



# Chickens and Eggs

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## September Egg Production Down Slightly

United States egg production totaled 8.49 billion during September 2017, down slightly from last year. Production included 7.37 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 71.9 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2017 averaged 372 million, up 1 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,281 eggs, down 1 percent from September 2016.

All layers in the United States on October 1, 2017 totaled 373 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 373 million layers consisted of 312 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.22 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2017, averaged 75.8 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from October 1, 2016.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 6 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2017 totaled 42.2 million, down 6 percent from September 2016. Eggs in incubators totaled 45.8 million on October 1, 2017, up 15 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 190 thousand during September 2017, up 5 percent from September 2016.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2017 totaled 788 million, up 2 percent from September 2016. Eggs in incubators totaled 651 million on October 1, 2017, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.24 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2017, up 8 percent from September 2016.

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## Average Number of All Layers on Hand During the Month – United States: 2016-2017

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Month	2016		2017	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		353,821		376,570
January .....		357,784		376,100
February .....		362,856		375,093
March .....		366,521		374,882
April .....		366,498		373,990
May .....		366,038		371,732
June .....		365,142		370,750
July .....		364,698		370,772
August .....		366,550		371,361
September .....		369,205		372,390
October .....		370,864		
November .....		374,040		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2016-2017

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

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	8,261.4	9,083.3	7,124.6	7,950.4	1,136.8	1,132.9
January .....	8,307.9	9,026.9	7,168.2	7,903.5	1,139.7	1,123.4
February .....	7,948.1	8,094.3	6,878.1	7,079.8	1,070.0	1,014.5
March .....	8,622.3	8,970.5	7,475.2	7,842.0	1,147.1	1,128.5
April .....	8,333.2	8,643.1	7,213.0	7,545.9	1,120.2	1,097.2
May .....	8,643.4	8,869.4	7,478.6	7,730.9	1,164.8	1,138.5
June .....	8,349.2	8,591.6	7,228.4	7,475.7	1,120.8	1,115.9
July .....	8,671.9	8,900.9	7,513.9	7,730.1	1,158.0	1,170.8
August .....	8,750.6	8,853.3	7,597.0	7,686.2	1,153.6	1,167.1
September .....	8,507.0	8,494.2	7,402.4	7,373.1	1,104.6	1,121.1
October .....	8,850.6		7,711.8		1,138.8	
November .....	8,707.1		7,602.4		1,104.7	

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

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2016-2017

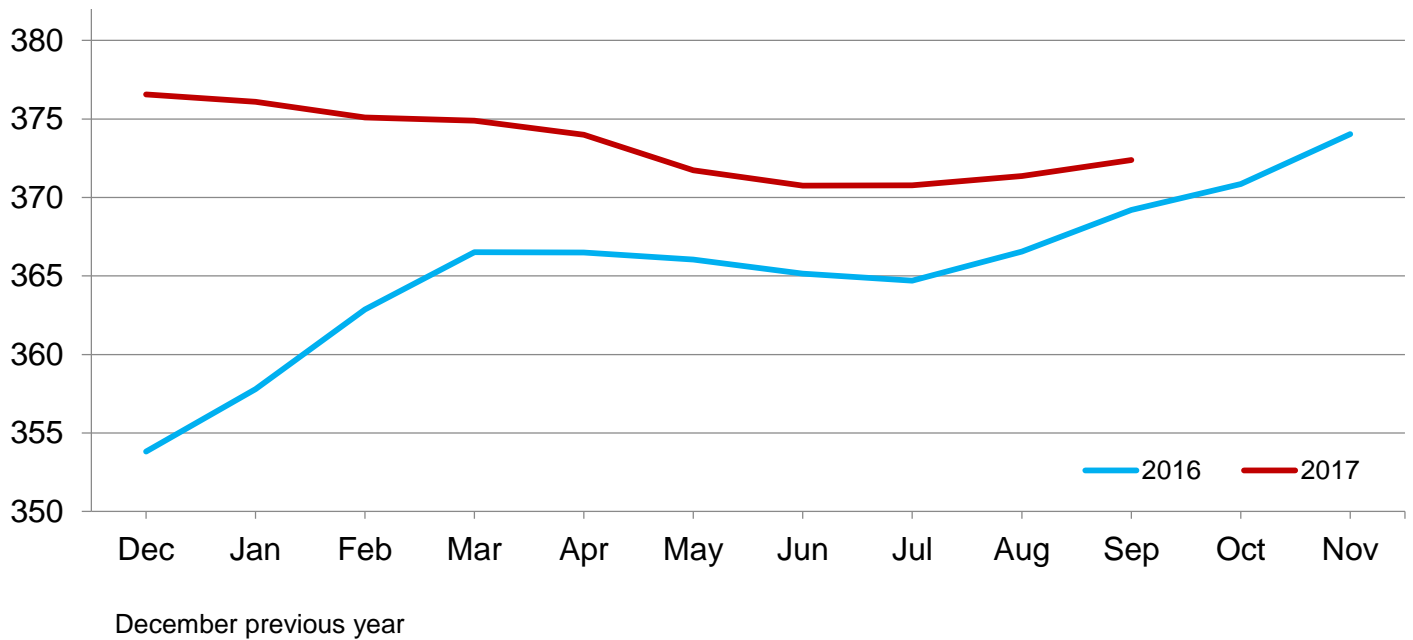
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	688,450.7	756,941.4	593,717.2	662,533.1	94,733.5	94,408.3
January .....	692,325.3	752,241.9	597,350.4	658,624.8	94,974.9	93,617.1
February .....	662,341.5	674,525.1	573,175.0	589,983.7	89,166.5	84,541.4
March .....	718,525.0	747,542.1	622,933.2	653,500.1	95,591.8	94,042.0
April .....	694,433.4	720,258.7	601,083.4	628,825.4	93,350.0	91,433.3
May .....	720,283.4	739,116.8	623,216.7	644,241.5	97,066.7	94,875.3
June .....	695,766.8	715,967.1	602,366.9	622,975.1	93,399.9	92,992.0
July .....	722,658.5	741,742.4	626,158.4	644,175.3	96,500.1	97,567.1
August .....	729,216.4	737,775.7	633,083.3	640,516.9	96,133.1	97,258.8
September .....	708,917.3	707,849.9	616,867.3	614,424.8	92,050.0	93,425.1
October .....	737,549.9		642,649.9		94,900.0	
November .....	725,592.3		633,533.7		92,058.6	

