



# Chickens and Eggs

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## October Egg Production Down 4 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.19 billion during October 2024, down 4 percent from last year. Production included 7.89 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 92.4 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during October 2024 totaled 377 million, down 3 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,438 eggs, down 1 percent from October 2023.

Total layers in the United States on November 1, 2024 totaled 377 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 377 million layers consisted of 312 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.62 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2024, averaged 78.8 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from November 1, 2023.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 7 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2024 totaled 54.9 million, up 7 percent from October 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.3 million on November 1, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 245 thousand during October 2024, down 2 percent from October 2023.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2024 totaled 845 million, up 3 percent from October 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 723 million on November 1, 2024, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.06 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2024, up 1 percent from October 2023.

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2023-2024

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Month	2023		2024	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		379,240		382,585
January .....		375,688		377,270
February .....		378,859		377,126
March .....		382,665		378,982
April .....		384,281		375,661
May .....		383,839		371,610
June .....		381,367		370,792
July .....		380,356		369,427
August .....		381,649		370,333
September .....		384,814		374,422
October .....		387,782		377,045
November .....		387,517		

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

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2023-2024

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

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	9,245.3	9,427.7	7,966.2	8,133.2	1,279.1	1,294.5
January .....	9,047.8	9,259.5	7,777.6	7,959.2	1,270.2	1,300.3
February .....	8,209.8	8,624.6	7,044.8	7,406.4	1,165.0	1,218.2
March .....	9,233.0	9,304.4	7,926.9	8,003.6	1,306.1	1,300.8
April .....	9,014.3	8,937.6	7,744.3	7,681.2	1,270.0	1,256.4
May .....	9,294.8	9,131.6	7,977.0	7,839.1	1,317.8	1,292.5
June .....	8,951.2	8,816.8	7,676.1	7,566.6	1,275.1	1,250.2
July .....	9,281.9	9,044.8	7,971.9	7,750.2	1,310.0	1,294.6
August .....	9,336.5	9,083.0	8,031.4	7,776.3	1,305.1	1,306.7
September .....	9,117.9	8,864.6	7,852.7	7,598.0	1,265.2	1,266.6
October .....	9,543.0	9,192.5	8,236.0	7,891.4	1,307.0	1,301.1
November .....	9,250.5		7,992.1		1,258.4	

