

Chickens and Eggs



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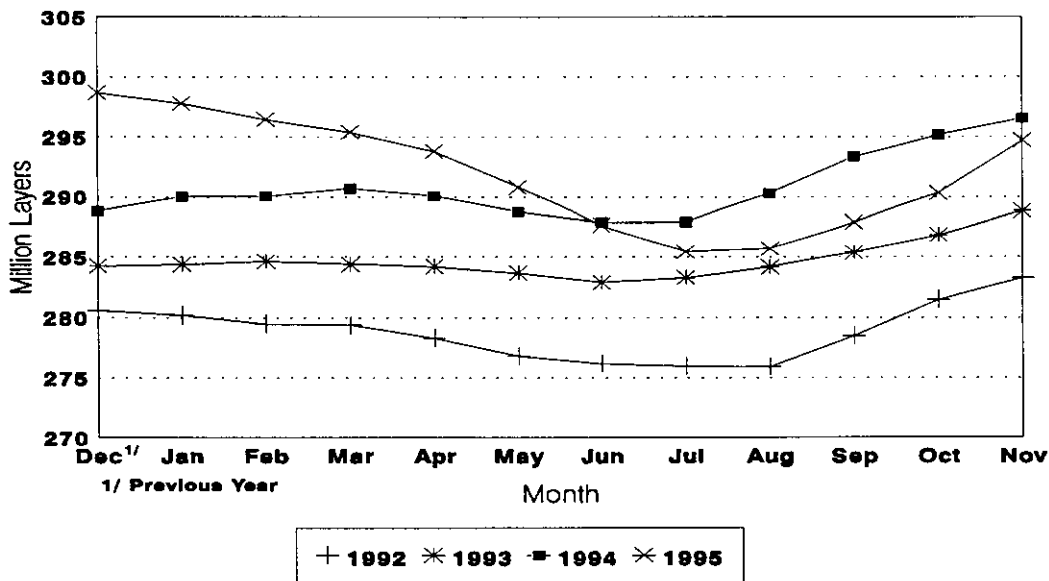
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November Egg Production Down 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.21 billion during November 1995, down 1 percent from the 6.27 billion produced November 1994. Production included 5.28 billion table eggs and 933 million hatching egg type, of which 878 million were broiler-type and 55.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 1995 averaged 295 million, down 1 percent from the average number of layers during November 1994. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,107 eggs, compared with 2,113 in November 1994.

Average Number of Layers United States, 1992 - 95



All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 1995, totaled 297 million, down slightly from a year ago. The 297 million layers consisted of 244 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 50.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 1995, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from the 70.7 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 5.87 billion eggs during November, down 1 percent from November 1994. The average number of layers during November, at 279 million, was also down 1 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 12 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during November totaled 28.5 million, up 12 percent from November 1994. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 28.4 million on December 1, 1995, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 124,000 during November 1995, down 44 percent from the 223,000 of November 1994.

Broiler Hatch Up 5 Percent

The November 1995 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 626 million, was 5 percent above November of the previous year. There were 571 million **eggs in incubators** on December 1, 1995, up 6 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.67 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during November 1995, up 15 percent from November 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 2/	280,572	284,267	288,832	298,709
Jan	280,171	284,398	290,041	297,805
Feb	279,450	284,638	290,047	296,477
Mar	279,373	284,405	290,719	295,422
Apr	278,284	284,234	290,073	293,824
May	276,790	283,694	288,784	290,837
Jun	276,142	282,914	287,974	287,755
Jul	275,953	283,324	287,990	285,470
Aug	275,891	284,192	290,321	285,717
Sep	278,461	285,418	293,381	287,989
Oct	281,573	286,948	295,172	290,349
Nov	283,305	288,875	296,547	294,722

1/ Data are for chart on cover page.

2/ December preceding year.

Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 1994-95

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
Million Eggs						
Dec 1/	6,264	6,519	5,388	5,568	876	951
Jan	6,186	6,374	5,293	5,418	893	956
Feb	5,598	5,720	4,775	4,856	823	864
Mar	6,320	6,448	5,404	5,490	916	958
Apr	6,073	6,173	5,177	5,234	896	939
May	6,189	6,244	5,249	5,264	940	980
Jun	5,992	5,997	5,085	5,047	907	950
Jul	6,205	6,132	5,269	5,166	936	966
Aug	6,272	6,130	5,336	5,175	936	955
Sep	6,125	5,976	5,218	5,049	907	927
Oct	6,377	6,237	5,446	5,278	931	959
Nov	6,265	6,209	5,358	5,276	907	933
During Year:	73,866	74,159	62,998	62,821	10,868	11,338

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, October-November 1994-95

Item	:	1994	:	1995	:	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Oct (1,000)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	295,172	:	290,349	:	98
Table Egg Type	:	244,497	:	238,274	:	97
Hatching Egg Type	:	50,675	:	52,075	:	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	47,943	:	49,387	:	103
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,732	:	2,688	:	98
Eggs per 100 Layers During Oct (Number)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	2,160	:	2,148	:	99
Table Egg Type	:	2,227	:	2,215	:	99
Hatching Egg Type	:	1,837	:	1,842	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	1,819	:	1,818	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,160	:	2,269	:	105
Eggs Produced During Oct (Million)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	6,377	:	6,237	:	98
Table Egg Type	:	5,446	:	5,278	:	97
Hatching Egg Type	:	931	:	959	:	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	872	:	898	:	103
Egg-Type Hatching	:	59	:	61	:	103
Layers on Nov 1 (1,000)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	295,719	:	292,068	:	99
Table Egg Type	:	245,207	:	239,987	:	98
Hatching Egg Type	:	50,512	:	52,081	:	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	47,839	:	49,445	:	103
Egg-Type Hatching	:	2,673	:	2,636	:	99
Eggs per 100 Layers on Nov 1 (Number)	:		:		:	
All Layers	:	70.0	:	69.4	:	99
Table Egg Type	:	72.2	:	71.7	:	99
Hatching Egg Type	:	59.3	:	59.2	:	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	:	58.5	:	58.4	:	100
Egg-Type Hatching	:	74.9	:	74.1	:	99
Forced Molt Layers, Nov 1	:		:		:	
Percent Being Molted	:	3.9	:	3.7	:	95
Percent with Molt Completed	:	24.0	:	24.0	:	100

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, November-December 1994-95

Item	:	1994	:	1995 1/	:	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Nov	(1,000)					
All Layers		296,547		294,722		99
Table Egg Type		245,795		242,225		98
Hatching Egg Type		50,752		52,497		103
Broiler-Type Hatching		48,054		49,921		104
Egg-Type Hatching		2,698		2,576		95
Eggs per 100 Layers During Nov	(Number)					
All Layers		2,113		2,107		100
Table Egg Type		2,180		2,178		100
Hatching Egg Type		1,787		1,777		99
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,765		1,759		100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,187		2,135		98
Eggs Produced During Nov	(Million)					
All Layers		6,265		6,209		99
Table Egg Type		5,358		5,276		98
Hatching Egg Type		907		933		103
Broiler-Type Hatching		848		878		104
Egg-Type Hatching		59		55		93
Layers on Dec 1	(1,000)					
All Layers		298,509		297,332		100
Table Egg Type		247,537		244,440		99
Hatching Egg Type		50,972		52,892		104
Broiler-Type Hatching		48,255		50,385		104
Egg-Type Hatching		2,717		2,507		92
Eggs per 100 Layers on Dec 1	(Number)					
All Layers		70.7		71.0		100
Table Egg Type		72.9		73.5		101
Hatching Egg Type		59.7		59.2		99
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.8		58.5		99
Egg-Type Hatching		75.1		73.3		98
Forced Molt Layers, Dec 1						
Percent Being Molted		3.5		2.2		63
Percent with Molt Completed		25.1		25.5		102

1/ Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, October-November, 30 Selected States, 1994-95 1/

