



# Chickens and Eggs

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## October Egg Production Up 10 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.63 billion during October 2016, up 10 percent from last year. Production included 7.51 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 84.7 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2016 averaged 362 million, up 7 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,388 eggs, up 3 percent from October 2015.

All layers in the United States on November 1, 2016 totaled 362 million, up 6 percent from last year. The 362 million layers consisted of 305 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.37 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2016, averaged 77.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 3 percent from November 1, 2015.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 12 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2016 totaled 44.1 million, down 12 percent from October 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 41.7 million on November 1, 2016, down 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 324 thousand during October 2016, down 2 percent from October 2015.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2016 totaled 778 million, up 3 percent from October 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 630 million on November 1, 2016, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 6.91 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2016, up 1 percent from October 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		360,431
October .....		339,431		361,556
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	8,297.5	6,465.1	7,204.2	1,097.2	1,093.3
October .....	7,871.7	8,632.3	6,743.1	7,505.6	1,128.6	1,126.7
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

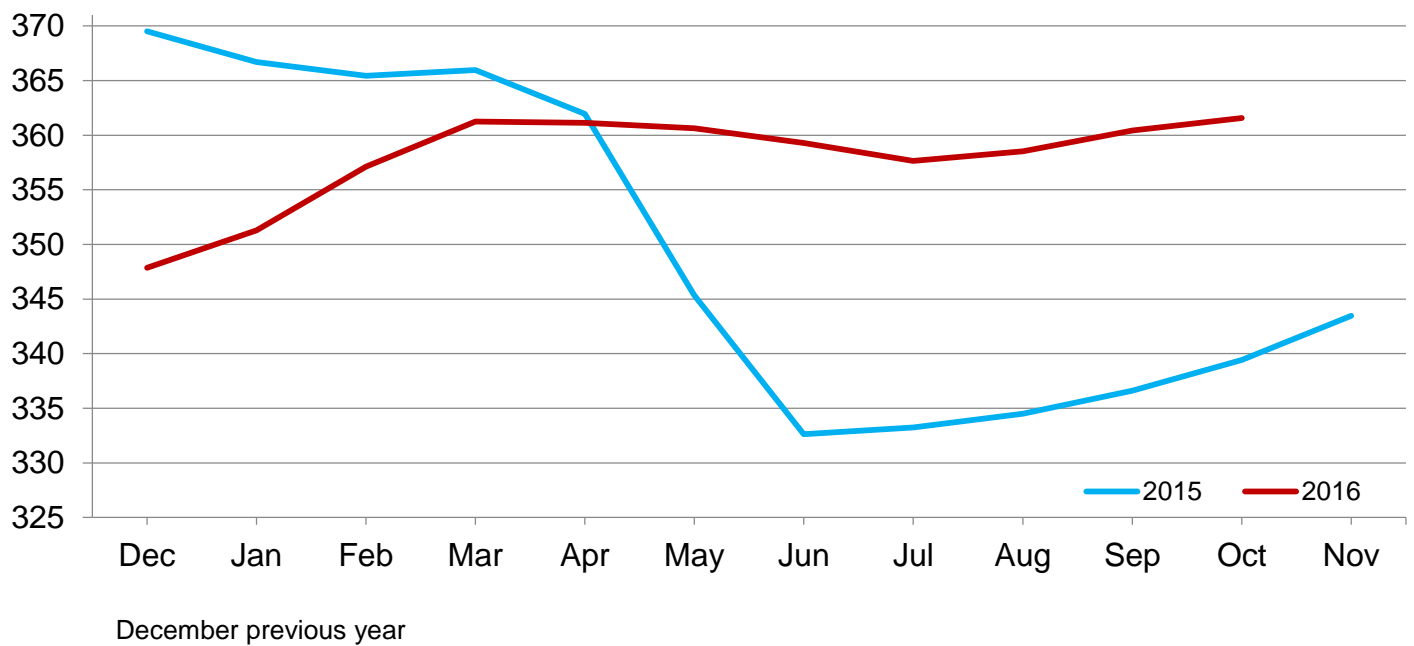
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	735,308.0	676,400.6	643,874.7	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	691,459.1	538,758.6	600,350.8	91,433.2	91,108.3
October .....	655,975.0	719,358.1	561,924.9	625,466.5	94,050.1	93,891.6
November .....	646,908.4		555,875.1		91,033.3	