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

## Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2023-2024

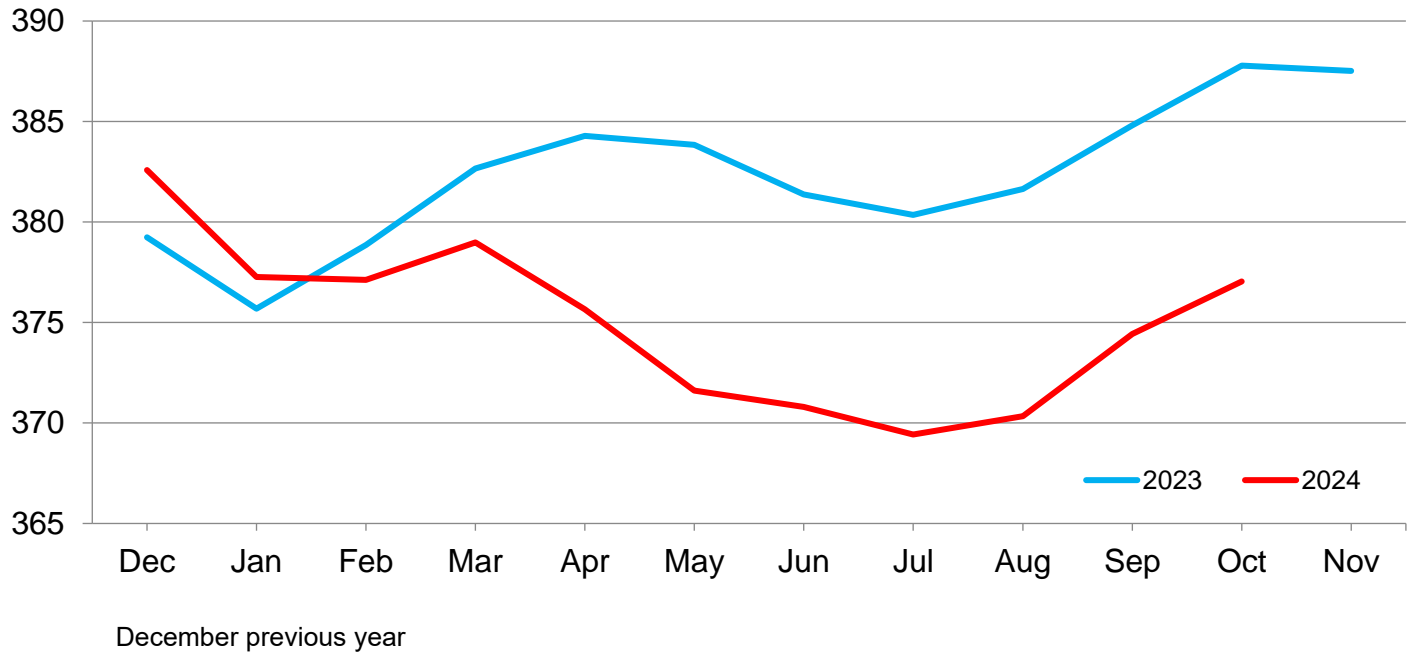
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	770,441.6	785,641.7	663,850.0	677,766.6	106,591.6	107,875.1
January .....	753,983.2	771,624.8	648,133.0	663,266.6	105,850.2	108,358.2
February .....	684,150.9	718,716.6	587,067.2	617,200.2	97,083.7	101,516.4
March .....	769,416.6	775,366.7	660,575.2	666,966.7	108,841.4	108,400.0
April .....	751,191.5	744,800.1	645,358.2	640,100.2	105,833.3	104,699.9
May .....	774,566.9	760,966.3	664,750.3	653,258.1	109,816.6	107,708.2
June .....	745,933.2	734,733.3	639,674.6	630,550.0	106,258.6	104,183.3
July .....	773,491.4	753,732.8	664,324.9	645,849.8	109,166.5	107,883.0
August .....	778,041.1	756,916.4	669,283.1	648,025.1	108,758.0	108,891.3
September .....	759,825.2	738,716.4	654,392.0	633,166.4	105,433.2	105,550.0
October .....	795,249.7	766,041.5	686,333.3	657,616.7	108,916.4	108,424.8
November .....	770,874.6		666,008.2		104,866.4	

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

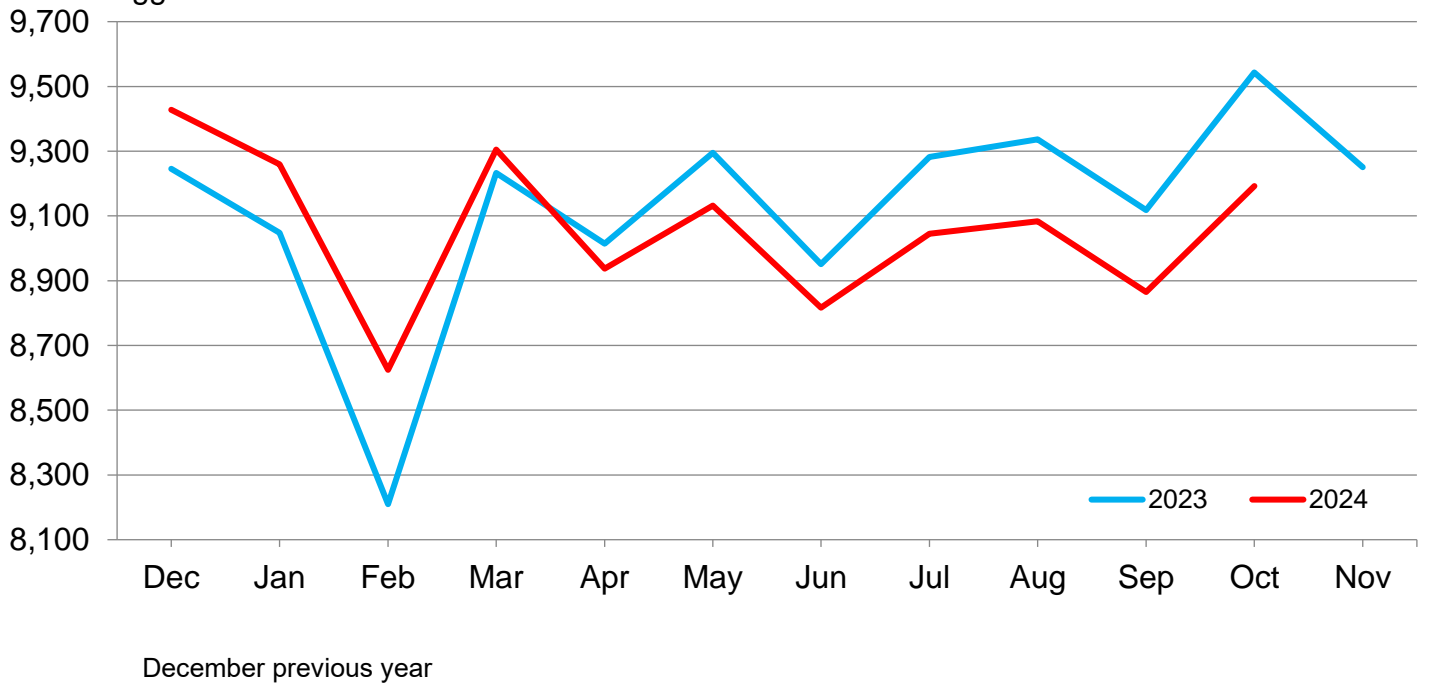
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:  
September-October 2023 and 2024**

