .....	693.8	716.0	674.0	697.4	19.8	18.6
Iowa .....	768.8	1,292.2	752.1	1,271.4	16.7	20.8
Maryland .....	67.5	65.2	66.0	63.9	1.5	1.3
Michigan .....	324.6	318.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	203.6	252.1	196.9	246.3	6.7	5.8
Mississippi .....	118.1	118.8	37.3	36.9	80.8	81.9
Missouri .....	245.6	266.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	150.0	231.2	150.0	231.2	-	-
New York .....	129.9	143.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	309.6	310.9	160.4	169.4	149.2	141.5
Ohio .....	796.4	754.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	65.6	56.1	65.6	56.1	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	648.2	694.2	621.1	658.3	27.1	35.9
South Carolina .....	95.9	90.8	72.9	66.9	23.0	23.9
South Dakota .....	39.3	54.1	39.3	54.1	-	-
Texas .....	446.4	465.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	107.4	103.4	107.4	103.4	-	-
Virginia .....	58.5	67.8	26.5	34.4	32.0	33.4
Washington .....	178.7	174.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	111.3	133.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	649.2	640.5	507.4	501.9	141.8	138.6
United States .....	7,798.2	8,551.7	6,655.4	7,409.0	1,142.8	1,142.7

- Represents zero.

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

<sup>1</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: September 2015 and 2016

[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	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	187.0	173.4	39.6	38.6	147.4	134.8
Arkansas .....	266.1	269.1	97.8	92.4	168.3	176.7
California .....	273.2	282.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	110.7	109.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	196.2	185.8	191.2	180.3	5.0	5.5
Georgia .....	400.7	383.5	229.8	212.3	170.9	171.2
Illinois .....	116.8	126.3	112.1	121.8	4.7	4.5
Indiana .....	677.3	689.3	658.2	670.7	19.1	18.6
Iowa .....	738.8	1,260.2	723.8	1,241.0	15.0	19.2
Maryland .....	62.3	64.6	60.9	63.4	1.4	1.2
Michigan .....	317.6	309.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	202.9	243.7	196.5	237.6	6.4	6.1
Mississippi .....	113.4	113.2	36.3	34.8	77.1	78.4
Missouri .....	243.3	272.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	141.6	226.7	141.6	226.7	-	-
New York .....	128.9	137.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	300.5	303.5	157.5	165.5	143.0	138.0
Ohio .....	764.6	752.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	61.4	56.8	61.4	56.8	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	631.3	666.9	605.2	635.4	26.1	31.5
South Carolina .....	94.5	84.4	71.7	62.0	22.8	22.4
South Dakota .....	36.0	56.9	36.0	56.9	-	-
Texas .....	420.6	441.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	100.5	103.1	100.5	103.1	-	-
Virginia .....	63.2	66.6	32.2	35.0	31.0	31.6
Washington .....	173.0	162.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	109.8	139.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	630.1	619.8	491.9	486.1	138.2	133.7
United States .....	7,562.3	8,299.8	6,465.1	7,206.5	1,097.2	1,093.3

- Represents zero.

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

<sup>1</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: August 2015 and 2016

[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	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama .....	15,891.7	14,833.3	3,425.0	3,225.0	12,466.7	11,608.3
Arkansas .....	23,300.0	24,041.7	8,250.0	8,258.4	15,050.0	15,783.3
California .....	23,091.7	24,283.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	9,916.7	8,991.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	17,300.1	16,400.0	16,858.4	15,916.7	441.7	483.3
Georgia .....	33,908.4	33,908.3	19,241.7	19,125.0	14,666.7	14,783.3
Illinois .....	9,075.0	11,066.6	8,666.7	10,658.3	408.3	408.3
Indiana .....	57,816.7	59,666.6	56,166.7	58,116.6	1,650.0	1,550.0
Iowa .....	64,066.7	107,683.3	62,675.0	105,950.0	1,391.7	1,733.3
Maryland .....	5,625.0	5,433.3	5,500.0	5,325.0	125.0	108.3
Michigan .....	27,050.0	26,541.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	16,966.8	21,008.3	16,408.4	20,525.0	558.4	483.3
Mississippi .....	9,841.6	9,900.0	3,108.3	3,075.0	6,733.3	6,825.0
Missouri .....	20,466.6	22,241.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	12,500.0	19,266.7	12,500.0	19,266.7	-	-
New York .....	10,825.0	11,916.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	25,800.0	25,908.2	13,366.7	14,116.6	12,433.3	11,791.6
Ohio .....	66,366.7	62,858.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,466.6	4,675.0	5,466.6	4,675.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	54,016.6	57,850.0	51,758.3	54,858.3	2,258.3	2,991.7
South Carolina .....	7,991.7	7,566.7	6,075.0	5,575.0	1,916.7	1,991.7
South Dakota .....	3,275.0	4,508.4	3,275.0	4,508.4	-	-
Texas .....	37,200.0	38,800.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	8,950.0	8,616.7	8,950.0	8,616.7	-	-
Virginia .....	4,875.0	5,650.0	2,208.3	2,866.7	2,666.7	2,783.3
Washington .....	14,891.7	14,541.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	9,274.9	11,108.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	54,100.2	53,375.1	42,283.5	41,825.0	11,816.7	11,550.1
United States .....	649,850.4	712,641.5	554,617.0	617,416.8	95,233.4	95,224.7