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

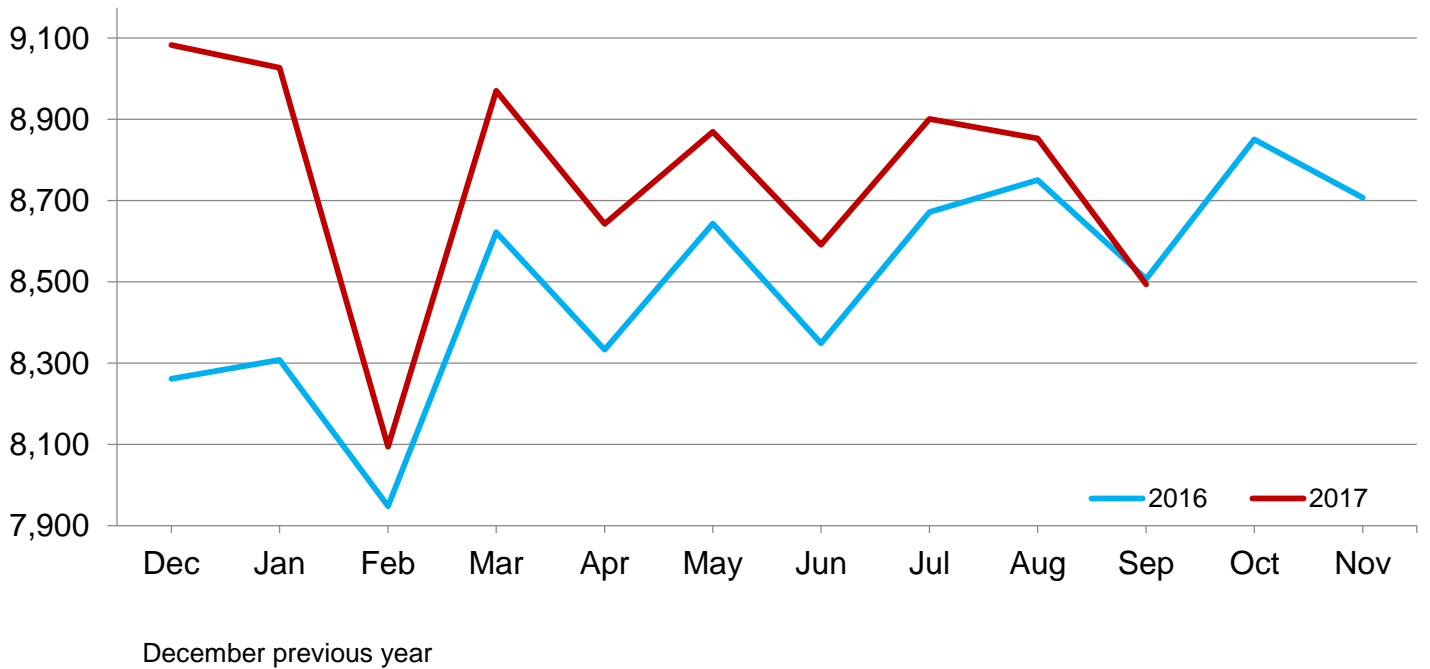
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

