

Chickens and Eggs



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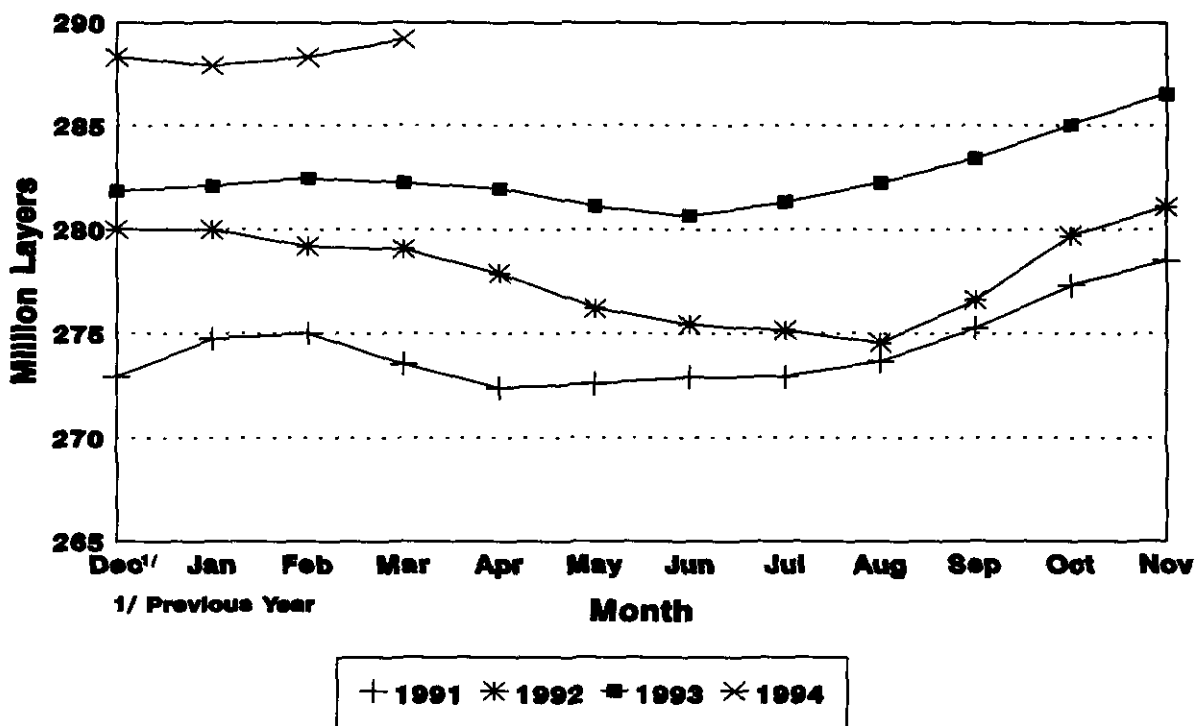
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March Egg Production Up 3 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.28 billion during March 1994, up 3 percent from the 6.07 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.36 billion table eggs, 853 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 62.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during March 1994 averaged 289 million, up 2 percent from the 282 million a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,170 eggs, compared with 2,149 in March 1993.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1991 - 94



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All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 1994 totaled 290 million, compared with 282 million a year ago. The 290 million layers consisted of 239 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 47.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.80 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 1994, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from last year's 69.7 eggs per 100 layers.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 5.93 billion eggs during March. The number of layers during March averaged 273 million.

Individual State estimates are available for the 30 major egg producing States. These States are listed on page 8 of this release and account for approximately 94 percent of the total U.S. egg production. Production for the other States are grouped into an "Other States" category and combined with the 30 States published individually, to obtain a U.S. estimate. Individual State estimates for "Other States" are available annually in the "**Layers and Egg Production**" report.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 13 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during March totaled 33.3 million, down 13 percent from March 1993. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 32.3 million on April 1, 1994, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 259,000 during March 1994, down 3 percent from the 268,000 of March 1993.