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: September 2015 and 2016

[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	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama .....	15,583.3	14,450.0	3,300.0	3,216.7	12,283.3	11,233.3
Arkansas .....	22,175.0	22,425.0	8,150.0	7,700.0	14,025.0	14,725.0
California .....	22,766.7	23,541.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	9,225.1	9,100.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	16,350.0	15,483.3	15,933.3	15,025.0	416.7	458.3
Georgia .....	33,391.7	31,958.4	19,150.0	17,691.7	14,241.7	14,266.7
Illinois .....	9,733.4	10,525.0	9,341.7	10,150.0	391.7	375.0
Indiana .....	56,441.6	57,441.7	54,850.0	55,891.7	1,591.6	1,550.0
Iowa .....	61,566.7	105,016.7	60,316.7	103,416.7	1,250.0	1,600.0
Maryland .....	5,191.6	5,383.3	5,075.0	5,283.3	116.6	100.0
Michigan .....	26,466.7	25,750.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	16,908.3	20,308.3	16,375.0	19,800.0	533.3	508.3
Mississippi .....	9,450.0	9,433.3	3,025.0	2,900.0	6,425.0	6,533.3
Missouri .....	20,275.0	22,666.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	11,800.0	18,891.7	11,800.0	18,891.7	-	-
New York .....	10,741.6	11,491.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	25,041.7	25,291.7	13,125.0	13,791.7	11,916.7	11,500.0
Ohio .....	63,716.6	62,675.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,116.7	4,733.3	5,116.7	4,733.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	52,608.3	55,575.0	50,433.3	52,950.0	2,175.0	2,625.0
South Carolina .....	7,875.0	7,033.4	5,975.0	5,166.7	1,900.0	1,866.7
South Dakota .....	3,000.0	4,741.7	3,000.0	4,741.7	-	-
Texas .....	35,050.0	36,825.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	8,375.0	8,591.7	8,375.0	8,591.7	-	-
Virginia .....	5,266.6	5,550.0	2,683.3	2,916.7	2,583.3	2,633.3
Washington .....	14,416.6	13,500.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	9,150.0	11,616.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	52,508.6	51,650.2	40,991.9	40,508.6	11,516.7	11,141.6
United States .....	630,191.8	691,650.7	538,758.6	600,542.4	91,433.2	91,108.3

- Represents zero.

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<sup>1</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## Molted as Percent of All Layers by Month – United States: 2015-2016

[As of the first of the month]

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2015 (percent)	2016 (percent)	2015 (percent)	2016 (percent)
January .....	2.1	2.5	17.7	21.3
February .....	3.3	2.9	17.5	20.5
March .....	1.9	1.5	18.5	20.7
April .....	2.1	2.9	17.7	19.2
May .....	3.1	2.8	17.5	18.7
June .....	2.4	2.9	17.2	18.2
July .....	3.0	2.5	18.2	17.7
August .....	2.7	2.6	19.2	17.4
September .....	3.4	2.6	19.7	16.5
October .....	3.4	2.1	20.5	16.8
November .....	3.4		21.3	
December .....	1.8		21.9	

## Molted as Percent of All Layers – States and United States: October 1, 2015 and 2016

[As of the first of the month]

