

Chickens and Eggs



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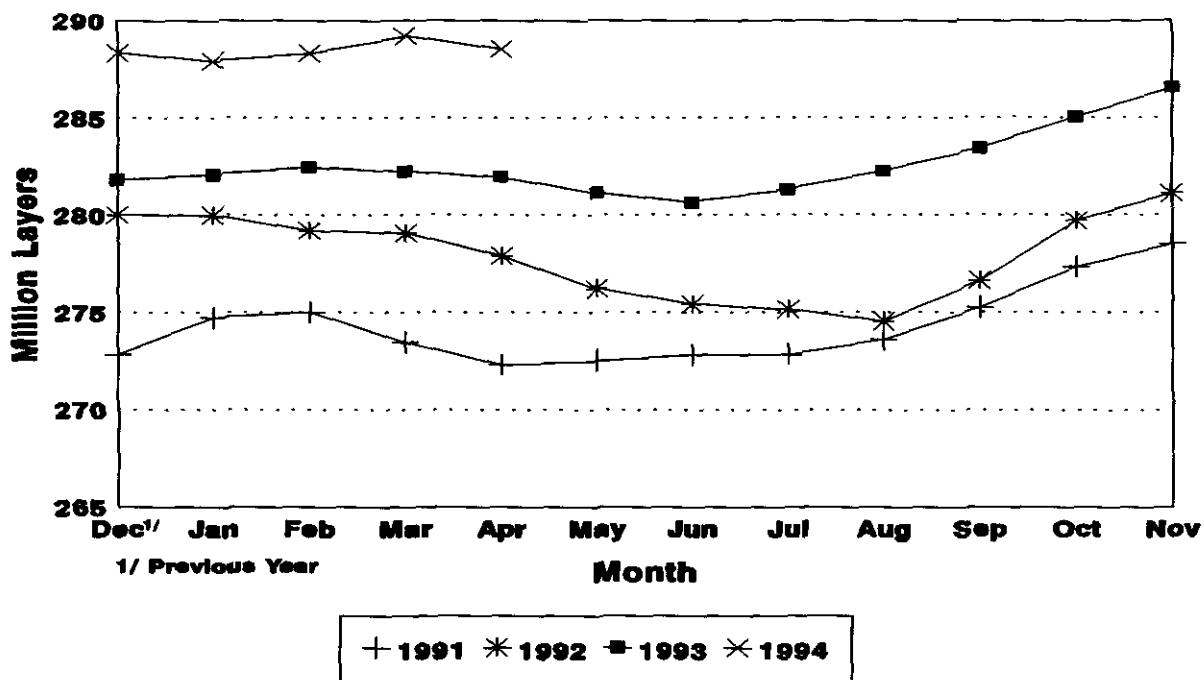
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April Egg Production Up 3 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.03 billion during April 1994, up 3 percent from the 5.86 billion produced a year ago. Production included 5.14 billion table eggs, 836 million broiler-type hatching eggs, and 59.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during April 1994 averaged 289 million, up 2 percent from the 282 million a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,090 eggs, compared with 2,078 in April 1993.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1991 - 94



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All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 1994 totaled, 288 million, compared with 281 million a year ago. The 288 million layers consisted of 237 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 47.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 1994, averaged 68.9 eggs per 100 layers, the same as last year.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 5.70 billion eggs during April. The number of layers during April averaged 272 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 4 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during April totaled 35.7 million, down 4 percent from April 1993. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 32.3 million on May 1, 1994, down 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 277,000 during April 1994, up 10 percent from the 251,000 of April 1993.

Broiler Hatch Up 5 Percent

The April 1994 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 629 million, was 5 percent above April of the previous year. There were 535 million **eggs in incubators** on May 1, 1994, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.10 million **broiler-type pullet chicks in domestic hatchery supply flocks** during April 1994, up 10 percent from April 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 <u>2/</u>	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	288,554
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. 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	2,171	101
Table Egg Type	2,209	2,243	102
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	6,279	103
Table Egg Type	5,214	5,364	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	72.9	102
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/ Revised.

2/ Data not available.