Item	:	1994	:	1995	:	1995 as % of 1994

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Layers During Oct	(1,000)					
All Layers		278,947		274,349		98
Table Egg Type		231,455		225,680		98
Hatching Egg Type		47,492		48,669		102
Broiler-Type Hatching		44,873		46,072		103
Egg-Type Hatching		2,619		2,597		99
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Eggs per 100 Layers During Oct	(Number)					
All Layers		2,158		2,151		100
Table Egg Type		2,225		2,219		100
Hatching Egg Type		1,832		1,837		100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,812		1,812		100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,176		2,272		104
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Eggs Produced During Oct	(Million)					
All Layers		6,019		5,902		98
Table Egg Type		5,149		5,008		97
Hatching Egg Type		870		894		103
Broiler-Type Hatching		813		835		103
Egg-Type Hatching		57		59		104
:						
Layers on Nov 1	(1,000)					
All Layers		279,351		275,891		99
Table Egg Type		232,056		227,261		98
Hatching Egg Type		47,295		48,630		103
Broiler-Type Hatching		44,731		46,085		103
Egg-Type Hatching		2,564		2,545		99
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Eggs per 100 Layers on Nov 1	(Number)					
All Layers		69.9		69.5		99
Table Egg Type		72.1		71.8		100
Hatching Egg Type		59.2		59.0		100
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.3		58.2		100
Egg-Type Hatching		74.6		73.9		99
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Forced Molt Layers, Nov 1						
Percent Being Molted		3.9		3.7		95
Percent with Molt Completed		24.2		24.2		100
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Layers Sold During Oct	(1,000)	15,187		14,526		96
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Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Oct	(1,000)	2,603		2,502		96
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Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Nov 1	(1,000)	75,137		69,165		92
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Pullets Added During Oct	(1,000)	19,353		20,521		106

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, November-December, 30 Selected States, 1994-95 1/

Item	1994	1995 2/	1995 as % of 1994
Layers During Nov (1,000)			
All Layers	280,729	278,663	99
Table Egg Type	233,222	229,624	98
Hatching Egg Type	47,507	49,039	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	44,917	46,554	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,590	2,485	96
Eggs per 100 Layers During Nov (Number)			
All Layers	2,111	2,108	100
Table Egg Type	2,179	2,180	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,779	1,772	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,757	1,753	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,162	2,133	99
Eggs Produced During Nov (Million)			
All Layers	5,926	5,874	99
Table Egg Type	5,081	5,005	99
Hatching Egg Type	845	869	103
Broiler-Type Hatching	789	816	103
Egg-Type Hatching	56	53	95
Layers on Dec 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	282,079	281,402	100
Table Egg Type	234,376	231,972	99
Hatching Egg Type	47,703	49,430	104
Broiler-Type Hatching	45,092	47,013	104
Egg-Type Hatching	2,611	2,417	93
Eggs per 100 Layers on Dec 1 (Number)			
All Layers	70.6	71.0	101
Table Egg Type	72.9	73.5	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.4	59.1	99
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.5	58.4	100
Egg-Type Hatching	74.9	73.1	98
Forced Molt Layers, Dec 1			
Percent Being Molted	3.4	2.3	68
Percent with Molt Completed	25.4	25.6	101
Layers Sold During Nov (1,000)	14,979	13,736	92
Layers Died, Destroyed, or Disappeared For Any Reason During Nov (1,000)	2,610	2,507	96
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Dec 1 (1,000)	74,971	73,781	98
Pullets Added During Nov (1,000)	19,873	21,523	108

1/ The 30 States are listed in the table on page 8.
1/ Preliminary.

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

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above				Eggs per 100 for All Layers 1/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----				----- Number -----	
AL	5,188	4,530	11,606	11,403	2,008	2,008
AR	6,929	5,585	16,825	15,640	1,926	1,912
CA	25,591	24,794	26,211	25,348	2,156	2,174
CO	2,597	2,647	3,133	3,164	2,043	2,118
CT	3,470	3,364	3,662	3,534	2,239	2,264
FL	8,964	8,381	9,609	9,039	2,175	2,179
GA	10,756	9,907	18,735	17,773	2,050	2,020
HI	725	726	807	776	2,006	1,969
IL	2,790	2,532	2,965	2,731	2,293	2,197
IN	20,603	19,528	21,454	20,355	2,139	2,221
IA	14,460	14,709	15,250	15,576	2,210	2,209
ME	4,973	4,771	5,130	4,917	2,398	2,400
MD	2,750	3,427	3,208	3,851	2,276	2,337
MI	5,286	4,960	5,600	5,236	2,300	2,093
MN	9,760	10,145	10,636	10,980	2,200	2,140
MS	2,574	2,240	6,647	6,099	1,986	1,968
MO	6,110	5,875	6,851	6,822	2,233	2,125
NE	8,650	8,700	8,800	8,850	2,136	2,176
NY	3,530	3,642	3,886	3,964	2,393	2,346
NC	6,622	6,081	14,049	13,795	1,965	1,935
OH	20,951	21,754	21,291	22,148	2,330	2,298
OK	1,935	2,023	3,685	3,788	2,008	2,033
OR	2,325	2,421	2,526	2,627	2,494	2,170
PA	19,880	19,390	21,206	20,696	2,264	2,261
SC	4,075	3,827	5,083	4,851	2,243	2,206
SD	1,663	1,503	1,930	1,738	2,127	2,362
TX	12,338	13,043	15,526	16,396	2,100	2,141
VA	1,705	1,641	3,807	3,753	2,180	2,025
WA	5,126	4,988	5,362	5,230	2,313	2,294
WI	2,960	2,739	3,467	3,269	2,192	2,203
30 Sts	225,286	219,873	278,947	274,349	2,158	2,151
Oth Sts 2/	11,591	11,294	16,225	16,000	2,200	2,094
US	236,877	231,167	295,172	290,349	2,160	2,148