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

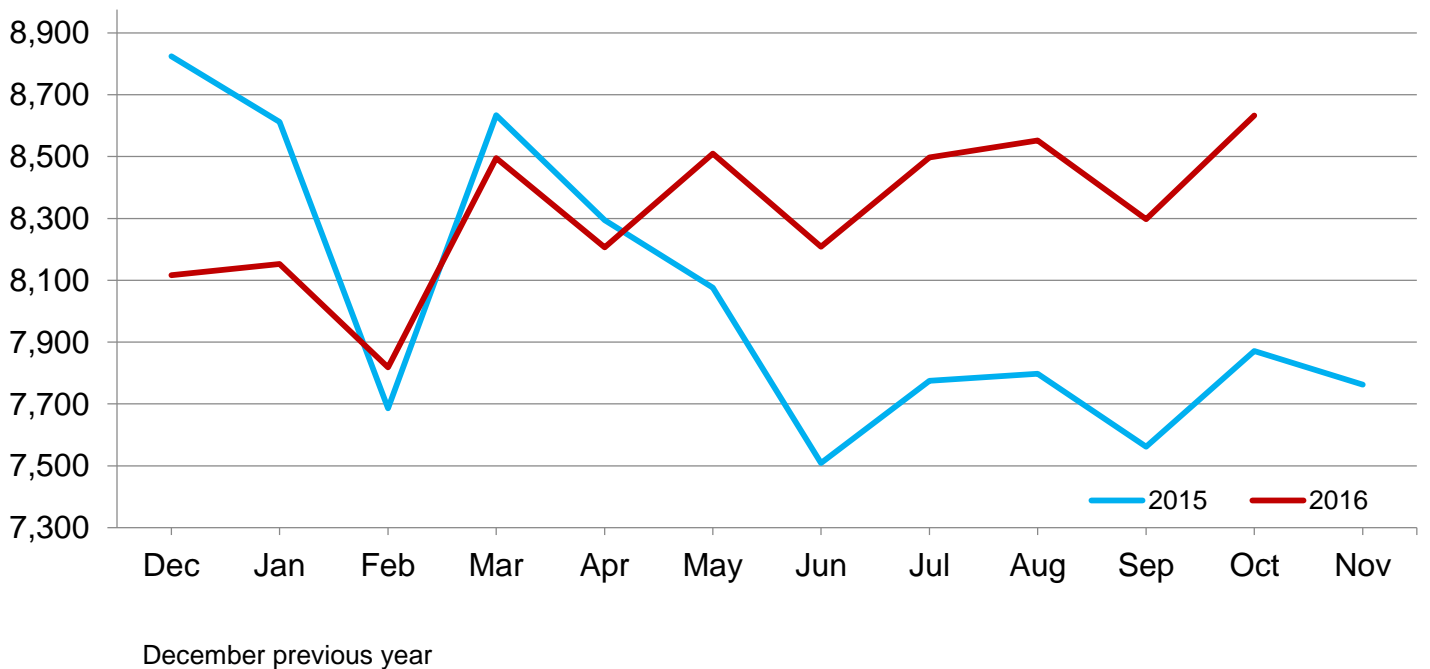
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## All Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
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	360,431	107
Table egg type ..... 1,000	278,923	303,270	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	8,297.5	110
Table egg type ..... million	6,465.1	7,204.2	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	691,459.1	110
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	538,758.6	600,350.8	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	361,063	107
Table egg type ..... 1,000	280,696	304,043	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	16.7	81
Layers sold for slaughter during September ..... 1,000	14,291.6	16,074.3	112
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during September ..... 1,000	5,943.7	7,457.7	125
Pullets on October 1 ..... 1,000	113,241	113,107	100
Pullets added during September <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,069.9	25,627.4	95

<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: October-November 2015 and 2016