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

Item	1993	1994 <u>1/</u>	1994 as % of 1993
Layers During Apr (1,000)			
All Layers	281,984	288,554	102
Table Egg Type	235,283	238,135	101
Hatching Egg Type	46,701	50,419	108
Broiler-Type Hatching	43,709	47,653	109
Egg-Type Hatching	2,992	2,766	92
Eggs per 100 Layers During Apr (Number)			
All Layers	2,078	2,090	101
Table Egg Type	2,133	2,157	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,805	1,775	98
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,780	1,754	99
Egg-Type Hatching	2,172	2,133	98
Eggs Produced During Apr (Million)			
All Layers	5,861	6,032	103
Table Egg Type	5,018	5,137	102
Hatching Egg Type	843	895	106
Broilers-Type Hatching	778	836	107
Egg-Type Hatching	65	59	91
Layers on May 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	281,468	287,555	102
Table Egg Type	234,634	236,957	101
Hatching Egg Type	46,834	50,598	108
Broiler-Type Hatching	43,815	47,872	109
Egg-Type Hatching	3,019	2,726	90
Eggs per 100 Layers on May 1 (Number)			
All Layers	68.9	68.9	100
Table Egg Type	70.5	70.9	101
Hatching Egg Type	60.7	59.8	98
Broiler-Type Hatching	59.9	58.8	98
Egg-Type Hatching	72.7	76.1	105
Forced Molt Layers, May 1			
Percent Being Molted	<u>2/</u>	5.5	
Percent with Molt Completed	<u>2/</u>	20.1	

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Data not available.

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

Item	1993 <u>2/</u>	1994 <u>3/</u>	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		2,173	
Table Egg Type		2,245	
Hatching Egg Type		1,827	
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,804	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,215	
Eggs Produced During Mar (Million)			
All Layers		5,934	
Table Egg Type		5,075	
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		70.6	
Table Egg Type		73.0	
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	

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, April-May, 30 Selected States, 1993-94 ^{1/}

Item	1993 ^{2/}	1994 ^{3/}	1994 as % of 1993
Layers During Apr (1,000)			
All Layers		272,296	
Table Egg Type		225,054	
Hatching Egg Type		47,242	
Broiler-Type Hatching		44,641	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,601	
Eggs per 100 Layers During Apr (Number)			
All Layers		2,091	
Table Egg Type		2,159	
Hatching Egg Type		1,772	
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,750	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,153	
Eggs Produced During Apr (Million)			
All Layers		5,696	
Table Egg Type		4,859	
Hatching Egg Type		837	
Broilers-Type Hatching		781	
Egg-Type Hatching		56	
Layers on May 1 (1,000)			
All Layers		271,195	
Table Egg Type		223,858	
Hatching Egg Type		47,337	
Broiler-Type Hatching		44,785	
Egg-Type Hatching		2,552	
Eggs per 100 Layers on May 1 (Number)			
All Layers		68.9	
Table Egg Type		70.9	
Hatching Egg Type		59.6	
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.7	
Egg-Type Hatching		75.7	
Forced Molt Layers, May 1			
Percent Being Molted		5.5	
Percent with Molt Completed		20.1	
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, May 1 (1,000)		77,411	
Pullets Added During Apr (1,000)		20,351	
Layers Sold During Apr (1,000)		16,652	
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Apr (1,000)		2,665	

^{1/} Preliminary.

^{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 March 1993-94 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in :				Eggs per 100 for	
	Flocks 30,000 and Above:		All Layers <u>3/</u>		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	2,021	
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>	2,173	
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	2,171	