Broiler Hatch Up 3 Percent

The March 1994 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 643 million, was 3 percent above March of the previous year. There were 527 million **eggs in incubators** on April 1, 1994, up 6 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.30 million **broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks** during March 1994, up 11 percent from March 1993.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month.
United States, 1991-1994 ^{1/}

Month	1991	1992	1993	1994
	1,000 Layers			
Dec ^{2/}	272.902	280.028	281.847	288.547
Jan	274.738	279.996	282.098	287.930
Feb	275.002	279.208	282.481	288.340
Mar	273.511	279.071	282.255	289.206
Apr	272.356	277.894	281.984	
May	272.558	276.212	281.145	
Jun	272.875	275.422	280.664	
Jul	272.897	275.144	281.324	
Aug	273.651	274.562	282.286	
Sep	275.241	276.634	283.442	
Oct	277.324	279.720	285.048	
Nov	278.519	281.119	286.544	

^{1/} Data are for chart on cover page.

^{2/} December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, February-March 1993-94

Item	1993	1994 <u>1/</u>	1994 as % of 1993
Layers During Feb (1,000)			
All Layers	282,481	288,340	102
Table Egg Type	236,512	238,619	101
Hatching Egg Type	45,969	49,721	108
Broiler-Type Hatching	43,035	46,878	109
Egg-Type Hatching	2,934	2,843	97
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb (Number)			
All Layers	1,923	1,928	100
Table Egg Type	1,971	1,985	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,677	1,653	99
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,652	1,630	99
Egg-Type Hatching	2,045	2,040	100
Eggs Produced During Feb (Million)			
All Layers	5,432	5,559	102
Table Egg Type	4,661	4,737	102
Hatching Egg Type	771	822	107
Broilers-Type Hatching	711	764	107
Egg-Type Hatching	60	58	97
Layers on Mar 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	282,005	288,866	102
Table Egg Type	236,077	238,986	101
Hatching Egg Type	45,928	49,880	109
Broiler-Type Hatching	42,955	47,019	109
Egg-Type Hatching	2,973	2,861	96
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.4	69.6	100
Table Egg Type	70.8	71.7	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.9	59.2	99
Broiler-Type Hatching	59.5	58.4	98
Egg-Type Hatching	73.0	72.9	100
Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1			
Percent Being Molted	<u>2/</u>	3.6	
Percent with Molt Completed	<u>2/</u>	20.8	

1/ Revised.

2/ Data not available.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, March-April 1993-94

Item	1993	1994 <u>1/</u>	1994 as % of 1993
Layers During Mar (1,000)			
All Layers	282,255	289,206	102
Table Egg Type	236,005	239,148	101
Hatching Egg Type	46,250	50,058	108
Broiler-Type Hatching	43,280	47,224	109
Egg-Type Hatching	2,970	2,834	95
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar (Number)			
All Layers	2,149	2,170	101
Table Egg Type	2,209	2,241	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,844	1,828	99
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,816	1,806	99
Egg-Type Hatching	2,256	2,188	97
Eggs Produced During Mar (Million)			
All Layers	6.067	6.275	103
Table Egg Type	5.214	5.360	103
Hatching Egg Type	853	915	107
Broilers-Type Hatching	786	853	109
Egg-Type Hatching	67	62	93
Layers on Apr 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	282,480	289,510	102
Table Egg Type	235,925	239,292	101
Hatching Egg Type	46,555	50,218	108
Broiler-Type Hatching	43,597	47,422	109
Egg-Type Hatching	2,958	2,796	95
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.7	70.5	101
Table Egg Type	71.8	72.8	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.2	59.3	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.3	58.4	100
Egg-Type Hatching	72.5	75.3	104
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1			
Percent Being Molted	<u>2/</u>	2.7	
Percent with Molt Completed	<u>2/</u>	20.9	

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Data not available.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, February-March, 30 Selected States, 1993-94 ^{1/}

Item	1993 ^{2/}	1994 ^{3/}	1994 as % of 1993
<i>Layers During Feb</i> (1,000)			
All Layers		272,200	
Table Egg Type		225,518	
Hatching Egg Type		46,682	
Broiler-Type Hatching		44,040	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,642	
<i>Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb (Number)</i>			
All Layers		1,929	
Table Egg Type		1,986	
Hatching Egg Type		1,656	
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,630	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,082	
<i>Eggs Produced During Feb (Million)</i>			
All Layers		5,252	
Table Egg Type		4,479	
Hatching Egg Type		773	
Broilers-Type Hatching		718	
Egg-Type Hatching		55	
<i>Layers on Mar 1</i> (1,000)			
All Layers		272,802	
Table Egg Type		225,909	
Hatching Egg Type		46,893	
Broiler-Type Hatching		44,215	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,678	
<i>Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1 (Number)</i>			
All Layers		69.5	
Table Egg Type		71.7	
Hatching Egg Type		59.2	
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.3	
Egg-Type Hatching		73.2	
<i>Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1</i>			
Percent Being Molted		3.7	
Percent with Molt Completed		20.8	
<i>Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Mar 1</i> (1,000)		73,261	
<i>Pullets Added During Feb</i> (1,000)		19,986	
<i>Layers Sold During Feb</i> (1,000)		14,014	
<i>Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Feb</i> (1,000)		2,439	

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Data not available.