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
<b>Layers during October</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	339,431	361,556	107
Table egg type ..... 1,000	281,677	304,699	108
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	57,754	56,857	98
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	54,366	53,429	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,388	3,428	101
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during October</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,319	2,388	103
Table egg type ..... number	2,394	2,463	103
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,954	1,982	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,925	1,950	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,426	2,471	102
<b>Eggs produced during October</b>			
All layers ..... million	7,871.7	8,632.3	110
Table egg type ..... million	6,743.1	7,505.6	111
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,128.6	1,126.7	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,046.4	1,042.0	100
Egg-type hatching ..... million	82.2	84.7	103
<b>Eggs produced during October</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000 dozen	655,975.0	719,358.1	110
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	561,924.9	625,466.5	111
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	94,050.1	93,891.6	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	87,200.2	86,833.3	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	6,849.9	7,058.3	103
<b>Layers on November 1</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	340,554	362,021	106
Table egg type ..... 1,000	282,642	305,341	108
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	57,912	56,680	98
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	54,434	53,311	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,478	3,369	97
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on November 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	75.1	77.2	103
Table egg type ..... number	77.5	79.6	103
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.9	64.2	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.0	63.2	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	77.2	79.8	103
<b>Molted layers on November 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	3.4	2.0	59
Molt completed ..... percent	21.3	16.4	77
Layers sold for slaughter during October ..... 1,000	14,639.0	15,800.9	108
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during October ..... 1,000	4,986.8	8,175.3	164
Pullets on November 1 ..... 1,000	116,064	110,667	95
Pullets added during October <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	26,279.3	24,366.9	93

<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 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	30,639	32,681	31,491	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	293,756	336,610	360,431	2,247	2,302

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



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 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 .....	1,544	1,537	9,588	8,978	1,996	1,983
Arkansas .....	3,893	3,737	13,411	13,338	2,022	2,104
California .....	11,680	10,979	12,194	11,498	2,336	2,527
Colorado .....	4,224	4,250	4,713	4,696	2,463	2,511
Florida .....	8,728	7,917	9,126	8,317	2,204	2,334
Georgia .....	9,917	9,417	18,893	18,454	2,211	2,156
Illinois .....	4,562	4,413	5,033	4,868	2,537	2,662
Indiana .....	29,136	27,668	30,125	28,650	2,432	2,503
Iowa .....	33,627	52,456	34,741	53,708	2,185	2,421
Maryland .....	2,310	2,520	2,483	2,691	2,449	2,475
Michigan .....	12,625	13,538	12,843	13,776	2,579	2,411
Minnesota .....	8,844	10,363	9,302	10,822	2,367	2,376
Mississippi .....	1,524	1,353	5,688	5,459	2,053	2,138
Missouri .....	7,354	7,908	10,911	11,527	2,391	2,540
Nebraska .....	5,828	8,850	5,936	8,958	2,460	2,564
New York .....	5,072	5,096	5,426	5,455	2,518	2,572
North Carolina .....	6,829	7,276	14,438	14,780	2,146	2,202
Ohio .....	32,061	30,364	32,911	31,211	2,417	2,460
Oregon .....	2,257	2,300	2,396	2,439	2,604	2,608
Pennsylvania .....	23,827	25,025	25,830	27,113	2,513	2,552
South Carolina .....	3,103	2,680	4,341	3,856	2,297	2,272
South Dakota .....	1,399	2,474	1,541	2,616	2,310	2,305
Texas .....	15,728	16,303	19,658	20,040	2,172	2,311
Utah .....	4,454	4,712	4,492	4,750	2,248	2,389
Virginia .....	1,253	1,203	2,946	2,867	2,346	2,358
Washington .....	7,031	6,688	7,196	6,853	2,501	2,399
Wisconsin .....	4,267	5,128	5,004	5,817	2,420	2,457
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,073	19,030	28,265	28,019	2,289	2,295
United States .....	272,150	295,185	339,431	361,556	2,319	2,388

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

## 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	749.8	(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	8,297.5	6,465.1	7,204.2	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 by Type – States and United States: October 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 .....	191.4	178.0	40.3	40.2	151.1	137.8
Arkansas .....	271.2	280.6	98.9	95.2	172.3	185.4
California .....	284.9	290.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	116.1	117.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	201.1	194.1	196.3	189.2	4.8	4.9
Georgia .....	417.7	397.8	239.1	220.4	178.6	177.4
Illinois .....	127.7	129.6	123.0	125.1	4.7	4.5
Indiana .....	732.5	717.2	712.7	697.9	19.8	19.3
Iowa .....	759.1	1,300.2	744.7	1,282.6	14.4	17.6
Maryland .....	60.8	66.6	59.3	65.2	1.5	1.4
Michigan .....	331.2	332.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	220.2	257.1	213.5	250.5	6.7	6.6
Mississippi .....	116.8	116.7	35.9	35.4	80.9	81.3
Missouri .....	260.9	292.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	146.0	229.7	146.0	229.7	-	-
New York .....	136.6	140.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	309.9	325.4	164.2	180.3	145.7	145.1
Ohio .....	795.6	767.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	62.4	63.6	62.4	63.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	649.1	691.8	621.3	661.2	27.8	30.6
South Carolina .....	99.7	87.6	76.1	65.1	23.6	22.5
South Dakota .....	35.6	60.3	35.6	60.3	-	-
Texas .....	427.0	463.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	101.0	113.5	101.0	113.5	-	-
Virginia .....	69.1	67.6	37.8	35.8	31.3	31.8
Washington .....	180.0	164.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	121.1	142.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	647.0	642.9	505.6	507.2	141.4	135.7
United States .....	7,871.7	8,632.3	6,743.1	7,505.6	1,128.6	1,126.7