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 April 1993-94 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in :		Flocks 30,000 and Above:		Eggs per 100 for	
	1993 <u>2/</u>	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000				Number	
AL	5,094	10,649	11,571	1,897	1,962	
AR	7,083	16,164	17,016	1,881	1,863	
CA	23,761	25,851	24,396	2,073	2,095	
CO	2,684	<u>2/</u>	3,250	<u>2/</u>	2,000	
CT	3,400	3,679	3,607	2,229	2,135	
FL	8,735	9,684	9,580	2,127	2,192	
GA	10,888	18,418	18,620	1,976	2,041	
HI	743	868	822	2,040	2,007	
IL	2,970	<u>2/</u>	3,151	<u>2/</u>	2,158	
IN	19,921	19,683	20,817	2,139	2,128	
IA	13,620	13,325	14,400	2,056	2,160	
ME	5,022	4,138	5,201	2,247	2,250	
MD	2,617	<u>2/</u>	3,134	<u>2/</u>	2,106	
MI	4,892	5,050	5,200	2,130	2,178	
MN	9,593	10,730	10,456	2,088	2,142	
MS	2,654	6,068	6,527	2,044	1,976	
MO	6,008	6,508	6,653	2,136	2,044	
NE	7,625	<u>2/</u>	7,775	<u>2/</u>	2,094	
NY	3,427	3,850	3,768	2,234	2,256	
NC	6,520	13,414	13,873	1,923	1,889	
OH	20,299	18,850	20,750	2,212	2,231	
OK	2,000	<u>2/</u>	3,570	<u>2/</u>	1,793	
OR	2,539	<u>2/</u>	2,738	<u>2/</u>	2,191	
PA	19,170	21,220	20,541	2,215	2,239	
SC	4,091	4,931	5,116	2,129	2,209	
SD	1,728	<u>2/</u>	2,005	<u>2/</u>	2,139	
TX	12,607	14,526	15,801	1,996	2,025	
VA	1,555	<u>2/</u>	3,860	<u>2/</u>	1,943	
WA	4,582	4,625	4,836	2,249	2,213	
WI	2,755	<u>2/</u>	3,262	<u>2/</u>	2,177	
30 Sts	218,584	<u>2/</u>	272,296	<u>2/</u>	2,092	
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	11,677	<u>2/</u>	16,258	<u>2/</u>	2,067	
US	230,261	281,984	288,554	2,078	2,090	

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,
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	130	69	62	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>	5,934	<u>3/</u>	5,075	<u>3/</u>	859
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	<u>3/</u>	345	<u>3/</u>	289	<u>3/</u>	56
US	6,067	6,279	5,214	5,364	853	915

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,
April 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	202	227	93	113	109	114
AR	304	317	146	148	158	169
CA	536	511				
CO	<u>3/</u>	65				
CT	82	77				
FL	206	210	192	193	14	17
GA	364	380	234	240	130	140
HI	17	16	17	16	0	0
IL	<u>3/</u>	68	<u>3/</u>	67	<u>3/</u>	1
IN	421	443	409	432	12	11
IA	274	311				
ME	93	117				
MD	<u>3/</u>	66	<u>3/</u>	58	<u>3/</u>	8
MI	107	113				
MN	224	224	215	215	9	9
MS	124	129	70	61	54	68
MO	139	136				
NE	<u>3/</u>	163	<u>3/</u>	163	<u>3/</u>	0
NY	86	85				
NC	258	262	141	143	117	119
OH	417	463				
OK	<u>3/</u>	64	<u>3/</u>	42	<u>3/</u>	22
OR	<u>3/</u>	60	<u>3/</u>	58	<u>3/</u>	2
PA	470	460	456	443	14	17
SC	105	113	90	95	15	18
SD	<u>3/</u>	43	<u>3/</u>	43	<u>3/</u>	0
TX	290	320	248	276	42	44
VA	<u>3/</u>	75	<u>3/</u>	39	<u>3/</u>	36
WA	104	107				
WI	<u>3/</u>	71				
30 Sts	<u>3/</u>	5,696	<u>3/</u>	4,859	<u>3/</u>	837
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	<u>3/</u>	336	<u>3/</u>	278	<u>3/</u>	58
US	5,861	6,032	5,018	5,137	843	895

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	<u>2/</u>	5.5	<u>2/</u>	20.1
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/

		May			
State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed		
	1993	1994	1993	1994	
		Percent			
AL	4.5	6.0	17.0	13.0	
AR	2.5	4.5	13.0	11.5	
CA	11.5	14.5	39.5	40.0	
CO	<u>2/</u>	6.0	<u>2/</u>	23.0	
CT	3.0	4.5	12.0	13.5	
FL	9.0	10.0	27.0	35.0	
GA	6.5	6.0	20.0	20.0	
HI	<u>2/</u>	5.5	<u>2/</u>	43.5	
IL	<u>2/</u>	3.0	<u>2/</u>	5.5	
IN	3.0	2.5	11.5	27.5	
IA	4.0	4.5	26.0	27.0	
ME	0.0	0.0	.5	1.0	
MD	<u>2/</u>	8.0	<u>2/</u>	22.0	
MI	6.5	4.5	15.0	12.0	
MN	7.5	4.0	30.0	31.5	
MS	3.0	3.0	26.0	17.0	
MO	2.5	9.5	27.0	16.0	
NE	<u>2/</u>	5.0	<u>2/</u>	15.0	
NY	4.0	2.0	10.0	6.0	
NC	4.0	3.5	19.0	13.0	
OH	3.0	1.5	9.0	9.0	
OK	<u>2/</u>	.5	<u>2/</u>	5.0	
OR	<u>2/</u>	.5	<u>2/</u>	27.0	
PA	3.0	4.5	19.5	10.5	
SC	8.5	2.0	35.0	22.0	
SD	<u>2/</u>	9.0	<u>2/</u>	39.0	
TX	5.5	7.0	29.0	20.0	
VA	<u>2/</u>	5.0	<u>2/</u>	16.0	
WA	7.5	11.5	33.5	40.0	
WI	<u>2/</u>	7.0	<u>2/</u>	21.5	
30 Sts <u>3/</u>	5.2	5.5	21.7	20.1	
Oth Sts <u>4/</u>	<u>2/</u>	4.7	<u>2/</u>	19.3	
US	<u>2/</u>	5.5	<u>2/</u>	20.1	