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 2016 and 2017**

Item	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016	
<b>Layers during August</b>				
All layers .....	1,000	366,550	371,361	101
Table egg type .....	1,000	308,616	311,301	101
Hatching egg type .....	1,000	57,934	60,060	104
Broiler-type hatching .....	1,000	54,190	56,853	105
Egg-type hatching .....	1,000	3,744	3,207	86
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during August</b>				
All layers .....	number	2,387	2,384	100
Table egg type .....	number	2,462	2,469	100
Hatching egg type .....	number	1,991	1,943	98
Broiler-type hatching .....	number	1,957	1,917	98
Egg-type hatching .....	number	2,492	2,407	97
<b>Eggs produced during August</b>				
All layers .....	million	8,750.6	8,853.3	101
Table egg type .....	million	7,597.0	7,686.2	101
Hatching egg type .....	million	1,153.6	1,167.1	101
Broiler-type hatching .....	million	1,060.3	1,089.9	103
Egg-type hatching .....	million	93.3	77.2	83
<b>Eggs produced during August</b>				
All layers .....	1,000 dozen	729,216.4	737,775.7	101
Table egg type .....	1,000 dozen	633,083.3	640,516.9	101
Hatching egg type .....	1,000 dozen	96,133.1	97,258.8	101
Broiler-type hatching .....	1,000 dozen	88,358.3	90,825.3	103
Egg-type hatching .....	1,000 dozen	7,774.8	6,433.5	83
<b>Layers on September 1</b>				
All layers .....	1,000	368,128	371,852	101
Table egg type .....	1,000	310,500	311,946	100
Hatching egg type .....	1,000	57,628	59,906	104
Broiler-type hatching .....	1,000	53,905	56,731	105
Egg-type hatching .....	1,000	3,723	3,175	85
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on September 1</b>				
All layers .....	number	76.7	76.2	99
Table egg type .....	number	79.0	78.9	100
Hatching egg type .....	number	64.1	62.3	97
Broiler-type hatching .....	number	63.0	61.4	97
Egg-type hatching .....	number	79.8	77.8	97
<b>Molted layers on September 1</b>				
Being molted .....	percent	2.7	3.5	130
Molt completed .....	percent	16.5	15.3	93
Layers sold for slaughter during August .....	1,000	17,369.3	14,917.4	86
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during August .....	1,000	8,270.4	8,956.9	108
Pullets on September 1 .....	1,000	116,516	115,214	99
Pullets added during August <sup>1</sup> .....	1,000	27,635.4	27,055.0	98

<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 2016 and 2017**

Item	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
<b>Layers during September</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	369,205	372,390	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000	311,682	312,177	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	57,523	60,213	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	53,906	57,014	106
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,617	3,199	88
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during September</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,304	2,281	99
Table egg type ..... number	2,375	2,362	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,920	1,862	97
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,889	1,840	97
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,391	2,248	94
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
All layers ..... million	8,507.0	8,494.2	100
Table egg type ..... million	7,402.4	7,373.1	100
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,104.6	1,121.1	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,018.1	1,049.2	103
Egg-type hatching ..... million	86.5	71.9	83
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000 dozen	708,917.3	707,849.9	100
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	616,867.3	614,424.8	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	92,050.0	93,425.1	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	84,841.6	87,433.4	103
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,208.4	5,991.7	83
<b>Layers on October 1</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	370,254	372,901	101
Table egg type ..... 1,000	312,847	312,395	100
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	57,407	60,506	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	53,900	57,287	106
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,507	3,219	92
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on October 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	76.8	75.8	99
Table egg type ..... number	79.2	78.5	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.8	61.8	97
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.8	61.2	97
Egg-type hatching ..... number	79.4	72.3	91
<b>Molted layers on October 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.1	2.8	133
Molt completed ..... percent	16.8	16.0	95
Layers sold for slaughter during September ..... 1,000	16,563.6	12,871.4	78
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during September ..... 1,000	7,618.7	8,784.6	115
Pullets on October 1 ..... 1,000	115,740	113,574	98
Pullets added during September <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,061.7	22,669.4	84