State	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2015 (percent)	2016 (percent)	2015 (percent)	2016 (percent)
Alabama .....	2.0	-	9.0	12.5
Arkansas .....	2.5	1.5	17.5	20.0
California .....	1.0	3.0	21.5	15.0
Colorado .....	5.5	1.0	15.0	14.0
Florida .....	11.0	7.0	53.5	72.0
Georgia .....	2.5	3.5	16.5	12.5
Illinois .....	3.5	-	22.5	10.0
Indiana .....	2.5	1.5	25.5	15.0
Iowa .....	6.5	1.0	31.5	11.5
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	-	2.5	10.5	7.5
Minnesota .....	4.5	1.5	15.5	17.0
Mississippi .....	2.0	1.5	19.0	26.0
Missouri .....	1.5	3.0	21.5	7.5
Nebraska .....	6.5	-	9.0	12.5
New York .....	1.0	-	3.5	4.5
North Carolina .....	2.0	3.0	17.5	14.0
Ohio .....	4.5	5.0	21.5	26.0
Oregon .....	4.5	2.0	13.0	15.5
Pennsylvania .....	1.5	-	6.5	1.0
South Carolina .....	2.5	2.5	9.5	20.5
South Dakota .....	-	2.0	13.0	14.0
Texas .....	8.0	4.5	43.0	50.0
Utah .....	7.5	1.0	33.0	30.5
Virginia .....	-	-	19.5	18.5
Washington .....	1.0	3.0	23.5	12.5
Wisconsin .....	-	2.0	29.0	17.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	1.3	9.2	10.6
United States .....	3.4	2.1	20.5	16.8

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2015 and 2016

Item	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on October 1 .....	49,648	40,676	82
Chicks hatched during September .....	49,391	44,343	90
Chicks hatched January through September .....	422,861	451,972	107
<b>Pullets hatched during September for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	222	181	82
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	3,140	2,874	92
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on October 1 .....	608,160	627,606	103
Chicks hatched during September .....	761,688	770,668	101
Chicks hatched January through September .....	7,032,236	7,119,561	101
<b>Pullets hatched during September for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	8,573	7,037	82
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	64,040	68,159	106

<sup>1</sup> 2016 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2015 through February 2016.

<sup>2</sup> 2016 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2015 through February 2016.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2015-2016

[See regional listing on page 21]

Region	September 1		2016 as percent of 2015	October 1		2016 as percent of 2015
	2015	2016		2015	2016	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic .....	7,748	7,729	100	8,349	7,219	86
East North Central .....	8,711	7,963	91	9,415	6,766	72
West North Central .....	12,775	13,055	102	13,121	12,414	95
South Atlantic .....	5,068	4,542	90	5,259	4,734	90
South Central .....	6,455	4,979	77	7,456	4,309	58
West .....	5,764	5,290	92	6,048	5,234	87
United States .....	46,521	43,558	94	49,648	40,676	82

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2015-2016

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

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	43,868	47,645	109	43,868	47,645	109
February .....	43,774	50,481	115	87,642	98,126	112
March .....	50,187	57,037	114	137,829	155,163	113
April .....	50,193	51,052	102	188,022	206,215	110
May .....	48,315	57,155	118	236,337	263,370	111
June .....	47,212	58,040	123	283,549	321,410	113
July .....	42,790	42,349	99	326,339	363,759	111
August .....	47,131	43,870	93	373,470	407,629	109
September .....	49,391	44,343	90	422,861	451,972	107
October .....	50,194			473,055		
November .....	45,848			518,903		
December .....	46,695			565,598		



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month – United States: 2015-2017

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2016 as percent of 2015	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2015	2016		2016	2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	270	148	55	3,386	2,725
February .....	309	189	61	3,378	2,744
March .....	346	160	46	3,293	2,902
April .....	219	240	110	3,121	2,861
May .....	235	327	139	3,082	
June .....	320	244	76	3,149	
July .....	267	286	107	3,116	
August .....	166	324	195	2,994	
September .....	222	181	82	2,874	
October .....	330			2,688	
November .....	217			2,709	
December .....	215			2,801	
Total .....	3,116				

<sup>1</sup> For September 2016, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched March 2015 through February 2016. 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: 2015-2016

[See regional listing on page 21]