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
<b>Layers during September</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	384,814	374,422	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	318,598	309,195	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,216	65,227	99
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	62,466	61,566	99
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,750	3,661	98
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during September</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,369	2,368	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,465	2,457	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,911	1,942	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,873	1,909	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,536	2,488	98
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,117.9	8,864.6	97
Table egg type ..... million	7,852.7	7,598.0	97
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,265.2	1,266.6	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,170.1	1,175.5	100
Egg-type hatching ..... million	95.1	91.1	96
<b>Eggs produced during September</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	759,825.2	738,716.4	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	654,392.0	633,166.4	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	105,433.2	105,550.0	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	97,508.4	97,958.3	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	7,924.8	7,591.7	96
<b>Layers on October 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	386,946	376,827	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	320,479	311,727	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,467	65,100	98
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	62,716	61,449	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,751	3,651	97
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on October 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	79.1	78.4	99
Table egg type ..... number	82.3	81.3	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.5	64.6	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.1	63.5	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	86.2	83.7	97
<b>Molted layers on October 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.2	2.5	114
Molt completed ..... percent	10.2	9.7	95
Layers sold for slaughter during September ..... 1,000	14,297.0	12,717.6	89
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during September ..... 1,000	10,820.6	8,083.2	75
Pullets on October 1 ..... 1,000	129,996	129,835	100
Pullets added during September <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	28,004.6	26,279.2	94

<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 2023 and 2024**

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
<b>Layers during October</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	387,782	377,045	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	321,434	312,077	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,348	64,968	98
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	62,662	61,329	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,686	3,639	99
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during October</b>			
Total layers ..... number	2,461	2,438	99
Table egg type ..... number	2,562	2,529	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,970	2,003	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,930	1,971	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,642	2,539	96
<b>Eggs produced during October</b>			
Total layers ..... million	9,543.0	9,192.5	96
Table egg type ..... million	8,236.0	7,891.4	96
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,307.0	1,301.1	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,209.6	1,208.7	100
Egg-type hatching ..... million	97.4	92.4	95
<b>Eggs produced during October</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000 dozen	795,249.7	766,041.5	96
Table egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	686,333.3	657,616.7	96
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000 dozen	108,916.4	108,424.8	100
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	100,799.8	100,724.8	100
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000 dozen	8,116.6	7,700.0	95
<b>Layers on November 1</b>			
Total layers ..... 1,000	388,587	377,223	97
Table egg type ..... 1,000	322,377	312,407	97
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	66,210	64,816	98
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	62,598	61,197	98
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,612	3,619	100
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on November 1</b>			
Total layers ..... number	79.6	78.8	99
Table egg type ..... number	82.9	81.8	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	63.6	64.5	101
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	62.3	63.6	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	84.4	80.1	95
<b>Molted layers on November 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	1.6	2.0	125
Molt completed ..... percent	10.6	10.2	96
Layers sold for slaughter during October ..... 1,000	13,394.1	12,693.4	95
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during October ..... 1,000	9,296.3	11,225.1	121
Pullets on November 1 ..... 1,000	131,024	131,733	101
Pullets added during October <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	27,156.8	27,705.3	102

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

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During September 2023 and 2024