<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 2016 and 2017

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,481	1,354	9,039	9,098	1,969	1,938
Arkansas .....	3,805	3,597	13,681	13,717	2,116	2,086
California .....	11,404	11,398	11,922	12,013	2,454	2,427
Colorado .....	3,969	4,150	4,412	4,550	2,446	2,527
Florida .....	7,914	6,718	8,343	7,133	2,359	2,271
Georgia .....	9,451	9,339	18,360	19,084	2,227	2,184
Illinois .....	4,665	4,410	5,142	4,886	2,583	2,517
Indiana .....	29,129	31,487	30,111	32,294	2,501	2,478
Iowa .....	51,200	53,682	52,563	55,113	2,458	2,432
Maryland .....	2,459	2,661	2,614	2,818	2,494	2,502
Michigan .....	12,987	13,903	13,225	14,125	2,457	2,567
Minnesota .....	9,837	9,791	10,298	10,321	2,448	2,517
Mississippi .....	1,443	1,491	5,527	5,655	2,149	2,124
Missouri .....	7,619	6,272	11,121	9,838	2,407	2,427
Nebraska .....	9,237	7,514	9,345	7,759	2,474	2,593
New York .....	5,314	5,114	5,692	5,476	2,521	2,631
North Carolina .....	6,983	7,125	14,467	15,320	2,149	2,153
Ohio .....	31,470	29,918	32,328	30,848	2,433	2,465
Oregon .....	2,066	2,236	2,205	2,375	2,544	2,720
Pennsylvania .....	24,488	25,176	26,748	27,140	2,595	2,539
South Carolina .....	2,871	2,966	4,128	4,171	2,200	2,302
South Dakota .....	2,230	2,437	2,372	2,579	2,281	2,416
Texas .....	16,277	17,288	20,410	21,580	2,331	2,246
Utah .....	4,439	5,178	4,477	5,216	2,325	2,512
Virginia .....	1,265	827	3,048	2,627	2,224	2,174
Washington .....	6,753	6,894	6,918	7,059	2,522	2,540
Wisconsin .....	4,929	5,511	5,617	6,154	2,373	2,524
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	23,417	23,445	32,437	32,412	2,304	2,268
United States .....	299,102	301,882	366,550	371,361	2,387	2,384

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



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During September 2016 and 2017

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,513	1,376	9,034	9,302	1,914	1,864
Arkansas .....	3,730	3,715	13,410	13,780	2,014	2,001
California .....	11,240	11,499	11,760	12,130	2,402	2,333
Colorado .....	4,207	4,249	4,641	4,651	2,353	2,415
Florida .....	7,866	6,829	8,288	7,266	2,242	2,164
Georgia .....	9,285	9,392	18,219	19,242	2,116	2,024
Illinois .....	4,600	4,413	5,064	4,882	2,494	2,425
Indiana .....	29,770	31,679	30,738	32,528	2,412	2,369
Iowa .....	51,909	53,846	53,244	55,280	2,367	2,322
Maryland .....	2,526	2,647	2,688	2,807	2,403	2,426
Michigan .....	13,131	13,820	13,369	14,041	2,337	2,463
Minnesota .....	10,138	9,805	10,598	10,285	2,299	2,383
Mississippi .....	1,415	1,432	5,480	5,555	2,066	2,115
Missouri .....	8,033	6,267	11,614	9,848	2,349	2,280
Nebraska .....	9,073	7,484	9,181	7,753	2,469	2,418
New York .....	5,212	5,064	5,594	5,432	2,476	2,548
North Carolina .....	7,077	7,038	14,540	15,284	2,087	2,113
Ohio .....	31,898	29,982	32,750	30,890	2,381	2,351
Oregon .....	2,191	2,221	2,330	2,360	2,438	2,585
Pennsylvania .....	24,513	25,299	26,691	27,191	2,499	2,434
South Carolina .....	2,806	3,059	4,004	4,291	2,108	2,272
South Dakota .....	2,376	2,307	2,518	2,449	2,260	2,364
Texas .....	16,178	17,445	20,274	21,694	2,231	2,189
Utah .....	4,603	4,947	4,641	4,985	2,243	2,471
Virginia .....	1,210	862	2,959	2,589	2,251	2,240
Washington .....	6,660	6,963	6,825	7,128	2,374	2,431
Wisconsin .....	5,286	5,780	5,973	6,463	2,334	2,240
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	23,722	23,338	32,778	32,284	2,222	2,175
United States .....	302,168	302,758	369,205	372,390	2,304	2,281