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 November 1994-95 1/

State	: Table Egg Layers in : :Flocks 30,000 and Above :		: All Layers 2/ :		: Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/ :	
	: 1994	: 1995	: 1994	: 1995	: 1994	: 1995
	: ----- 1,000 -----				: ----- Number -----	
AL	5,111	4,538	11,600	11,286	1,966	1,949
AR	6,680	5,627	16,680	15,797	1,841	1,829
CA	26,344	25,080	26,967	25,636	2,110	2,142
CO	2,506	2,589	3,015	3,123	1,957	2,081
CT	3,461	3,380	3,649	3,551	2,192	2,197
FL	9,177	8,757	9,841	9,420	2,103	2,091
GA	10,739	10,127	18,467	18,128	2,069	1,991
HI	718	731	801	780	1,914	1,923
IL	2,800	2,729	2,987	2,928	2,310	2,220
IN	20,538	19,849	21,390	20,666	2,127	2,177
IA	14,555	15,885	15,350	16,749	2,150	2,161
ME	4,873	4,761	5,031	4,880	2,286	2,336
MD	2,793	3,411	3,305	3,844	2,209	2,237
MI	5,333	5,045	5,650	5,321	2,226	2,127
MN	10,028	10,323	10,878	11,176	2,133	2,130
MS	2,641	2,272	6,703	6,142	1,925	1,954
MO	6,100	5,850	6,866	6,905	2,214	2,085
NE	8,850	8,890	9,000	9,040	2,073	2,076
NY	3,607	3,699	3,961	4,020	2,323	2,289
NC	6,675	6,170	14,033	13,861	1,917	1,876
OH	21,294	21,840	21,590	22,290	2,219	2,239
OK	1,955	1,998	3,740	3,878	1,925	1,986
OR	2,306	2,332	2,502	2,520	2,398	2,381
PA	20,165	19,915	21,531	21,238	2,253	2,251
SC	4,035	3,792	5,076	4,809	2,167	2,163
SD	1,603	1,495	1,858	1,730	2,130	2,250
TX	12,470	13,255	15,676	16,601	2,073	2,090
VA	1,691	1,720	3,767	3,794	2,203	1,977
WA	5,085	4,977	5,316	5,203	2,276	2,229
WI	2,990	2,811	3,499	3,347	2,143	2,181
30 Sts	227,123	223,848	280,729	278,663	2,111	2,108
Oth Sts 3:	11,727	11,301	16,081	16,059	2,114	2,086
US	238,850	235,149	296,810	294,722	2,111	2,107

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,
October 1994-95

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 1/		Hatching Eggs 1/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Million Eggs					
AL	233	229	116	104	117	125
AR	324	299	151	119	173	180
CA	565	551				
CO	64	67				
CT	82	80				
FL	209	197	197	186	12	11
GA	384	359	235	212	149	147
HI	16	15	16	15	0	0
IL	68	60	67	59	1	1
IN	459	452	448	442	11	10
IA	337	344				
ME	123	118				
MD	73	90	66	84	7	6
MI	129	110				
MN	234	235	224	226	10	9
MS	132	120	57	48	75	72
MO	153	145				
NE	188	193	188	193	0	0
NY	93	93				
NC	276	267	151	140	125	127
OH	496	509				
OK	74	77	48	49	26	28
OR	63	57	61	55	2	2
PA	480	468	465	453	15	15
SC	114	107	95	88	19	19
SD	41	41	41	41	0	0
TX	326	351	281	300	45	51
VA	83	76	45	39	38	37
WA	124	120				
WI	76	72				
30 Sts	6,019	5,902	5,149	5,008	870	894
Oth Sts 2/	357	335	296	270	61	65
US	6,377	6,237	5,446	5,278	931	959

