

Chickens and Eggs



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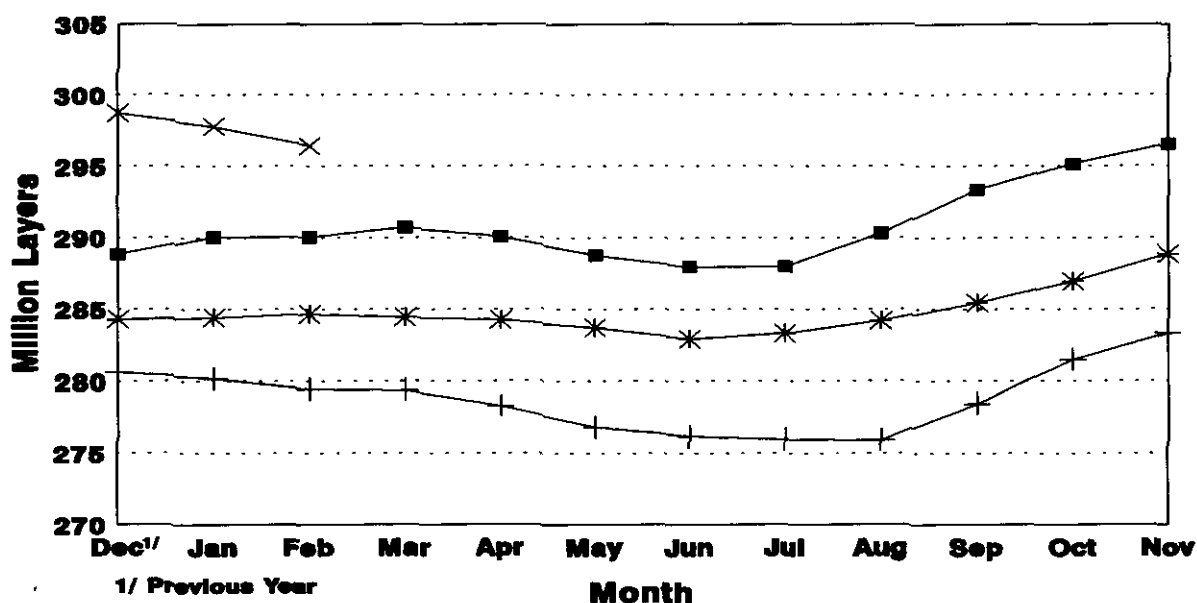
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February Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 5.72 billion during February 1995, up 2 percent from the 5.60 billion produced February 1994. Production included 4.86 billion table eggs and 864 million hatching egg type, of which 804 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 1995 averaged 296 million, up 2 percent from the 290 million during February 1994. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,929 eggs, compared with 1,930 in February 1994.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1992 - 95



+ 1992 * 1993 ■ 1994 × 1995

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All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 1995, totaled 296 million, compared with 290 million a year ago. The 296 million layers consisted of 244 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 49.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 1995, averaged 69.6 eggs per 100 layers, the same as a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 5.40 billion eggs during February, up 2 percent from February 1994. The average number of layers during February, at 280 million, was also up 2 percent from the year earlier.

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 95 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 Up 2 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during February totaled 31.7 million, up 2 percent from February 1994. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 32.3 million on March 1, 1995, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 251,000 during February 1995, up 35 percent from the 186,000 of February 1994.

Broiler Hatch Up 7 Percent

The February 1995 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 599 million, was 7 percent above February of the previous year. There were 550 million **eggs in incubators** on March 1, 1995, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.48 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during February 1995, down 1 percent from February 1994.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month.
United States, 1992-1995 1/

Month :	1992	:	1993	:	1994	:	1995
	1,000 Layers						
Dec <u>2/</u> :	280,572		284,267		288,832		298,709
Jan :	280,171		284,398		290,041		297,805
Feb :	279,450		284,638		290,047		296,440
Mar :	279,373		284,405		290,719		
Apr :	278,284		284,234		290,073		
May :	276,790		283,694		288,784		
Jun :	276,142		282,914		287,974		
Jul :	275,953		283,324		287,990		
Aug :	275,891		284,192		290,321		
Sep :	278,461		285,418		293,381		
Oct :	281,573		286,948		295,172		
Nov :	283,305		288,875		296,547		