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, April-May 1993-94

Item	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on May 1	34,515	32,316	94
Chicks Hatched During Apr	37,143	35,718	96
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Apr	144,211	132,925	92
Pullets Placed in Hatchery			
Supply Flocks During Apr	251	277	110
7-18 Month Earlier <u>1/</u>	2,655	2,787	105
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on May 1	511,366	534,959	105
Chicks Hatched During Apr	600,669	629,180	105
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Apr	2,369,962	2,447,687	103
Pullets Placed in Hatchery			
Supply Flocks During Apr	5,531	6,101	110
7-14 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>	41,133	43,943	107

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

2/ 1994 includes pullet chicks placed Feb 1993 through Sep 1993.

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

Geographic Division	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	5,566	5,858	105
E North Central	9,230	8,973	97
W North Central	6,118	5,509	90
South Atlantic	5,852	4,903	84
South Central	3,115	3,379	108
West	4,634	3,694	80
US	34,515	32,316	94

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,
April 1993-94

State	April			Jan-Apr		
	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AR	1,129	1,202	106	4,788	4,930	103
FL	1,699	1,009	59	6,181	4,051	66
GA	2,702	2,183	81	9,824	6,280	64
IN	6,786	7,459	110	26,119	25,790	99
IA	2,898	2,489	86	10,411	9,372	90
KS	380	394	104	1,419	997	70
MN	1,839	1,974	107	7,455	8,139	109
MO	750	717	96	2,670	2,141	80
PA	4,418	4,901	111	17,962	18,186	101
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	14,542	13,390	92	57,382	53,039	92
US	37,143	35,718	96	144,211	132,925	92

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	35,718	96	136,691	144,211	132,925	92
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	277	110	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	2,870
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 Apr 1994, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Oct 1992 through Sep 1993.

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

Geographic Division	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
		----- 1,000 -----	
North Atlantic	11,005	11,427	104
E North Central	6,399	6,888	108
W North Central	12,277	14,266	116
South Atlantic	205,030	212,990	104
South Central	254,752	266,909	105
West	21,903	22,479	103
US	511,366	534,959	105

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

State	April			Jan-Apr		
	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
AL	85,427	88,617	104	342,031	349,503	102
AR	101,451	103,484	102	401,278	406,179	101
DE	16,356	15,157	93	62,964	59,730	95
FL	12,543	11,825	94	50,207	49,092	98
GA	80,367	87,975	109	325,671	343,667	106
MD	35,991	35,193	98	137,546	138,272	101
MS	43,714	50,611	116	169,991	194,616	114
NC	56,405	58,786	104	227,914	228,209	100
PA	10,408	11,706	112	41,343	45,380	110
SC	12,836	15,372	120	45,885	58,453	127
TX	35,067	34,325	98	138,073	137,789	100
VA	17,917	18,715	104	72,557	73,933	102
CA TN & WV	30,568	32,975	108	119,960	126,429	105
15 Sts <u>1/</u>	539,050	564,741	105	2,135,420	2,211,252	104
OR & WA	6,264	5,900	94	21,999	23,378	106
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	55,355	58,539	106	212,543	213,057	100
US	600,669	629,180	105	2,369,962	2,447,687	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	629,180	105	2,280,286	2,369,962	2,447,687	103
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	6,101	110	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	45,729
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	7,234	113			
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 Apr 1994, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Feb 1993 through Sep 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.

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