^{3/} The 30 States are listed in the table on page 8.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, March-April, 30 Selected States, 1993-94 ^{1/}

Item	1993 ^{2/}	1994 ^{3/}	1994 as % of 1993
Layers During Mar (1,000)			
All Layers		273,096	
Table Egg Type		226,078	
Hatching Egg Type		47,018	
Broiler-Type Hatching		44,354	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,664	
Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar (Number)			
All Layers		2,171	
Table Egg Type		2,243	
Hatching Egg Type		1,827	
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,804	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,215	
Eggs Produced During Mar (Million)			
All Layers		5,930	
Table Egg Type		5,071	
Hatching Egg Type		859	
Broilers-Type Hatching		800	
Egg-Type Hatching		59	
Layers on Apr 1 (1,000)			
All Layers		273,366	
Table Egg Type		226,237	
Hatching Egg Type		47,129	
Broiler-Type Hatching		44,488	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,641	
Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1 (Number)			
All Layers		70.5	
Table Egg Type		72.9	
Hatching Egg Type		59.1	
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.2	
Egg-Type Hatching		74.9	
Forced Molt Layers, Apr 1			
Percent Being Molted		2.7	
Percent with Molt Completed		21.0	
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Apr 1 (1,000)		75,598	
Pullets Added During Mar (1,000)		17,747	
Layers Sold During Mar (1,000)		15,193	
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Mar (1,000)		2,820	

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^{2/} Data not available.

^{3/} The 30 States are listed in the table on page 8.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During February 1993-94 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above :		All Layers <u>3/</u> :		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <u>3/</u>	
	1993 <u>2/</u>	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000				Number	
AL	5,015	11,158	11,626	1,775	1,763	
AR	7,318	15,678	17,228	1,767	1,678	
CA	23,224	25,901	23,901	1,900	1,912	
CO	2,742	<u>2/</u>	3,290	<u>2/</u>	1,793	
CT	3,490	3,702	3,695	1,999	2,030	
FL	9,250	9,866	10,131	1,987	1,964	
GA	11,401	18,551	19,074	1,854	1,908	
HI	748	864	827	1,854	1,828	
IL	2,794	<u>2/</u>	2,963	<u>2/</u>	1,789	
IN	20,340	20,442	21,241	2,011	2,039	
IA	13,765	12,850	14,500	1,875	1,986	
ME	4,809	4,023	4,993	2,138	2,103	
MD	2,612	<u>2/</u>	3,226	<u>2/</u>	1,984	
MI	4,896	5,100	5,203	1,971	2,047	
MN	9,528	10,824	10,419	1,940	1,910	
MS	2,619	5,932	6,335	1,770	1,752	
MO	6,150	6,635	6,696	1,839	1,912	
NE	7,650	<u>2/</u>	7,800	<u>2/</u>	1,890	
NY	3,480	3,726	3,819	2,067	2,095	
NC	6,600	13,234	13,631	1,738	1,805	
OH	19,637	18,581	20,100	2,067	2,040	
OK	1,975	<u>2/</u>	3,560	<u>2/</u>	1,685	
OR	2,476	<u>2/</u>	2,680	<u>2/</u>	1,940	
PA	19,300	21,251	20,618	2,005	2,066	
SC	4,065	5,118	5,013	1,973	1,995	
SD	1,728	<u>2/</u>	2,005	<u>2/</u>	2,170	
TX	12,440	14,525	15,500	1,852	1,910	
VA	1,590	<u>2/</u>	3,937	<u>2/</u>	1,778	
WA	4,597	4,701	4,834	2,127	2,151	
WI	2,811	<u>2/</u>	3,355	<u>2/</u>	1,997	
30 Sts	219,050	<u>2/</u>	272,200	<u>2/</u>	1,929	
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	11,701	<u>2/</u>	16,140	<u>2/</u>	1,902	
US	230,751	282,481	288,340	1,923	1,928	

1/ 1994 revised.