Region	September 1		2016 as percent of 2015	October 1		2016 as percent of 2015
	2015	2016		2015	2016	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic .....	14,326	13,324	93	13,364	12,955	97
East North Central .....	14,318	15,226	106	13,791	14,246	103
West North Central .....	30,269	30,699	101	29,352	29,025	99
South Atlantic .....	244,152	246,801	101	235,030	239,194	102
South Central .....	311,151	318,477	102	296,835	310,945	105
West .....	22,916	23,285	102	19,788	21,241	107
United States .....	637,132	647,812	102	608,160	627,606	103

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: September 2015 and 2016

State	During September			January-September		
	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	101,226	104,656	103	951,930	948,957	100
Arkansas .....	79,963	81,421	102	709,954	732,205	103
Delaware .....	17,705	16,249	92	156,562	156,937	100
Florida .....	4,377	4,336	99	39,117	39,560	101
Georgia .....	119,533	121,664	102	1,099,964	1,126,182	102
Kentucky .....	28,901	24,728	86	256,086	249,568	97
Louisiana .....	13,734	12,261	89	125,478	116,142	93
Maryland .....	28,085	28,612	102	255,444	259,856	102
Mississippi .....	62,598	64,373	103	585,867	599,046	102
Missouri .....	29,722	29,364	99	268,310	263,658	98
North Carolina .....	72,346	71,505	99	687,729	683,303	99
Oklahoma .....	23,628	26,053	110	212,998	227,605	107
Pennsylvania .....	16,820	15,869	94	146,680	150,172	102
South Carolina .....	18,731	19,329	103	173,320	179,020	103
Texas .....	52,715	55,257	105	496,362	509,681	103
Virginia .....	22,682	22,947	101	212,034	212,923	100
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	40,278	41,529	103	391,849	392,641	100
19 States <sup>1</sup> .....	733,044	740,153	101	6,769,684	6,847,456	101
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	28,644	30,515	107	262,552	272,105	104
United States .....	761,688	770,668	101	7,032,236	7,119,561	101

<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: 2015-2016

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

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	792,030	799,420	101	792,030	799,420	101
February .....	711,289	748,650	105	1,503,319	1,548,070	103
March .....	791,428	804,128	102	2,294,747	2,352,198	103
April .....	773,353	780,779	101	3,068,100	3,132,977	102
May .....	809,844	807,648	100	3,877,944	3,940,625	102
June .....	787,930	789,420	100	4,665,874	4,730,045	101
July .....	805,512	810,395	101	5,471,386	5,540,440	101
August .....	799,162	808,453	101	6,270,548	6,348,893	101
September .....	761,688	770,668	101	7,032,236	7,119,561	101
October .....	755,076			7,787,312		
November .....	732,518			8,519,830		
December .....	798,157			9,317,987		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2015-2017

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2016 as percent of 2015	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2015 (1,000 chicks)	2016 (1,000 chicks)		2016 (1,000 chicks)	2017 (1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	6,944	6,726	97	65,531	68,864
February .....	7,892	8,098	103	66,136	69,731
March .....	7,160	8,143	114	66,452	70,191
April .....	6,995	7,615	109	68,230	69,684
May .....	7,541	8,083	107	68,149	
June .....	7,790	8,562	110	67,487	
July .....	7,428	7,730	104	67,871	
August .....	7,907	7,690	97	67,602	
September .....	8,573	7,037	82	68,159	
October .....	6,863			68,512	
November .....	7,230			68,699	
December .....	7,544			68,875	
Annual total .....	89,867				
Total placements <sup>2</sup> .....					
January .....	8,382	8,275	99		
February .....	9,546	10,098	106		
March .....	8,875	10,025	113		
April .....	8,358	9,128	109		
May .....	9,409	9,954	106		
June .....	9,785	10,261	105		
July .....	9,907	9,119	92		
August .....	10,040	9,708	97		
September .....	10,810	8,811	82		
October .....	8,681				
November .....	8,872				
December .....	9,321				
Annual total .....	111,986				

<sup>1</sup> For September 2016, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched June 2015 through February 2016.

<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 1.2 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 361 million layers by more than 1.2 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.0 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) 1.2	(percent) 2.0	(1,000) 3,269	(1,000) 2	(1,000) 8,383	(number) 23	(number) 1
Eggs .....	1.2	2.1	(million) 81	(million) 0	(million) 208	19	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, Nebraska.  
**South Atlantic:** Florida, Georgia, Virginia.  
**South Central:** Alabama, Mississippi, Texas.  
**West:** California, Idaho, New Mexico.

## 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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