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, January-February 1994-95

Item	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Jan (1,000)			
All Layers	290,041	297,805	103
Table Egg Type	240,692	245,584	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,349	52,221	106
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,526	49,436	106
Egg-Type Hatching	2,823	2,785	99
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jan (Number)			
All Layers	2,133	2,140	100
Table Egg Type	2,199	2,206	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,810	1,831	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,788	1,802	101
Egg-Type Hatching	2,161	2,334	108
Eggs Produced During Jan (Million)			
All Layers	6,186	6,374	103
Table Egg Type	5,293	5,418	102
Hatching Egg Type	893	956	107
Broilers-Type Hatching	832	891	107
Egg-Type Hatching	61	65	107
Layers on Feb 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	289,625	296,705	102
Table Egg Type	240,057	244,281	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,568	52,424	106
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,724	49,645	106
Egg-Type Hatching	2,844	2,779	98
Eggs per 100 Layers on Feb 1 (Number)			
All Layers	68.1	68.0	100
Table Egg Type	70.1	70.0	100
Hatching Egg Type	58.6	58.6	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	57.7	57.6	100
Egg-Type Hatching	72.9	75.5	104
Forced Molt Layers, Feb 1			
Percent Being Molted	5.4	6.4	119
Percent with Molt Completed	21.4	23.6	110

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt. United States, February-March 1994-95

Item	1994	1995 ^{1/}	1995 as % of 1994
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Layers During Feb (1,000)			
All Layers	290,047	296,440	102
Table Egg Type	240,294	244,194	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,753	52,246	105
Broiler-Type Hatching	46,875	49,443	105
Egg-Type Hatching	2,878	2,803	97
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb (Number)			
All Layers	1,930	1,929	100
Table Egg Type	1,987	1,988	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,654	1,654	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,630	1,626	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,050	2,141	104
Eggs Produced During Feb (Million)			
All Layers	5,598	5,719	102
Table Egg Type	4,775	4,855	102
Hatching Egg Type	823	864	105
Broilers-Type Hatching	764	804	105
Egg-Type Hatching	59	60	102
Layers on Mar 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	290,416	296,128	102
Table Egg Type	240,507	244,086	101
Hatching Egg Type	49,909	52,042	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	47,013	49,226	105
Egg-Type Hatching	2,896	2,816	97
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.6	69.6	100
Table Egg Type	71.8	71.9	100
Hatching Egg Type	59.3	58.9	99
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.4	57.9	99
Egg-Type Hatching	75.2	75.3	100
Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1			
Percent Being Molted	3.7	4.8	130
Percent with Molt Completed	21.1	24.0	114

^{1/} Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, January-February, 30 Selected States, 1994-95

Item	1994	1995 ^{1/}	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Jan (1,000)			
All Layers	273,529	281,192	103
Table Egg Type	227,278	232,298	102
Hatching Egg Type	46,251	48,894	106
Broiler-Type Hatching	43,627	46,211	106
Egg-Type Hatching	2,624	2,683	102
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jan (Number)			
All Layers	2,134	2,143	100
Table Egg Type	2,200	2,208	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,810	1,835	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,786	1,803	101
Egg-Type Hatching	2,210	2,385	108
Eggs Produced During Jan (Million)			
All Layers	5,836	6,025	103
Table Egg Type	4,999	5,128	103
Hatching Egg Type	837	897	107
Broilers-Type Hatching	779	833	107
Egg-Type Hatching	58	64	110
Layers on Feb 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	273,345	279,978	102
Table Egg Type	226,863	230,975	102
Hatching Egg Type	46,482	49,003	105
Broiler-Type Hatching	43,854	46,327	106
Egg-Type Hatching	2,628	2,676	102
Eggs per 100 Layers on Feb 1 (Number)			
All Layers	68.1	68.0	100
Table Egg Type	70.1	70.0	100
Hatching Egg Type	58.5	58.7	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	57.6	57.7	100
Egg-Type Hatching	73.2	75.6	103
Forced Molt Layers, Feb 1			
Percent Being Molted	5.3	6.5	123
Percent with Molt Completed	21.4	23.8	111
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Feb 1 (1,000)	74,641	70,731	95
Pullets Added During Jan (1,000)	18,458	18,382	100
Layers Sold During Jan (1,000)	15,763	16,927	107
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jan (1,000)	2,535	2,818	111

^{1/} 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, February-March, 30 Selected States, 1994-95 1/