2/ Data not available.

3/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

4/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During March 1993-94 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above :				Eggs per 100 for All Layers <u>3/</u>	
	1993 <u>2/</u>	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000				Number	
AL	5,013	10,913	11,476	1,952	2,030	
AR	7,191	15,871	17,092	1,947	1,896	
CA	23,537	25,901	24,175	2,166	2,225	
CO	2,733	<u>2/</u>	3,311	<u>2/</u>	2,024	
CT	3,434	3,749	3,641	2,241	2,252	
FL	9,148	9,833	10,056	2,258	2,218	
GA	11,304	18,653	19,020	2,059	2,124	
HI	760	861	840	2,074	2,037	
IL	2,823	<u>2/</u>	2,993	<u>2/</u>	2,172	
IN	20,113	19,970	21,026	2,233	2,273	
IA	13,683	13,050	14,451	2,107	2,235	
ME	4,939	4,112	5,125	2,310	2,322	
MD	2,640	<u>2/</u>	3,261	<u>2/</u>	2,147	
MI	4,939	5,100	5,253	2,275	2,279	
MN	9,660	10,766	10,540	2,146	2,182	
MS	2,618	5,957	6,431	2,048	1,959	
MO	6,158	6,575	6,815	2,144	2,172	
NE	7,625	<u>2/</u>	7,775	<u>2/</u>	2,120	
NY	3,455	3,776	3,795	2,304	2,345	
NC	6,583	13,291	13,703	1,979	2,014	
OH	20,019	18,701	20,476	2,283	2,266	
OK	1,975	<u>2/</u>	3,550	<u>2/</u>	1,915	
OR	2,549	<u>2/</u>	2,753	<u>2/</u>	2,216	
PA	19,405	21,300	20,758	2,258	2,322	
SC	4,051	4,963	5,033	2,196	2,265	
SD	1,710	<u>2/</u>	1,985	<u>2/</u>	2,306	
TX	12,609	14,500	15,750	2,062	2,102	
VA	1,588	<u>2/</u>	3,907	<u>2/</u>	2,022	
WA	4,516	4,658	4,763	2,362	2,372	
WI	2,825	<u>2/</u>	3,342	<u>2/</u>	2,244	
30 Sts	219,603	<u>2/</u>	273,096	<u>2/</u>	2,171	
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	11,666	<u>2/</u>	16,110	<u>2/</u>	2,142	
US	231,269	282,255	289,206	2,149	2,170	

1/ 1994 preliminary.

2/ Data not available.

3/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

4/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
February 1993-94 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <u>2/</u>		Hatching Eggs <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	Million Eggs					
AL	198	205	96	98	102	107
AR	277	289	133	138	144	151
CA	492	457				
CO	<u>3/</u>	59				
CT	74	75				
FL	196	199	183	183	13	16
GA	344	364	219	237	125	127
HI	16	15	16	15	0	0
IL	<u>3/</u>	53	<u>3/</u>	52	<u>3/</u>	
IN	411	433	400	423	11	10
IA	241	288				
ME	86	105				
MD	<u>3/</u>	64	<u>3/</u>	55	<u>3/</u>	9
MI	100	106				
MN	210	199	201	190	9	9
MS	105	111	58	51	47	60
MO	122	128				
NE	<u>3/</u>	147	<u>3/</u>	147	<u>3/</u>	0
NY	77	80				
NC	230	246	126	137	104	109
OH	384	410				
OK	<u>3/</u>	60	<u>3/</u>	38	<u>3/</u>	22
OR	<u>3/</u>	52	<u>3/</u>	50	<u>3/</u>	2
PA	426	426	413	411	13	15
SC	101	100	88	84	13	16
SD	<u>3/</u>	44	<u>3/</u>	44	<u>3/</u>	0
TX	269	296	230	256	39	40
VA	<u>3/</u>	70	<u>3/</u>	32	<u>3/</u>	38
WA	100	104				
WI	<u>3/</u>	67				
30 Sts	<u>3/</u>	5,252	<u>3/</u>	4,479	<u>3/</u>	773
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	<u>3/</u>	307	<u>3/</u>	258	<u>3/</u>	49
US	5,432	5,559	4,661	4,737	771	822

1/ 1994 revised.

2/ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ Data not available.