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

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: August 2016 and 2017

[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	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	178.0	176.3	38.7	35.1	139.3	141.2
Arkansas .....	289.5	286.2	100.1	97.6	189.4	188.6
California .....	292.6	291.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	107.9	115.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	196.8	162.0	191.0	156.9	5.8	5.1
Georgia .....	408.9	416.8	230.9	223.6	178.0	193.2
Illinois .....	132.8	123.0	127.9	118.4	4.9	4.6
Indiana .....	753.1	800.2	734.5	784.0	18.6	16.2
Iowa .....	1,292.2	1,340.3	1,271.4	1,322.4	20.8	17.9
Maryland .....	65.2	70.5	63.9	69.4	1.3	1.1
Michigan .....	325.0	362.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	252.1	259.8	246.3	253.6	5.8	6.2
Mississippi .....	118.8	120.1	36.9	38.5	81.9	81.6
Missouri .....	267.7	238.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	231.2	201.2	231.2	197.3	-	3.9
New York .....	143.5	144.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	310.9	329.9	169.4	175.9	141.5	154.0
Ohio .....	786.5	760.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	56.1	64.6	56.1	64.6	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	694.2	689.2	658.3	659.4	35.9	29.8
South Carolina .....	90.8	96.0	66.9	73.3	23.9	22.7
South Dakota .....	54.1	62.3	54.1	62.3	-	-
Texas .....	475.8	484.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	104.1	131.0	104.1	131.0	-	-
Virginia .....	67.8	57.1	34.4	24.5	33.4	32.6
Washington .....	174.5	179.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	133.3	155.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	747.2	735.1	609.0	601.3	138.2	133.8
United States .....	8,750.6	8,853.3	7,597.0	7,686.2	1,153.6	1,167.1

- 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 2016 and 2017

[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	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	172.9	173.4	38.1	34.9	134.8	138.5
Arkansas .....	270.1	275.7	93.4	93.6	176.7	182.1
California .....	282.5	283.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	109.2	112.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	185.8	157.2	180.3	151.9	5.5	5.3
Georgia .....	385.5	389.4	213.7	210.7	171.8	178.7
Illinois .....	126.3	118.4	121.8	114.0	4.5	4.4
Indiana .....	741.4	770.7	722.8	754.7	18.6	16.0
Iowa .....	1,260.2	1,283.7	1,241.0	1,267.3	19.2	16.4
Maryland .....	64.6	68.1	63.4	67.1	1.2	1.0
Michigan .....	312.4	345.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	243.7	245.1	237.6	239.1	6.1	6.0
Mississippi .....	113.2	117.5	34.8	37.7	78.4	79.8
Missouri .....	272.8	224.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	226.7	187.5	226.7	183.6	-	3.9
New York .....	138.5	138.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	303.5	322.9	165.5	172.9	138.0	150.0
Ohio .....	779.9	726.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	56.8	61.0	56.8	61.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	666.9	661.8	635.4	635.0	31.5	26.8
South Carolina .....	84.4	97.5	62.0	74.9	22.4	22.6
South Dakota .....	56.9	57.9	56.9	57.9	-	-
Texas .....	452.4	474.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	104.1	123.2	104.1	123.2	-	-
Virginia .....	66.6	58.0	35.0	27.7	31.6	30.3
Washington .....	162.0	173.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	139.4	144.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	728.3	702.2	595.0	573.6	133.3	128.6
United States .....	8,507.0	8,494.2	7,402.4	7,373.1	1,104.6	1,121.1

- 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: August 2016 and 2017

[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	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(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 .....	14,833.3	14,691.7	3,225.0	2,925.0	11,608.3	11,766.7
Arkansas .....	24,125.0	23,850.0	8,341.7	8,133.3	15,783.3	15,716.7
California .....	24,383.3	24,291.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	8,991.6	9,583.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	16,400.0	13,500.0	15,916.7	13,075.0	483.3	425.0
Georgia .....	34,075.0	34,733.3	19,241.7	18,633.3	14,833.3	16,100.0
Illinois .....	11,066.6	10,250.0	10,658.3	9,866.7	408.3	383.3
Indiana .....	62,758.3	66,683.4	61,208.3	65,333.4	1,550.0	1,350.0
Iowa .....	107,683.3	111,691.7	105,950.0	110,200.0	1,733.3	1,491.7
Maryland .....	5,433.3	5,875.1	5,325.0	5,783.4	108.3	91.7
Michigan .....	27,083.3	30,216.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	21,008.3	21,650.1	20,525.0	21,133.4	483.3	516.7
Mississippi .....	9,900.0	10,008.4	3,075.0	3,208.4	6,825.0	6,800.0
Missouri .....	22,308.3	19,900.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	19,266.7	16,766.6	19,266.7	16,441.6	-	325.0
New York .....	11,958.3	12,008.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	25,908.2	27,491.6	14,116.6	14,658.3	11,791.6	12,833.3
Ohio .....	65,541.7	63,375.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,675.0	5,383.4	4,675.0	5,383.4	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	57,850.0	57,433.4	54,858.3	54,950.0	2,991.7	2,483.4
South Carolina .....	7,566.7	8,000.1	5,575.0	6,108.4	1,991.7	1,891.7
South Dakota .....	4,508.4	5,191.6	4,508.4	5,191.6	-	-
Texas .....	39,650.0	40,383.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	8,675.0	10,916.6	8,675.0	10,916.6	-	-
Virginia .....	5,650.0	4,758.3	2,866.7	2,041.6	2,783.3	2,716.7
Washington .....	14,541.7	14,941.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	11,108.3	12,941.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	62,266.8	61,258.4	50,750.0	50,108.3	11,516.8	11,150.1
United States .....	729,216.4	737,775.7	633,083.3	640,516.9	96,133.1	97,258.8