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,385	1,218	11,567	10,356	1,846	1,879
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	14,972	15,541	2,121	2,076
California .....	10,506	8,456	10,928	8,809	2,294	2,256
Colorado .....	3,328	1,248	3,816	1,736	2,427	2,247
Georgia .....	9,507	9,856	19,931	19,844	2,121	2,165
Illinois .....	5,925	5,098	6,487	5,697	2,334	2,449
Indiana .....	34,412	36,474	35,490	37,423	2,426	2,388
Iowa .....	44,017	41,309	45,872	43,179	2,488	2,531
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,421	5,327	2,066	2,129
Maryland .....	2,167	2,217	2,381	2,430	2,591	2,572
Michigan .....	15,856	10,506	16,190	11,132	2,443	2,366
Minnesota .....	7,462	5,899	7,920	6,385	2,484	2,503
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,435	5,625	2,098	2,146
Missouri .....	7,419	7,340	13,816	13,552	2,438	2,448
Nebraska .....	7,476	7,959	8,053	8,634	2,516	2,450
New York .....	5,033	5,173	5,600	5,672	2,541	2,541
North Carolina .....	7,146	7,627	15,826	16,151	2,184	2,176
Ohio .....	39,779	41,766	40,971	42,977	2,463	2,489
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,316	2,463	1,921	2,063
Oregon .....	2,264	2,453	2,374	2,563	2,607	2,474
Pennsylvania .....	24,138	23,781	27,125	27,102	2,487	2,539
South Carolina .....	2,330	2,621	3,603	3,894	2,198	2,180
South Dakota .....	1,589	1,934	1,644	1,989	2,573	2,574
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	23,009	21,550	2,354	2,210
Utah .....	6,427	7,415	6,467	7,455	2,442	2,436
Virginia .....	948	844	2,756	2,511	2,177	2,270
Washington .....	5,529	5,645	5,693	5,747	2,545	2,516
Wisconsin .....	6,719	6,608	7,795	7,767	2,607	2,625
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,259	24,913	31,356	30,911	2,363	2,342
United States .....	302,948	293,483	384,814	374,422	2,369	2,368

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

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



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 2023 and 2024

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,347	1,293	11,556	10,488	1,917	1,942
Arkansas .....	(D)	(D)	14,969	15,604	2,208	2,130
California .....	10,675	8,159	11,051	8,530	2,355	2,401
Colorado .....	3,709	1,513	4,197	2,001	2,599	2,329
Georgia .....	9,613	9,949	20,017	19,682	2,235	2,261
Illinois .....	6,137	5,148	6,686	5,754	2,438	2,534
Indiana .....	34,548	36,383	35,595	37,316	2,519	2,466
Iowa .....	43,769	42,712	45,604	44,576	2,604	2,610
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	5,474	5,456	2,117	2,188
Maryland .....	2,179	2,316	2,389	2,529	2,641	2,681
Michigan .....	16,193	10,841	16,502	11,454	2,549	2,427
Minnesota .....	7,390	6,041	7,840	6,527	2,559	2,569
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	5,568	5,659	2,186	2,200
Missouri .....	7,331	7,468	13,844	13,686	2,607	2,560
Nebraska .....	7,529	7,895	8,132	8,604	2,549	2,534
New York .....	5,101	5,192	5,680	5,691	2,593	2,588
North Carolina .....	7,361	7,666	16,018	16,146	2,243	2,287
Ohio .....	40,614	42,731	41,803	43,946	2,573	2,572
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	2,285	2,433	2,074	2,088
Oregon .....	2,317	2,391	2,427	2,501	2,616	2,567
Pennsylvania .....	24,519	23,878	27,519	27,190	2,538	2,604
South Carolina .....	2,277	2,603	3,582	3,879	2,345	2,220
South Dakota .....	1,826	1,939	1,881	1,994	2,775	2,623
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	22,923	21,767	2,419	2,213
Utah .....	6,332	7,021	6,372	7,061	2,600	2,371
Virginia .....	920	938	2,697	2,626	2,369	2,319
Washington .....	5,440	5,333	5,604	5,435	2,646	2,534
Wisconsin .....	6,853	6,647	7,924	7,803	2,646	2,680
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	25,479	24,746	31,643	30,707	2,425	2,409
United States .....	305,784	296,365	387,782	377,045	2,461	2,438