4/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States.
March 1993-94 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <u>2/</u>		Hatching Eggs <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	Million Eggs					
AL	213	233	102	115	111	118
AR	309	324	148	154	161	170
CA	561	538				
CO	<u>3/</u>	67				
CT	84	82				
FL	222	223	208	205	14	18
GA	384	404	251	261	133	143
HI	17	17	17	17	0	0
IL	<u>3/</u>	65	<u>3/</u>	64	<u>3/</u>	1
IN	446	478	434	467	12	11
IA	275	323				
ME	95	119				
MD	<u>3/</u>	70	<u>3/</u>	61	<u>3/</u>	9
MI	116	120				
MN	231	230	222	221	9	9
MS	122	126	69	58	53	68
MO	141	148				
NE	<u>3/</u>	165	<u>3/</u>	165	<u>3/</u>	0
NY	87	89				
NC	263	276	147	154	116	122
OH	427	464				
OK	<u>3/</u>	68	<u>3/</u>	43	<u>3/</u>	25
OR	<u>3/</u>	61	<u>3/</u>	59	<u>3/</u>	2
PA	481	482	466	465	15	17
SC	109	114	95	96	14	18
SD	<u>3/</u>	46	<u>3/</u>	46	<u>3/</u>	0
TX	299	331	256	286	43	45
VA	<u>3/</u>	79	<u>3/</u>	40	<u>3/</u>	39
WA	110	113				
WI	<u>3/</u>	75				
30 Sts	<u>3/</u>	5,930	<u>3/</u>	5,071	<u>3/</u>	859
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	<u>3/</u>	345	<u>3/</u>	289	<u>3/</u>	56
US	6,067	6,275	5,214	5,360	853	915

1/ 1994 preliminary.

2/ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ Data not available.

4/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 1993-94 ^{1/}

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1993	1994	1993	1994
	Percent			
Jan	<u>2/</u>	4.5	<u>2/</u>	22.1
Feb	<u>2/</u>	5.4	<u>2/</u>	21.2
Mar	<u>2/</u>	3.6	<u>2/</u>	20.8
Apr	<u>2/</u>	2.7	<u>2/</u>	20.9
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

^{1/} As of first of month.

2/ Data not available.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, 1993-94 1/

State	April			
	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1993	1994	1993	1994
Percent				
AL	3.0	2.0	17.0	16.0
AR	4.0	3.0	11.5	12.5
CA	6.0	5.0	44.5	41.5
CO	<u>2/</u>	2.5	<u>2/</u>	25.5
CT	0.5	3.5	13.5	11.5
FL	3.0	2.0	31.5	35.5
GA	1.0	1.0	24.0	20.0
HI	<u>2/</u>	2.5	<u>2/</u>	41.0
IL	<u>2/</u>	4.0	<u>2/</u>	25.0
IN	0.5	3.0	14.0	24.0
IA	2.5	3.5	26.0	25.0
ME	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0
MD	<u>2/</u>	0.0	<u>2/</u>	22.0
MI	0.5	0.0	17.5	12.0
MN	5.5	4.5	29.5	30.5
MS	2.5	1.0	27.5	18.0
MO	1.0	3.0	25.0	22.0
NE	<u>2/</u>	5.0	<u>2/</u>	15.0
NY	0.5	2.0	9.0	3.5
NC	1.0	1.0	22.0	16.0
OH	0.5	0.5	9.5	9.0
OK	<u>2/</u>	0.0	<u>2/</u>	5.5
OR	<u>2/</u>	5.0	<u>2/</u>	24.5
PA	2.0	3.5	21.0	10.5
SC	5.0	1.5	29.0	25.0
SD	<u>2/</u>	3.5	<u>2/</u>	31.0
TX	2.0	5.0	28.5	25.0
VA	<u>2/</u>	1.5	<u>2/</u>	15.0
WA	5.0	3.0	36.0	41.5
WI	<u>2/</u>	0.5	<u>2/</u>	22.5
30 Sts <u>3/</u>	2.5	2.7	23.2	21.0
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	<u>2/</u>	3.1	<u>2/</u>	18.7
US	<u>2/</u>	2.7	<u>2/</u>	20.9

1/ As of first of month.

2/ Data not available.

3/ 1993 data are for 20 major States.