- Represents zero.

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

## 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	62,483.4	(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	691,459.1	538,758.6	600,350.8	91,433.2	91,108.3

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: October 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 .....	15,950.0	14,833.3	3,358.3	3,350.0	12,591.7	11,483.3
Arkansas .....	22,600.0	23,383.3	8,241.7	7,933.3	14,358.3	15,450.0
California .....	23,741.7	24,216.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	9,675.0	9,825.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	16,758.3	16,175.0	16,358.3	15,766.7	400.0	408.3
Georgia .....	34,808.3	33,150.0	19,925.0	18,366.7	14,883.3	14,783.3
Illinois .....	10,641.7	10,800.0	10,250.0	10,425.0	391.7	375.0
Indiana .....	61,041.6	59,766.6	59,391.6	58,158.3	1,650.0	1,608.3
Iowa .....	63,258.3	108,350.0	62,058.3	106,883.3	1,200.0	1,466.7
Maryland .....	5,066.7	5,550.1	4,941.7	5,433.4	125.0	116.7
Michigan .....	27,599.9	27,675.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	18,350.1	21,425.0	17,791.7	20,875.0	558.4	550.0
Mississippi .....	9,733.2	9,725.0	2,991.6	2,950.0	6,741.6	6,775.0
Missouri .....	21,741.6	24,400.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	12,166.7	19,141.6	12,166.7	19,141.6	-	-
New York .....	11,383.4	11,691.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	25,825.0	27,116.7	13,683.3	15,025.0	12,141.7	12,091.7
Ohio .....	66,299.9	63,991.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,200.0	5,300.0	5,200.0	5,300.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	54,091.7	57,650.0	51,775.0	55,100.0	2,316.7	2,550.0
South Carolina .....	8,308.4	7,300.0	6,341.7	5,425.0	1,966.7	1,875.0
South Dakota .....	2,966.7	5,025.0	2,966.7	5,025.0	-	-
Texas .....	35,583.3	38,591.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	8,416.7	9,458.3	8,416.7	9,458.3	-	-
Virginia .....	5,758.4	5,633.3	3,150.0	2,983.3	2,608.4	2,650.0
Washington .....	15,000.0	13,700.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	10,091.6	11,908.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	53,916.8	53,575.1	42,133.4	42,266.7	11,783.4	11,308.4
United States .....	655,975.0	719,358.1	561,924.9	625,466.5	94,050.1	93,891.6

- 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	16.7
November .....	3.4	2.0	21.3	16.4
December .....	1.8		21.9	

## Molted as Percent of All Layers – States and United States: November 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 .....	2.5	-	8.0	12.5
Arkansas .....	3.5	-	16.5	19.0
California .....	3.5	2.5	18.5	16.0
Colorado .....	3.5	1.0	18.5	13.0
Florida .....	11.0	7.0	60.5	75.0
Georgia .....	2.0	2.0	17.5	13.5
Illinois .....	4.0	-	25.0	4.5
Indiana .....	2.0	1.0	26.0	15.0
Iowa .....	6.0	2.0	34.5	10.0
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	0.5	1.5	8.5	5.5
Minnesota .....	1.0	0.5	18.0	13.5
Mississippi .....	4.5	1.5	19.5	24.0
Missouri .....	1.5	-	16.0	11.5
Nebraska .....	7.5	-	11.0	9.0
New York .....	1.5	1.0	3.5	2.5
North Carolina .....	2.5	-	17.5	15.0
Ohio .....	5.0	5.0	20.0	25.5
Oregon .....	0.5	-	17.0	8.5
Pennsylvania .....	0.5	5.0	7.0	1.0
South Carolina .....	-	1.0	12.5	24.5
South Dakota .....	5.0	2.0	13.0	10.5
Texas .....	7.5	3.0	47.0	52.0
Utah .....	4.0	1.0	37.0	29.0
Virginia .....	-	-	19.5	14.5
Washington .....	2.5	3.5	26.5	14.5
Wisconsin .....	-	-	26.5	12.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	1.3	10.0	10.7
United States .....	3.4	2.0	21.3	16.4