Item	1994	1995 <u>2/</u>	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Feb (1,000)			
All Layers	273,820	279,746	102
Table Egg Type	227,106	230,930	102
Hatching Egg Type	46,714	48,816	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	44,037	46,113	105
Egg-Type Hatching	2,677	2,703	101
Eggs per 100 Layers During Feb (Number)			
All Layers	1,930	1,930	100
Table Egg Type	1,986	1,988	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,657	1,655	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,630	1,624	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,092	2,183	104
Eggs Produced During Feb (Million)			
All Layers	5,284	5,399	102
Table Egg Type	4,510	4,591	102
Hatching Egg Type	774	808	104
Broilers-Type Hatching	718	749	104
Egg-Type Hatching	56	59	105
Layers on Mar 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	274,258	279,477	102
Table Egg Type	227,336	230,871	102
Hatching Egg Type	46,922	48,606	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	44,209	45,887	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,713	2,719	100
Eggs per 100 Layers on Mar 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.6	69.6	100
Table Egg Type	71.7	71.9	100
Hatching Egg Type	59.1	58.9	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.3	57.9	99
Egg-Type Hatching	73.0	75.2	103
Forced Molt Layers, Mar 1			
Percent Being Molted	3.7	4.8	130
Percent with Molt Completed	21.0	24.1	115
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Mar 1 (1,000)	73,488	70,218	96
Pullets Added During Feb (1,000)	20,068	19,417	97
Layers Sold During Feb (1,000)	14,039	14,765	105
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Feb (1,000)	2,447	3,020	123

1/ Preliminary.

2/ 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 January 1994-95

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above				Eggs per 100 for All Layers <u>1/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000				Number	
AL	4,988	4,614	11,550	11,525	1,974	1,952
AR	7,232	6,354	17,036	16,498	1,873	1,897
CA	25,601	25,961	26,363	26,565	2,090	2,108
CO	2,704	2,628	3,246	3,206	2,002	2,152
CT	3,581	3,390	3,784	3,574	2,273	2,210
FL	9,175	8,856	10,032	9,448	2,223	2,202
GA	11,544	10,438	19,207	18,161	2,124	2,065
HI	745	745	821	794	1,987	2,040
IL	2,842	2,689	3,017	2,901	1,989	2,378
IN	20,397	21,132	21,274	22,058	2,172	2,190
IA	13,515	14,700	14,250	15,575	2,189	2,177
ME	4,735	4,790	4,920	4,953	2,317	2,342
MD	2,746	2,771	3,323	3,397	2,197	2,267
MI	4,968	5,054	5,278	5,351	2,251	2,244
MN	9,495	10,215	10,370	11,036	2,093	2,220
MS	2,610	2,422	6,240	6,533	1,955	1,990
MO	6,150	6,003	6,588	6,828	2,095	2,197
NE	7,625	8,950	7,775	9,100	2,083	2,275
NY	3,467	3,492	3,809	3,819	2,337	2,357
NC	6,680	6,383	13,698	13,950	2,000	1,928
OH	19,223	22,381	19,661	22,661	2,279	2,237
OK	1,980	1,940	3,535	3,725	1,839	2,040
OR	2,397	2,416	2,597	2,604	2,233	2,227
PA	19,225	20,375	20,500	21,785	2,298	2,277
SC	4,037	4,010	4,965	5,035	2,175	2,244
SD	1,770	1,570	2,055	1,815	2,430	2,062
TX	12,401	12,413	15,501	15,656	2,142	2,069
VA	1,557	1,705	3,926	3,902	1,961	1,973
WA	4,681	4,975	4,918	5,239	2,338	2,367
WI	2,739	2,965	3,290	3,498	2,249	2,087
30 Sts	220,810	226,337	273,529	281,192	2,134	2,143
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	11,905	11,886	16,512	16,613	2,114	2,101
US	232,715	238,223	290,041	297,805	2,133	2,140

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

2/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During February 1994-95 1/