4/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators, Chicks Hatched,
and Placements by Type, United States, March-April 1993-94

Item	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Apr 1	34,621	32,274	93
Chicks Hatched During Mar	38,232	33,335	87
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Mar	107,068	97,207	91
Pullets Placed in Hatchery			
Supply Flocks During Mar	268	259	97
7-18 Month Earlier <u>1/</u>	2,604	2,754	106
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Apr 1	498,977	527,463	106
Chicks Hatched During Mar	622,864	643,034	103
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Mar	1,769,293	1,818,507	103
Pullets Placed in Hatchery			
Supply Flocks During Mar	5,678	6,301	111
7-14 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>	40,908	44,486	109

1/ 1994 includes pullet chicks placed Sep 1992 through Aug 1993.

2/ 1994 includes pullet chicks placed Jan 1993 through Aug 1993.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
April 1, 1993-94

Geographic Division	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	5,140	5,267	102
E North Central	9,389	9,250	99
W North Central	5,821	5,324	91
South Atlantic	5,757	4,299	75
South Central	3,872	4,288	111
West	4,642	3,846	83
US	34,621	32,274	93

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic = CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

W North Central = IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic = DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central = AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By State and United States,
March 1993-94

State	March			Jan-Mar		
	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
AR	1,476	1,186	80	3,659	3,728	102
FL	1,542	1,061	69	4,482	3,042	68
GA	2,567	1,387	54	7,122	4,097	58
IN	6,739	6,108	91	19,333	18,331	95
IA	2,637	2,310	88	7,513	6,883	92
KS	308	327	106	1,039	603	58
MN	1,859	1,790	96	5,616	6,165	110
MO	967	546	56	1,920	1,424	74
PA	4,295	4,500	105	13,544	13,285	98
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	15,842	14,120	89	42,840	39,649	93
US	38,232	33,335	87	107,068	97,207	91

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1992-94

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	1992	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993	1992	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	1,000			Percent	1,000			Percent
Jan	32,496	34,852	32,816	94	32,496	34,852	32,816	94
Feb	31,950	33,984	31,056	91	64,446	68,836	63,872	93
Mar	36,490	38,232	33,335	87	100,936	107,068	97,207	91
Apr	35,755	37,143			136,691	144,211		
May	38,513	36,741			175,204	180,952		
Jun	34,568	35,587			209,772	216,539		
Jul	32,265	33,980			242,037	250,519		
Aug	28,349	31,455			270,386	281,974		
Sep	28,760	31,775			299,146	313,749		
Oct	32,843	31,634			331,989	345,383		
Nov	27,718	30,073			359,707	375,456		
Dec	31,612	30,446			391,319	405,902		

Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1992-94 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			1994 as % of 1993	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>		
	1992	1993	1994		1992	1993	1994
		1,000		Percent		1,000	
Jan	181	193	197	102	2,483	2,529	2,806
Feb	273	119	186	156	2,375	2,553	2,812
Mar	186	268	259	97	2,322	2,604	2,754
Apr	178	251			2,337	2,655	2,787
May	262	275			2,437	2,637	2,801
Jun	225	267			2,476	2,696	2,690
Jul	237	243			2,381	2,738	2,782
Aug	277	219			2,483	2,750	2,786
Sep	237	270			2,617	2,596	2,853
Oct	237	251			2,524	2,678	2,844
Nov	269	158			2,471	2,751	
Dec	176	268			2,483	2,764	
Total	2,738	2,782					

1/ 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 30 dozen case of eggs.

2/ For Mar 1994, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Sep 1992 through Aug 1993.

Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region
and United States, April 1, 1993-94

Geographic Division	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	1,000	Percent	
North Atlantic	10,701	11,904	111
E North Central	5,882	5,667	96
W North Central	12,373	13,515	109
South Atlantic	198,390	210,655	106
South Central	248,888	262,867	106
West	22,743	22,855	100
US	498,977	527,463	106

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: Number by State
and United States, March 1993-94