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

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

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: September 2023 and 2024

[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	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	213.5	194.6	34.7	31.4	178.8	163.2
Arkansas .....	317.5	322.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	250.7	198.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	92.6	39.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	422.7	429.6	227.8	239.5	194.9	190.1
Illinois .....	151.4	139.5	147.5	134.5	3.9	5.0
Indiana .....	860.9	893.6	844.9	879.4	16.0	14.2
Iowa .....	1,141.1	1,092.7	1,118.2	1,070.0	22.9	22.7
Kentucky .....	112.0	113.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	61.7	62.5	60.2	60.9	1.5	1.6
Michigan .....	395.6	263.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	196.7	159.8	189.2	152.2	7.5	7.6
Mississippi .....	114.0	120.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	336.9	331.7	297.6	295.4	39.3	36.3
Nebraska .....	202.6	211.5	192.0	197.9	10.6	13.6
New York .....	142.3	144.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	345.6	351.5	183.4	192.6	162.2	158.9
Ohio .....	1,009.2	1,069.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	44.5	50.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	61.9	63.4	61.9	63.4	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	674.6	688.2	633.4	641.0	41.2	47.2
South Carolina .....	79.2	84.9	56.6	62.9	22.6	22.0
South Dakota .....	42.3	51.2	42.3	51.2	-	-
Texas .....	541.6	476.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	157.9	181.6	157.9	181.6	-	-
Virginia .....	60.0	57.0	28.9	27.3	31.1	29.7
Washington .....	144.9	144.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	203.2	203.9	197.7	198.1	5.5	5.8
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	740.8	723.9	664.7	645.3	76.1	78.6
United States .....	9,117.9	8,864.6	7,852.7	7,598.0	1,265.2	1,266.6

- Represents zero.

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

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: October 2023 and 2024

[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	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	221.5	203.7	36.9	34.0	184.6	169.7
Arkansas .....	330.5	332.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	260.3	204.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	109.1	46.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	447.3	445.0	247.3	252.1	200.0	192.9
Illinois .....	163.0	145.8	159.1	140.6	3.9	5.2
Indiana .....	896.7	920.3	880.8	906.6	15.9	13.7
Iowa .....	1,187.4	1,163.5	1,163.0	1,139.7	24.4	23.8
Kentucky .....	115.9	119.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	63.1	67.8	61.7	66.2	1.4	1.6
Michigan .....	420.7	278.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	200.6	167.7	192.7	160.2	7.9	7.5
Mississippi .....	121.7	124.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	360.9	350.3	318.6	312.4	42.3	37.9
Nebraska .....	207.3	218.0	195.5	203.2	11.8	14.8
New York .....	147.3	147.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	359.3	369.3	191.4	204.2	167.9	165.1
Ohio .....	1,075.5	1,130.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	47.4	50.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	63.5	64.2	63.5	64.2	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	698.4	708.0	655.7	660.3	42.7	47.7
South Carolina .....	84.0	86.1	60.3	63.4	23.7	22.7
South Dakota .....	52.2	52.3	52.2	52.3	-	-
Texas .....	554.5	481.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	165.7	167.4	165.7	167.4	-	-
Virginia .....	63.9	60.9	31.9	30.8	32.0	30.1
Washington .....	148.3	137.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	209.7	209.1	204.1	203.3	5.6	5.8
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	767.3	739.6	689.9	658.3	77.4	81.3
United States .....	9,543.0	9,192.5	8,236.0	7,891.4	1,307.0	1,301.1

- Represents zero.