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above :		All Layers <u>2/</u> :		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <u>2/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000				Number	
AL	5,015	4,620	11,626	11,511	1,763	1,764
AR	7,318	6,191	17,228	16,224	1,678	1,707
CA	24,907	25,515	25,619	26,100	1,913	1,893
CO	2,742	2,624	3,290	3,173	1,793	1,986
CT	3,490	3,286	3,695	3,472	2,030	2,016
FL	9,250	8,591	10,128	9,203	1,965	1,999
GA	11,401	10,368	19,074	18,075	1,908	1,826
HI	750	731	830	776	1,848	1,868
IL	2,794	2,703	2,963	2,909	1,789	2,097
IN	20,340	20,823	21,241	21,731	2,039	2,016
IA	13,765	14,620	14,500	15,500	1,986	1,961
ME	4,809	4,753	4,993	4,911	2,103	2,118
MD	2,612	3,025	3,226	3,622	1,984	1,988
MI	4,896	5,107	5,203	5,400	2,047	2,066
MN	9,528	10,270	10,419	11,106	1,910	1,981
MS	2,619	2,359	6,335	6,431	1,752	1,742
MO	6,150	5,935	6,696	6,790	1,912	1,900
NE	7,650	8,850	7,800	9,000	1,890	2,072
NY	3,480	3,510	3,819	3,852	2,095	2,129
NC	6,600	6,388	13,631	14,041	1,805	1,716
OH	19,637	22,246	20,054	22,531	2,039	2,019
OK	1,975	1,955	3,560	3,725	1,685	1,826
OR	2,476	2,350	2,680	2,543	1,940	2,045
PA	19,300	20,355	20,615	21,765	2,066	2,068
SC	4,065	4,024	5,013	5,049	1,995	2,020
SD	1,728	1,508	2,005	1,743	2,170	1,882
TX	12,440	12,520	15,500	15,801	1,910	1,873
VA	1,590	1,707	3,888	3,845	1,800	1,795
WA	4,597	5,139	4,834	5,411	2,151	2,070
WI	2,811	2,970	3,355	3,506	1,997	1,882
30 Sts	220,735	225,043	273,820	279,746	1,930	1,930
Oth Sts <u>3/</u>	11,701	11,864	16,227	16,694	1,929	1,917
US	232,436	236,907	290,047	296,440	1,930	1,929

1/ 1995 preliminary.

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

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
January 1994-95

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <u>1/</u>		Hatching Eggs <u>1/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Million Eggs					
AL	228	225	111	102	117	123
AR	319	313	154	134	165	179
CA	551	560				
CO	65	69				
CT	86	79				
FL	223	208	206	198	17	10
GA	408	375	267	230	141	145
HI	16	16	16	16	0	0
IL	60	69	59	67	1	2
IN	462	483	452	472	10	11
IA	312	339				
ME	114	116				
MD	73	77	63	66	10	11
MI	119	120				
MN	217	245	208	236	9	9
MS	122	130	56	55	66	75
MO	138	150				
NE	162	207	162	207	0	0
NY	89	90				
NC	274	269	155	142	119	127
OH	448	507				
OK	65	76	43	48	22	28
OR	58	58	56	56	2	2
PA	471	496	456	478	15	18
SC	108	113	91	94	17	19
SD	50	37	50	37	0	0
TX	332	324	288	277	44	47
VA	77	77	37	37	40	40
WA	115	124				
WI	74	73				
30 Sts	5.836	6.025	4.999	5.128	837	897
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	350	349	294	290	56	59
US	6.186	6.374	5.293	5.418	893	956

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

2/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
February 1994-95 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <u>2/</u>		Hatching Eggs <u>2/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Million Eggs					
AL	205	203	98	92	107	111
AR	289	277	138	120	151	157
CA	490	494				
CO	59	63				
CT	75	70				
FL	199	184	183	174	16	10
GA	364	330	237	199	127	131
HI	15	15	15	15	0	0
IL	53	61	52	60	1	1
IN	433	438	423	428	10	10
IA	288	304				
ME	105	104				
MD	64	72	55	63	9	9
MI	106	111				
MN	199	220	190	211	9	9
MS	111	112	51	45	60	67
MO	128	129				
NE	147	186	147	186	0	0
NY	80	82				
NC	246	241	137	124	109	117
OH	409	455				
OK	60	68	38	43	22	25
OR	52	52	50	50	2	2
PA	426	450	411	434	15	16
SC	100	102	84	85	16	17
SD	44	33	44	33	0	0
TX	296	296	256	252	40	44
VA	70	69	32	34	38	35
WA	104	112				
WI	67	66				
30 Sts	5,284	5,399	4,510	4,591	774	808
Oth Sts <u>3/</u>	314	320	265	264	49	56
US	5,598	5,719	4,775	4,855	823	864

1/ 1995 preliminary.