State	March			Jan-Mar		
	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
AL	89,730	91,167	102	256,604	260,886	102
AR	104,450	106,424	102	299,827	302,695	101
DE	16,945	15,546	92	46,608	44,573	96
FL	13,105	13,252	101	37,664	37,267	99
GA	85,205	90,227	106	245,304	255,692	104
MD	35,762	35,940	100	101,555	103,079	102
MS	44,826	50,869	113	126,277	144,005	114
NC	59,935	60,675	101	171,509	169,423	99
PA	10,799	11,871	110	30,935	33,674	109
SC	12,718	15,439	121	33,049	43,081	130
TX	36,228	35,940	99	103,006	103,464	100
VA	19,095	18,935	99	54,640	55,218	101
CA TN & WV	31,980	32,581	102	89,392	93,454	105
15 Sts <u>1/</u>	560,778	578,866	103	1,596,370	1,646,511	103
OR & WA	6,189	6,380	103	15,735	17,478	111
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	55,897	57,788	103	157,188	154,518	98
US	622,864	643,034	103	1,769,293	1,818,507	103

1/ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

2/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Broiler Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1992-94

Month	By Months			Cumulative				
	1992	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993	1992	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	1,000			Percent	1,000			Percent
Jan	578,860	598,698	617,706	103	578,860	598,698	617,706	103
Feb	535,608	547,731	557,767	102	1,114,468	1,146,429	1,175,473	103
Mar	589,391	622,864	643,034	103	1,703,859	1,769,293	1,818,507	103
Apr	576,427	600,669			2,280,286	2,369,962		
May	602,025	634,205			2,882,311	3,004,167		
Jun	588,462	619,301			3,470,773	3,623,468		
Jul	589,979	618,808			4,060,752	4,242,276		
Aug	580,860	612,180			4,641,612	4,854,456		
Sep	561,683	582,580			5,203,295	5,437,036		
Oct	554,547	583,979			5,757,842	6,021,015		
Nov	536,927	574,055			6,294,769	6,595,070		
Dec	598,075	623,255			6,892,844	7,218,325		

Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 1992-94 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			1994 as % of 1993	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-14 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>		
	1992	1993	1994		1992	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----		
US Place- ments							
Jan	4,995	5,664	5,989	106	39,950	40,202	42,665
Feb	4,674	4,549	5,518	121	39,903	40,819	43,906
Mar	5,234	5,678	6,301	111	40,103	40,908	44,486
Apr	5,492	5,531			40,588	41,133	43,943
May	4,831	5,944			40,590	41,866	44,907
Jun	5,170	5,568			40,453	41,358	44,746
Jul	5,431	5,967			39,889	40,871	44,884
Aug	5,081	5,585			39,270	41,704	44,929
Sep	5,220	5,121			39,092	41,083	44,879
Oct	5,407	5,513			39,659	41,330	45,213
Nov	4,726	5,517			40,211	41,780	
Dec	5,005	5,669			39,963	42,504	
Annual Total	61,266	66,306					
Total Place- ments ^{3/}							
Jan	6,339	7,098	7,168	101			
Feb	6,056	5,664	6,829	121			
Mar	6,685	6,909	7,544	109			
Apr	6,796	6,420					
May	5,984	7,182					
Jun	6,401	6,723					
Jul	6,464	7,114					
Aug	6,022	6,587					
Sep	6,242	6,177					
Oct	6,599	6,634					
Nov	5,814	6,718					
Dec	6,493	6,949					
Annual Total	75,895	80,175					

1/ 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 30 dozen case of eggs.

2/ For Mar 1994, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jan 1993 through Aug 1993.

3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

Data Sources: Primary data for the "Chickens & Eggs" report are collected from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for the layer and egg estimates from all known contractors and independent producers with over 30,000 table egg layers in their flock. Coverage for table egg operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 910 contractors, independent egg producers and started pullet operations are contacted each month. An attempt is made to collect hatchery information from all known hatcheries. Approximately 340 hatcheries are contacted on a weekly and/or monthly basis.

Revisions: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Each report will contain revisions for the previous month for layer and egg estimates. Additionally, revisions that are needed after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the respective annual summaries for Layers and Egg, and Hatchery.

Procedures and Reliability: Operations are mailed a questionnaire and given adequate time to respond by mail. Those that do not respond by mail are telephoned. Great care is exercised to ensure that operations are accounted for during each survey period. However, normally there are missing reports that must be accounted for in the estimates.

Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive the estimates from the reported data. All data are checked for unusual values. Each operation's data are compared to their own past operating profile and also compared to trends from other operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. Survey data are subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by carefully reviewing all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Egg-type chicks hatched are comprised of all chicks of egg-type domesticated breeds including males, chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks, and research purposes. The relationship of 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.

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 provide an indication of the potential number of pullets available for addition to hatchery egg supply flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the flocks.