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: September 2023 and 2024

[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	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(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 .....	17,791.7	16,216.7	2,891.7	2,616.7	14,900.0	13,600.0
Arkansas .....	26,458.4	26,883.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	20,891.6	16,558.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	7,716.7	3,250.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	35,224.9	35,800.0	18,983.3	19,958.3	16,241.6	15,841.7
Illinois .....	12,616.7	11,624.9	12,291.7	11,208.3	325.0	416.6
Indiana .....	71,741.6	74,466.7	70,408.3	73,283.4	1,333.3	1,183.3
Iowa .....	95,091.8	91,058.4	93,183.4	89,166.7	1,908.4	1,891.7
Kentucky .....	9,333.3	9,450.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,141.7	5,208.3	5,016.7	5,075.0	125.0	133.3
Michigan .....	32,966.7	21,950.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	16,391.7	13,316.7	15,766.7	12,683.3	625.0	633.4
Mississippi .....	9,500.0	10,058.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	28,075.0	27,641.7	24,800.0	24,616.7	3,275.0	3,025.0
Nebraska .....	16,883.3	17,624.9	16,000.0	16,491.6	883.3	1,133.3
New York .....	11,858.3	12,008.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	28,800.1	29,291.7	15,283.4	16,050.0	13,516.7	13,241.7
Ohio .....	84,100.0	89,158.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,708.4	4,233.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,158.4	5,283.3	5,158.4	5,283.3	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	56,216.6	57,350.1	52,783.3	53,416.7	3,433.3	3,933.4
South Carolina .....	6,600.0	7,075.0	4,716.7	5,241.7	1,883.3	1,833.3
South Dakota .....	3,525.0	4,266.7	3,525.0	4,266.7	-	-
Texas .....	45,133.3	39,691.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	13,158.3	15,133.3	13,158.3	15,133.3	-	-
Virginia .....	5,000.0	4,750.0	2,408.4	2,275.0	2,591.6	2,475.0
Washington .....	12,075.0	12,050.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	16,933.3	16,991.6	16,475.0	16,508.3	458.3	483.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	61,733.4	60,324.9	55,391.7	53,774.9	6,341.7	6,550.0
United States .....	759,825.2	738,716.4	654,392.0	633,166.4	105,433.2	105,550.0

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## Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: October 2023 and 2024

[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	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(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 .....	18,458.3	16,975.0	3,075.0	2,833.3	15,383.3	14,141.7
Arkansas .....	27,541.6	27,700.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	21,691.7	17,066.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	9,091.7	3,883.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	37,275.1	37,083.4	20,608.4	21,008.4	16,666.7	16,075.0
Illinois .....	13,583.3	12,149.9	13,258.3	11,716.6	325.0	433.3
Indiana .....	74,725.0	76,691.7	73,400.0	75,550.0	1,325.0	1,141.7
Iowa .....	98,950.0	96,958.3	96,916.7	94,975.0	2,033.3	1,983.3
Kentucky .....	9,658.3	9,949.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	5,258.3	5,649.9	5,141.7	5,516.6	116.6	133.3
Michigan .....	35,058.4	23,166.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	16,716.6	13,975.0	16,058.3	13,350.0	658.3	625.0
Mississippi .....	10,141.7	10,375.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	30,075.0	29,191.6	26,550.0	26,033.3	3,525.0	3,158.3
Nebraska .....	17,275.0	18,166.8	16,291.7	16,933.4	983.3	1,233.4
New York .....	12,274.9	12,275.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	29,941.7	30,775.0	15,950.0	17,016.7	13,991.7	13,758.3
Ohio .....	89,625.1	94,200.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	3,950.0	4,233.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5,291.7	5,350.0	5,291.7	5,350.0	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	58,199.9	59,000.0	54,641.6	55,025.0	3,558.3	3,975.0
South Carolina .....	7,000.0	7,175.0	5,025.0	5,283.3	1,975.0	1,891.7
South Dakota .....	4,350.0	4,358.4	4,350.0	4,358.4	-	-
Texas .....	46,208.3	40,133.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	13,808.3	13,950.0	13,808.3	13,950.0	-	-
Virginia .....	5,325.0	5,074.9	2,658.3	2,566.6	2,666.7	2,508.3
Washington .....	12,358.3	11,475.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	17,474.9	17,425.0	17,008.3	16,941.7	466.6	483.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	63,941.6	61,633.3	57,491.6	54,858.4	6,450.0	6,774.9
United States .....	795,249.7	766,041.5	686,333.3	657,616.7	108,916.4	108,424.8

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## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2023-2024

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	1.4	1.7	11.5	9.8
February .....	2.0	2.1	10.6	9.4
March .....	2.5	1.9	10.0	9.3
April .....	2.3	1.8	10.6	9.2
May .....	2.3	2.4	10.6	8.8
June .....	2.2	1.9	10.3	9.0
July .....	1.7	1.7	11.3	9.3
August .....	2.1	2.5	10.6	9.2
September .....	2.2	1.8	10.6	9.8
October .....	2.2	2.5	10.2	9.7
November .....	1.6	2.0	10.6	10.2
December .....	1.8		10.0	

## Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: October 1 and November 1, 2023-2024