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: September 2016 and 2017

[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	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(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 .....	14,408.3	14,450.0	3,175.0	2,908.3	11,233.3	11,541.7
Arkansas .....	22,508.4	22,975.0	7,783.4	7,800.0	14,725.0	15,175.0
California .....	23,541.7	23,583.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	9,100.0	9,358.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	15,483.3	13,100.0	15,025.0	12,658.3	458.3	441.7
Georgia .....	32,125.1	32,450.0	17,808.4	17,558.3	14,316.7	14,891.7
Illinois .....	10,525.0	9,866.7	10,150.0	9,500.0	375.0	366.7
Indiana .....	61,783.4	64,225.1	60,233.4	62,891.7	1,550.0	1,333.4
Iowa .....	105,016.7	106,975.0	103,416.7	105,608.3	1,600.0	1,366.7
Maryland .....	5,383.3	5,675.0	5,283.3	5,591.7	100.0	83.3
Michigan .....	26,033.4	28,816.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	20,308.3	20,425.0	19,800.0	19,925.0	508.3	500.0
Mississippi .....	9,433.3	9,791.7	2,900.0	3,141.7	6,533.3	6,650.0
Missouri .....	22,733.4	18,708.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	18,891.7	15,625.0	18,891.7	15,300.0	-	325.0
New York .....	11,541.7	11,533.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	25,291.7	26,908.3	13,791.7	14,408.3	11,500.0	12,500.0
Ohio .....	64,991.7	60,508.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4,733.3	5,083.3	4,733.3	5,083.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	55,575.0	55,149.9	52,950.0	52,916.6	2,625.0	2,233.3
South Carolina .....	7,033.4	8,125.0	5,166.7	6,241.7	1,866.7	1,883.3
South Dakota .....	4,741.7	4,825.0	4,741.7	4,825.0	-	-
Texas .....	37,700.0	39,566.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	8,675.0	10,266.7	8,675.0	10,266.7	-	-
Virginia .....	5,550.0	4,833.4	2,916.7	2,308.4	2,633.3	2,525.0
Washington .....	13,500.0	14,441.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	11,616.7	12,066.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	60,691.8	58,516.5	49,583.5	47,799.9	11,108.3	10,716.6
United States .....	708,917.3	707,849.9	616,867.3	614,424.8	92,050.0	93,425.1

- Represents zero.

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## Molted as Percent of All Layers by Month – United States: 2016-2017

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	2.5	1.7	21.3	15.7
February .....	3.0	2.2	20.5	15.3
March .....	1.5	2.4	20.6	15.3
April .....	3.0	1.7	19.2	15.6
May .....	2.8	2.7	18.7	15.0
June .....	2.9	2.4	18.2	15.0
July .....	2.6	2.4	17.6	15.3
August .....	2.6	2.5	17.3	15.5
September .....	2.7	3.5	16.5	15.3
October .....	2.1	2.8	16.8	16.0
November .....	2.3		16.5	
December .....	1.5		16.4	