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

3/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month.
United States, 1994-95 1/

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Percent			
Jan	4.5	4.6	22.4	23.8
Feb	5.4	6.4	21.4	23.6
Mar	3.7	4.8	21.1	24.0
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

1/ As of first of month.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, 1994-95 1/

State	March			
	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Percent			
AL	2.5	5.0	16.0	13.0
AR	4.0	2.5	12.0	10.5
CA	6.0	9.5	45.0	43.5
CO	5.0	2.0	23.0	25.0
CT	3.0	3.5	14.5	11.5
FL	4.5	20.5	35.0	30.0
GA	2.5	4.0	19.5	20.5
HI	4.0	6.5	37.0	50.0
IL	11.0	8.0	21.0	22.5
IN	1.5	1.0	19.5	34.0
IA	6.0	3.5	25.0	33.0
ME	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
MD	2.0	3.5	17.5	23.5
MI	2.0	2.5	16.0	13.0
MN	6.0	6.5	29.0	24.5
MS	5.0	2.5	17.5	17.0
MO	1.5	3.0	14.0	20.5
NE	5.0	5.5	15.0	23.0
NY	1.0	2.0	4.5	10.0
NC	2.5	2.5	16.0	18.0
OH	1.0	3.0	10.0	16.0
OK	2.0	1.5	6.0	18.0
OR	5.5	12.0	21.5	32.5
PA	3.0	2.0	12.0	22.0
SC	5.0	8.5	17.0	28.0
SD	15.5	2.0	34.5	49.0
TX	5.5	4.5	28.0	25.5
VA	2.5	12.0	13.0	17.0
WA	4.0	8.5	46.0	38.5
WI	5.5	8.0	29.0	27.0
30 Sts	3.7	4.8	21.0	24.1
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	2.9	4.4	22.4	21.6
US	3.7	4.8	21.1	24.0

1/ As of first of month.

2/ Estimates for individual States are not available.

Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators, Chicks Hatched,
and Placements by Type, United States, February-March 1994-95

Item	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	1,000		Percent
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Mar 1	28,546	32,320	113
Chicks Hatched During Feb	31,056	31,693	102
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Feb	63,872	63,220	99
Pullets Hatched During Mar for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	186	251	135
7-18 Month Earlier <u>1/</u>	2,812	2,937	104
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Mar 1	521,134	549,742	105
Chicks Hatched During Feb	557,767	598,962	107
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Feb	1,175,473	1,260,351	107
Pullets Hatched During Mar for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	5,518	5,481	99
7-14 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>	43,906	47,859	109

1/ 1995 includes pullet chicks hatched Aug 1993 through Jul 1994.

2/ 1995 includes pullet chicks hatched Dec 1993 through Jul 1994.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
March 1, 1994-95

Geographic Division	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	4,860	4,369	90
E North Central	6,938	8,551	123
W North Central	4,357	5,079	117
South Atlantic	3,869	5,337	138
South Central	3,736	4,468	120
West	4,786	4,516	94
US	28,546	32,320	113

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,
February 1994-95

State	February			Jan-Feb		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AR	1,352	1,060	78	2,542	2,139	84
FL	1,002	1,026	102	1,981	2,096	106
GA	1,222	1,620	133	2,710	3,434	127
IN	6,196	6,299	102	12,223	13,181	108
IA	2,211	2,369	107	4,573	4,885	107
KS	124	258	208	276	497	180
MN	2,199	2,215	101	4,375	3,898	89
MO	395	346	88	878	669	76
PA	4,044	3,356	83	8,785	6,603	75
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	12,311	13,144	107	25,529	25,818	101
US	31,056	31,693	102	63,872	63,220	99

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1993-95

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	1993	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1993	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----			Percent
Jan	34,852	32,816	31,527	96	34,852	32,816	31,527	96
Feb	33,984	31,056	31,693	102	68,836	63,872	63,220	99
Mar	38,232	33,335			107,068	97,207		
Apr	37,143	35,718			144,211	132,925		
May	36,741	35,179			180,952	168,104		
Jun	35,587	31,916			216,539	200,020		
Jul	33,980	30,260			250,519	230,280		
Aug	31,455	31,518			281,974	261,798		
Sep	31,775	30,855			313,749	292,653		
Oct	31,634	31,764			345,383	324,417		
Nov	30,073	25,432			375,456	349,849		
Dec	30,446	28,575			405,902	378,424		

Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1993-95 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			1995 as % of 1994	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>		
	1993	1994	1995		1993	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----		
Jan	193	197	236	120	2,529	2,806	2,916
Feb	119	186	251	135	2,553	2,812	2,937
Mar	268	259			2,604	2,754	3,027
Apr	251	277			2,655	2,787	3,072
May	275	334			2,637	2,801	3,091
Jun	267	254			2,696	2,690	3,156
Jul	243	264			2,738	2,782	3,013
Aug	219	309			2,750	2,786	3,052
Sep	270	315			2,596	2,853	3,117
Oct	251	270			2,678	2,844	
Nov	158	223			2,751	2,870	
Dec	268	125			2,764	2,929	
Total	2,782	3,013					

- 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 February 1995, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Aug 1993 through Jul 1994.

Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region
and United States, March 1, 1994-95

Geographic Division	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
			Percent
	----- 1,000 -----		
North Atlantic	11,822	11,655	99
E North Central	5,600	8,408	150
W North Central	11,564	16,132	140
South Atlantic	209,190	217,804	104
South Central	260,948	273,321	105
West	22,010	22,422	102
US	521,134	549,742	105

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: Number by State
and United States, February 1994-95

State	February			Jan-Feb		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
AL	80,817	85,011	105	169,719	179,626	106
AR	93,238	93,942	101	196,271	197,597	101
DE	13,790	15,356	111	29,027	32,439	112
FL	11,547	8,370	72	24,015	17,731	74
GA	77,751	86,655	111	165,465	182,681	110
MD	31,290	28,294	90	67,139	60,942	91
MS	43,932	49,284	112	93,136	105,126	113
NC	50,562	55,270	109	108,748	117,385	108
PA	10,308	9,857	96	21,803	21,101	97
SC	13,334	14,386	108	27,642	29,451	107
TX	31,720	34,013	107	67,524	71,685	106
VA	17,244	21,952	127	36,283	45,802	126
CA TN & WV	28,967	29,471	102	60,873	63,712	105
15 Sts <u>1/</u>	504,500	531,861	105	1,067,645	1,125,278	105
OR & WA	5,335	4,972	93	11,098	10,481	94
Oth Sts <u>2/</u>	47,932	62,129	130	96,730	124,592	129
US	557,767	598,962	107	1,175,473	1,260,351	107

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, 1993-95

Month	By Months			Cumulative				
	1993	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1993	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	1,000			Percent	1,000			Percent
Jan	598,698	617,706	661,389	107	598,698	617,706	661,389	107
Feb	547,731	557,767	598,962	107	1,146,429	1,175,473	1,260,351	107
Mar	622,864	643,034			1,769,293	1,818,507		
Apr	600,669	629,180			2,369,962	2,447,687		
May	634,205	661,046			3,004,167	3,108,733		
Jun	619,301	645,998			3,623,468	3,754,731		
Jul	618,808	650,087			4,242,276	4,404,818		
Aug	612,180	658,127			4,854,456	5,062,945		
Sep	582,580	629,950			5,437,036	5,692,895		
Oct	583,979	621,204			6,021,015	6,314,099		
Nov	575,055	596,783			6,596,070	6,910,882		
Dec	623,255	658,456			7,219,325	7,569,338		

Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 1993-95 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			1995 as % of 1994	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-14 Months Earlier <u>2/</u>		
	1993	1994	1995		1993	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----		
US Place- ments							
Jan	5,664	5,989	5,748	96	40,202	42,665	47,272
Feb	4,549	5,518	5,481	99	40,819	43,906	47,859
Mar	5,678	6,301			40,908	44,486	48,254
Apr	5,531	6,101			41,133	43,943	48,601
May	5,944	6,266			41,866	44,907	49,425
Jun	5,568	5,911			41,358	44,746	48,943
Jul	5,967	6,104			40,871	44,884	49,255
Aug	5,585	6,064			41,704	44,929	48,737
Sep	5,121	6,336			41,083	44,879	48,307
Oct	5,513	6,342			41,330	45,213	
Nov	5,517	5,819			41,780	45,729	
Dec	5,669	6,413			42,504	46,874	
Annual Total	66,306	73,164					
Total Place- ments ^{3/}							
Jan	7,098	7,168	7,038	98			
Feb	5,664	6,829	7,176	105			
Mar	6,909	7,544					
Apr	6,420	7,234					
May	7,182	7,394					
Jun	6,723	7,153					
Jul	7,114	7,146					
Aug	6,587	7,290					
Sep	6,177	7,545					
Oct	6,634	7,959					
Nov	6,718	7,251					
Dec	6,949	7,908					
Annual Total	80,175	88,421					

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 Feb 1995, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Dec 1993 through Jul 1994.

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

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