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	October 1		November 1		October 1		November 1	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.5	2.5	0.5	2.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.0
Arkansas .....	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	11.5	12.0	12.0	12.5
California .....	0.5	0.5	-	0.5	1.5	4.5	2.0	5.0
Colorado .....	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	6.0	3.0	5.5	3.0
Georgia .....	2.5	2.5	1.0	2.0	12.5	10.0	14.0	11.5
Illinois .....	7.0	1.5	12.0	4.0	15.5	17.0	14.5	13.5
Indiana .....	2.0	2.0	0.5	1.5	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Iowa .....	1.5	2.0	2.0	0.5	7.0	7.5	6.0	7.5
Kentucky .....	3.0	6.5	3.0	2.5	9.0	20.5	10.5	25.5
Maryland .....	0.5	1.0	1.0	-	-	1.0	-	1.5
Michigan .....	1.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.5	12.5	3.0	11.5
Minnesota .....	1.5	0.5	1.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	7.0	3.0
Mississippi .....	2.5	2.0	1.0	3.0	12.5	13.5	13.5	14.0
Missouri .....	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	8.0	3.0	5.0
Nebraska .....	4.0	-	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	0.5
New York .....	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
North Carolina .....	2.0	5.5	1.5	4.0	6.5	6.5	8.0	6.5
Ohio .....	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.5	6.5	6.0	7.0	7.0
Oklahoma .....	6.0	5.5	3.5	2.0	21.5	7.0	22.0	12.5
Oregon .....	1.0	2.0	-	2.0	3.0	1.0	3.5	1.0
Pennsylvania .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	3.0
South Carolina .....	-	5.0	-	3.5	5.0	5.0	2.0	8.0
South Dakota .....	3.0	1.5	2.0	0.5	1.0	2.5	3.5	2.5
Texas .....	6.5	9.5	2.5	7.5	49.0	33.5	50.5	39.0
Utah .....	7.0	1.5	3.5	2.0	26.5	11.5	26.5	12.0
Virginia .....	1.0	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-
Washington .....	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	11.5	3.5	10.5	4.0
Wisconsin .....	1.5	-	1.0	-	4.0	6.0	4.0	5.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	3.3	2.8	4.2	21.9	21.8	22.2	22.4
United States .....	2.2	2.5	1.6	2.0	10.2	9.7	10.6	10.2

- Represents zero.

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

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on November 1 .....	46,863	49,315	105
Chicks hatched during October .....	51,173	54,949	107
Chicks hatched January through October .....	540,999	560,765	104
<b>Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	249	245	98
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,669	2,721	102
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on November 1 .....	684,281	723,484	106
Chicks hatched during October .....	817,285	845,405	103
Chicks hatched January through October .....	8,289,498	8,436,047	102
<b>Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	8,011	8,058	101
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	72,188	76,590	106

<sup>1</sup> 2024 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2023 through March 2024.

<sup>2</sup> 2024 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2023 through March 2024.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2023-2024

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

Month	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	47,397	49,087	104
February .....	50,524	52,490	104
March .....	54,338	56,378	104
April .....	55,509	55,417	100
May .....	55,316	54,357	98
June .....	55,576	56,709	102
July .....	49,550	53,046	107
August .....	48,943	54,679	112
September .....	49,972	52,046	104
October .....	50,376	52,219	104
November .....	46,863	49,315	105
December .....	50,232		

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2024

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	50,776	53,237	105	50,776	53,237	105
February .....	52,233	54,920	105	103,009	108,157	105
March .....	58,764	56,618	96	161,773	164,775	102
April .....	55,737	57,551	103	217,510	222,326	102
May .....	59,081	58,762	99	276,591	281,088	102
June .....	58,377	56,880	97	334,968	337,968	101
July .....	50,918	57,715	113	385,886	395,683	103
August .....	52,791	56,976	108	438,677	452,659	103
September .....	51,149	53,157	104	489,826	505,816	103
October .....	51,173	54,949	107	540,999	560,765	104
November .....	48,468			589,467		
December .....	48,753			638,220		



## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2023-2025

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2024 as percent of 2023	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2023	2024		2024	2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	197	206	105	2,667	2,753
February .....	230	236	103	2,697	2,757
March .....	201	198	99	2,703	2,765
April .....	234	249	106	2,710	2,771
May .....	260	257	99	2,708	2,767
June .....	199	219	110	2,707	
July .....	196	200	102	2,709	
August .....	255	263	103	2,718	
September .....	270	276	102	2,724	
October .....	249	245	98	2,721	
November .....	199			2,736	
December .....	219			2,733	
Annual total .....	2,709				