## Molted as Percent of All Layers – States and United States: September 1 and October 1, 2016 and 2017

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	September 1		October 1		September 1		October 1	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	3.0	1.0	-	1.0	9.5	7.0	11.5	4.0
Arkansas .....	1.5	0.5	1.5	2.5	19.0	12.5	20.0	8.5
California .....	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.0	15.5	17.5	15.0	17.5
Colorado .....	-	4.0	1.0	-	16.0	7.0	14.0	10.0
Florida .....	8.0	9.5	7.0	8.5	69.0	71.0	72.0	68.0
Georgia .....	3.5	4.5	3.5	2.0	13.5	5.0	12.5	8.0
Illinois .....	0.5	-	-	-	10.0	12.0	4.5	12.0
Indiana .....	2.5	4.0	1.5	0.5	15.0	12.5	15.5	15.5
Iowa .....	2.0	5.0	1.0	5.0	10.0	18.5	11.5	20.0
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	0.5	-	2.5	-	6.0	6.5	6.0	6.0
Minnesota .....	2.5	1.5	1.5	4.0	21.0	7.0	17.0	7.5
Mississippi .....	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.5	25.0	19.0	26.0	13.5
Missouri .....	1.5	3.5	3.0	0.5	8.0	7.5	9.0	10.5
Nebraska .....	1.0	5.0	-	8.5	16.5	-	12.5	1.0
New York .....	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.5
North Carolina .....	2.5	1.5	3.0	2.5	13.0	10.5	14.0	12.5
Ohio .....	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	25.5	24.0	25.5	25.0
Oregon .....	4.5	-	-	-	22.0	4.5	23.5	4.5
Pennsylvania .....	1.0	5.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	5.5
South Carolina .....	5.0	2.5	2.5	-	19.5	17.5	20.5	13.5
South Dakota .....	-	12.5	2.0	-	19.5	-	14.0	7.5
Texas .....	5.0	2.5	4.5	4.0	48.0	43.5	49.0	38.5
Utah .....	7.5	3.0	1.0	-	24.0	21.5	30.5	26.0
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	18.0	-	18.5	-
Washington .....	1.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	13.5	15.0	12.5	17.0
Wisconsin .....	2.5	8.5	2.0	11.0	16.5	20.5	17.0	17.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	2.2	1.7	2.4	11.7	14.0	12.2	14.4
United States .....	2.7	3.5	2.1	2.8	16.5	15.3	16.8	16.0

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2016 and 2017

Item	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on October 1 .....	39,979	45,831	115
Chicks hatched during September .....	44,892	42,205	94
Chicks hatched January through September .....	455,012	431,852	95
<b>Pullets hatched during September for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	181	190	105
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,874	3,028	105
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on October 1 .....	628,460	650,672	104
Chicks hatched during September .....	771,937	788,221	102
Chicks hatched January through September .....	7,121,061	7,222,202	101
<b>Pullets hatched during September for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	7,609	8,240	108
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	68,159	68,678	101

<sup>1</sup> 2017 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2016 through February 2017.

<sup>2</sup> 2017 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2016 through February 2017.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2016-2017

[See regional listing on page 21]

Region	September 1		2017 as percent of 2016	October 1		2017 as percent of 2016
	2016	2017		2016	2017	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic .....	7,229	7,293	101	6,719	8,005	119
East North Central .....	7,813	5,962	76	6,616	5,942	90
West North Central .....	12,973	13,294	102	12,367	17,793	144
South Atlantic .....	4,542	4,580	101	4,734	4,926	104
South Central .....	4,979	4,548	91	4,309	4,798	111
West .....	5,290	4,391	83	5,234	4,367	83
United States .....	42,826	40,068	94	39,979	45,831	115

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2016-2017

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

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	47,775	44,906	94	47,775	44,906	94
February .....	54,289	48,456	89	102,064	93,362	91
March .....	57,055	55,457	97	159,119	148,819	94
April .....	51,266	52,025	101	210,385	200,844	95
May .....	57,306	53,073	93	267,691	253,917	95
June .....	57,562	48,828	85	325,253	302,745	93
July .....	41,609	41,463	100	366,862	344,208	94
August .....	43,258	45,439	105	410,120	389,647	95
September .....	44,892	42,205	94	455,012	431,852	95
October .....	43,344			498,356		
November .....	41,648			540,004		
December .....	45,633			585,637		



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month – United States: 2016-2018

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2017 as percent of 2016	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2016	2017		2017	2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	148	222	150	2,836	3,012
February .....	189	180	95	2,855	3,042
March .....	160	189	118	3,013	2,862
April .....	351	245	70	2,972	2,871
May .....	327	298	91	2,966	
June .....	244	334	137	3,019	
July .....	286	316	110	2,963	
August .....	324	144	44	3,037	
September .....	181	190	105	3,028	
October .....	324			3,057	
November .....	270			2,951	
December .....	159			2,922	
Total .....	2,963				

<sup>1</sup> For September 2017, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched March 2016 through February 2017. 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: 2016-2017

[See regional listing on page 21]