- 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 November 1 .....	47,072	41,682	89
Chicks hatched during October .....	50,194	44,071	88
Chicks hatched January through October .....	473,055	497,424	105
<b>Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	330	324	98
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	3,251	2,688	83
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on November 1 .....	607,618	630,232	104
Chicks hatched during October .....	755,076	777,934	103
Chicks hatched January through October .....	7,787,312	7,897,497	101
<b>Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	6,863	6,909	101
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	64,106	68,512	107

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

<sup>2</sup> 2016 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2015 through March 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	October 1		2016 as percent of 2015	November 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 .....	8,349	7,219	86	8,800	7,576	86
East North Central .....	9,415	6,766	72	9,287	7,804	84
West North Central .....	13,121	12,414	95	12,229	11,582	95
South Atlantic .....	5,259	4,734	90	4,596	4,629	101
South Central .....	7,456	4,309	58	6,102	4,847	79
West .....	6,048	5,234	87	6,058	5,244	87
United States .....	49,648	40,676	82	47,072	41,682	89

## 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	45,724	93	422,861	453,353	107
October .....	50,194	44,071	88	473,055	497,424	105
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	2,855
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	324	98	2,688	
November .....	217			2,709	
December .....	215			2,801	
Total .....	3,116				

<sup>1</sup> For October 2016, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2015 through March 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	October 1		2016 as percent of 2015	November 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 .....	13,364	12,956	97	13,169	14,049	107
East North Central .....	13,791	14,246	103	13,793	14,796	107
West North Central .....	29,352	29,025	99	28,639	28,454	99
South Atlantic .....	235,030	239,194	102	236,225	243,469	103
South Central .....	296,835	310,991	105	294,393	307,054	104
West .....	19,788	21,421	108	21,399	22,410	105
United States .....	608,160	627,833	103	607,618	630,232	104

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

State	During October			January-October		
	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 .....	104,615	104,034	99	1,056,545	1,052,991	100
Arkansas .....	79,154	80,714	102	789,108	812,919	103
Delaware .....	18,048	16,371	91	174,610	173,308	99
Florida .....	4,250	4,500	106	43,367	44,060	102
Georgia .....	118,720	122,463	103	1,218,684	1,248,647	102
Kentucky .....	27,000	25,883	96	283,086	275,451	97
Louisiana .....	13,590	12,391	91	139,068	128,533	92
Maryland .....	28,118	29,867	106	283,562	289,723	102
Mississippi .....	61,536	65,007	106	647,403	664,053	103
Missouri .....	29,702	28,937	97	298,012	292,595	98
North Carolina .....	70,510	73,839	105	758,239	757,142	100
Oklahoma .....	21,139	26,707	126	234,137	254,312	109
Pennsylvania .....	16,570	16,238	98	163,250	166,410	102
South Carolina .....	19,729	19,224	97	193,049	198,244	103
Texas .....	50,981	57,640	113	547,343	567,321	104
Virginia .....	23,229	22,693	98	235,263	235,616	100
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	39,753	41,981	106	431,602	434,622	101
19 States <sup>1</sup> .....	726,644	748,489	103	7,496,328	7,595,947	101
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	28,432	29,445	104	290,984	301,550	104
United States .....	755,076	777,934	103	7,787,312	7,897,497	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	770,670	101	7,032,236	7,119,563	101
October .....	755,076	777,934	103	7,787,312	7,897,497	101
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	70,256
May .....	7,541	8,083	107	68,149	70,439
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	7,609	89	68,159	
October .....	6,863	6,909	101	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	9,584	89		
October .....	8,681	8,522	98		
November .....	8,872				
December .....	9,321				
Annual total .....	111,986				

<sup>1</sup> For October 2016, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched July 2015 through March 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 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 362 million layers by more than 1.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.9 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) 1.1	(percent) 1.9	(1,000) 2,938	(1,000) 2	(1,000) 8,383	(number) 22	(number) 2
Eggs .....	1.2	2.0	(million) 76	(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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