<sup>1</sup> For October 2024, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2023 through March 2024. 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 – United States: 2023-2024

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

Month	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January .....	719,047	717,762	100
February .....	718,941	720,254	100
March .....	723,237	731,745	101
April .....	724,738	738,053	102
May .....	725,627	737,569	102
June .....	730,868	738,090	101
July .....	723,632	735,952	102
August .....	724,529	745,918	103
September .....	715,277	741,852	104
October .....	691,799	720,439	104
November .....	684,281	723,484	106
December .....	719,818		

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: October 2023 and 2024

State	During October			January-October		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	117,264	121,723	104	1,197,370	1,212,653	101
Arkansas .....	81,872	86,807	106	839,658	876,651	104
Delaware .....	19,311	16,834	87	188,506	184,518	98
Florida .....	3,146	4,270	136	39,669	40,126	101
Georgia .....	121,998	117,933	97	1,216,400	1,227,291	101
Kentucky .....	22,991	26,517	115	227,608	265,169	117
Louisiana .....	12,055	12,163	101	116,645	121,851	104
Maryland .....	28,606	27,635	97	282,156	272,902	97
Mississippi .....	58,675	60,326	103	591,569	610,829	103
Missouri .....	31,007	31,961	103	331,374	310,257	94
North Carolina .....	82,281	87,895	107	849,770	874,429	103
Oklahoma .....	22,300	20,526	92	244,560	202,838	83
Pennsylvania .....	25,327	27,901	110	244,458	277,256	113
South Carolina .....	20,662	20,851	101	195,784	202,505	103
Texas .....	63,257	67,335	106	630,204	661,166	105
Virginia .....	19,775	19,572	99	208,597	193,941	93
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	44,293	54,369	123	450,687	488,942	108
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	42,465	40,787	96	434,483	412,723	95
United States .....	817,285	845,405	103	8,289,498	8,436,047	102

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

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2024

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	845,295	844,298	100	846,059	844,298	100
February .....	763,358	788,774	103	1,608,653	1,633,072	102
March .....	846,834	854,181	101	2,455,487	2,487,253	101
April .....	819,250	833,753	102	3,274,737	3,321,006	101
May .....	848,804	859,653	101	4,123,541	4,180,659	101
June .....	830,427	833,371	100	4,953,968	5,014,030	101
July .....	848,539	862,319	102	5,802,507	5,876,349	101
August .....	853,148	874,595	103	6,655,655	6,750,944	101
September .....	816,558	839,698	103	7,472,213	7,590,642	102
October .....	817,285	845,405	103	8,289,498	8,436,047	102
November .....	789,700			9,079,198		
December .....	849,463			9,920,549		

## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2023-2025

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2024 as percent of 2023	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2023	2024		2024	2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
<b>United States placements</b>					
January .....	8,010	7,436	93	75,299	77,087
February .....	7,706	8,197	106	76,516	76,843
March .....	8,991	9,419	105	77,096	77,337
April .....	8,117	8,152	100	76,848	77,528
May .....	8,643	8,232	95	76,849	78,150
June .....	9,710	9,784	101	77,350	
July .....	8,519	7,767	91	78,008	
August .....	8,242	8,701	106	77,327	
September .....	8,910	9,840	110	76,881	
October .....	8,011	8,058	101	76,590	
November .....	8,207			76,223	
December .....	9,649			76,213	
Annual total .....	102,715				
<b>Total placements <sup>2</sup></b>					
January .....	9,320	8,968	96		
February .....	9,298	9,620	103		
March .....	10,625	11,042	104		
April .....	9,776	9,823	100		
May .....	10,040	10,115	101		
June .....	11,427	11,439	100		
July .....	9,887	9,714	98		
August .....	9,993	10,373	104		
September .....	10,515	11,896	113		
October .....	9,426	9,670	103		
November .....	9,489				
December .....	11,061				
Annual total .....	120,857				

<sup>1</sup> For October 2024, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched July 2023 through March 2024.

<sup>2</sup> United States production of intended placements worldwide.

### Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

**Total 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.

## 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 regional 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.

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 total layers over the past 24 months is 0.6 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 377 million layers by more than 0.6 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.0 percent.

## Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
Total layers .....	(percent) 0.6	(percent) 1.0	(1,000) 1,640	(1,000) 54	(1,000) 5,209	(number) 10	(number) 14
Eggs .....	0.6	1.0	(million) 40	(million) 2	(million) 130	11	13

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