Region	September 1		2017 as percent of 2016	October 1		2017 as percent of 2016
	2016	2017		2016	2017	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic .....	13,324	15,929	120	12,956	15,018	116
East North Central .....	15,226	16,371	108	14,246	15,942	112
West North Central .....	30,699	32,725	107	29,025	29,373	101
South Atlantic .....	246,801	255,139	103	239,194	248,259	104
South Central .....	318,419	327,559	103	310,991	318,892	103
West .....	23,292	25,514	110	22,048	23,188	105
United States .....	647,761	673,237	104	628,460	650,672	104

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: September 2016 and 2017

State	During September			January-September		
	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	104,656	106,087	101	949,034	969,274	102
Arkansas .....	81,421	82,995	102	732,205	755,784	103
Delaware .....	16,249	16,965	104	156,937	158,268	101
Florida .....	4,336	4,021	93	39,560	37,045	94
Georgia .....	121,666	123,030	101	1,126,212	1,117,816	99
Kentucky .....	24,728	26,347	107	249,568	240,585	96
Louisiana .....	12,261	12,049	98	116,142	115,722	100
Maryland .....	28,612	29,124	102	259,856	264,890	102
Mississippi .....	64,373	63,525	99	599,046	589,832	98
Missouri .....	29,364	30,436	104	263,658	271,612	103
North Carolina .....	71,505	76,447	107	683,303	706,061	103
Oklahoma .....	26,053	25,999	100	227,605	240,990	106
Pennsylvania .....	15,869	17,298	109	150,172	152,973	102
South Carolina .....	19,329	19,559	101	179,124	180,405	101
Texas .....	55,257	56,560	102	509,681	523,171	103
Virginia .....	22,947	22,948	100	212,923	212,582	100
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	42,796	41,253	96	393,930	387,963	98
19 States <sup>1</sup> .....	741,422	754,643	102	6,848,956	6,924,973	101
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	30,515	33,578	110	272,105	297,229	109
United States .....	771,937	788,221	102	7,121,061	7,222,202	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: 2016-2017

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

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	799,283	809,163	101	799,283	809,163	101
February .....	748,726	730,514	98	1,548,009	1,539,677	99
March .....	803,974	818,706	102	2,351,983	2,358,383	100
April .....	780,702	793,352	102	3,132,685	3,151,735	101
May .....	807,675	820,675	102	3,940,360	3,972,410	101
June .....	789,665	801,984	102	4,730,025	4,774,394	101
July .....	810,621	826,612	102	5,540,646	5,601,006	101
August .....	808,478	832,975	103	6,349,124	6,433,981	101
September .....	771,937	788,221	102	7,121,061	7,222,202	101
October .....	779,476			7,900,537		
November .....	759,396			8,659,933		
December .....	811,139			9,471,072		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2016-2018

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2017 as percent of 2016	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2016 (1,000 chicks)	2017 (1,000 chicks)		2017 (1,000 chicks)	2018 (1,000 chicks)
<b>United States placements</b>					
January .....	6,726	7,163	106	68,802	68,873
February .....	8,098	7,832	97	69,669	69,049
March .....	8,143	8,262	101	70,129	69,495
April .....	7,615	7,045	93	70,194	70,200
May .....	8,083	8,159	101	70,377	
June .....	8,500	8,258	97	69,989	
July .....	7,730	7,085	92	69,381	
August .....	7,690	8,156	106	68,929	
September .....	7,609	8,240	108	68,678	
October .....	6,909			68,440	
November .....	7,710			67,755	
December .....	7,535			68,224	
Annual total .....	92,348				
<b>Total placements <sup>2</sup></b>					
January .....	8,275	8,764	106		
February .....	10,098	9,958	99		
March .....	10,025	10,047	100		
April .....	9,128	8,592	94		
May .....	9,954	9,806	99		
June .....	10,257	9,903	97		
July .....	9,119	8,598	94		
August .....	9,708	9,988	103		
September .....	9,584	10,042	105		
October .....	8,522				
November .....	9,379				
December .....	9,459				
Annual total .....	113,508				

<sup>1</sup> For September 2017, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched June 2016 through February 2017.

<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 1.7 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 372 million layers by more than 1.7 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.8 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) 1.7	(percent) 2.8	(1,000) 4,830	(1,000) 26	(1,000) 9,308	(number) 19	(number) 5
Eggs .....	1.7	2.9	(million) 115	(million) 0	(million) 277	20	4

## 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.

## Chicken Hatchery Capacity Regional Listing

**North Atlantic:** Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania.  
**East North Central:** Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin.  
**West North Central:** Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska.  
**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, Hawaii, Idaho, New Mexico, 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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