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,
November 1994-95 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Million Eggs					
AL	228	220	112	103	116	117
AR	307	289	139	115	168	174
CA	569	549				
CO	59	65				
CT	80	78				
FL	207	197	195	186	12	11
GA	382	361	241	215	141	146
HI	15	15	15	15	0	0
IL	69	65	68	64	1	1
IN	455	450	445	441	10	9
IA	330	362				
ME	115	114				
MD	73	86	65	79	8	7
MI	126	113				
MN	232	238	223	229	9	9
MS	129	120	56	50	73	70
MO	152	144				
NE	187	188	187	188	0	0
NY	92	92				
NC	269	260	150	138	119	122
OH	479	499				
OK	72	77	46	48	26	29
OR	60	60	58	58	2	2
PA	485	478	469	463	16	15
SC	110	104	92	85	18	19
SD	40	39	40	39	0	0
TX	325	347	282	296	43	51
VA	83	75	44	39	39	36
WA	121	116				
WI	75	73				
30 Sts	5,926	5,874	5,081	5,005	845	869
Oth Sts 3/	339	335	277	271	62	64
US	6,265	6,209	5,358	5,276	907	933

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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	2.7	3.4	21.0	23.7
May	5.6	5.8	20.2	22.3
Jun	5.6	6.0	21.4	22.9
Jul	5.0	4.9	22.4	23.1
Aug	4.5	4.1	23.0	23.2
Sep	4.7	4.7	22.8	23.1
Oct	5.1	5.1	23.4	23.2
Nov	3.9	3.7	24.0	24.0
Dec	3.5	2.2	25.1	25.5

1/ As of first of month.

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

State	December			
	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Percent			
AL	1.5	1.0	16.5	15.5
AR	3.0	1.5	12.0	12.0
CA	7.0	5.5	48.5	47.0
CO	2.0	2.0	16.5	22.0
CT	.0	1.0	15.0	14.5
FL	5.5	1.5	36.0	47.0
GA	1.0	1.5	27.0	22.0
HI	7.5	5.0	48.0	56.5
IL	4.5	1.0	28.5	41.5
IN	6.0	1.0	37.5	30.0
IA	6.0	3.0	32.0	32.0
ME	.5	.0	.5	1.0
MD	.0	2.0	25.5	41.5
MI	.5	1.2	16.0	24.5
MN	4.0	2.0	26.0	35.5
MS	.5	.0	16.5	17.0
MO	2.5	1.0	24.5	28.0
NE	3.0	8.0	25.0	25.0
NY	.0	.0	11.0	6.5
NC	1.0	2.5	21.0	15.0
OH	3.0	1.0	12.5	13.5
OK	6.0	2.5	19.0	11.5
OR	.5	1.0	26.5	45.0
PA	2.0	1.5	17.5	20.0
SC	2.0	1.5	24.0	41.0
SD	.5	3.5	45.0	24.0
TX	5.5	3.5	26.0	21.5
VA	1.0	5.0	14.0	11.0
WA	4.0	4.0	40.0	42.0
WI	.0	1.5	21.0	27.5
30 Sts	3.4	2.3	25.4	25.6
Oth Sts 2/	5.0	1.2	19.4	24.3
US	3.5	2.2	25.1	25.5

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, November-December 1994-95

Item	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Dec 1	28,684	28,441	99
Chicks Hatched During Nov	25,475	28,539	112
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Nov	349,802	353,268	101
Pullets Hatched During Nov for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	223	124	56
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	2,870	3,254	113
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Dec 1	538,783	571,143	106
Chicks Hatched During Nov	597,276	626,487	105
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Nov	6,890,839	7,217,484	105
Pullets Hatched During Nov for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	5,819	6,666	115
7-14 Months Earlier 2/	45,729	48,620	106

1/ 1995 includes pullet chicks hatched May 1994 through Apr 1995.

2/ 1995 includes pullet chicks hatched Sep 1994 through Apr 1995.

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

Geographic Division	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	4,059	3,793	93
E North Central	8,829	7,338	83
W North Central	4,387	4,524	103
South Atlantic	4,345	5,014	115
South Central	4,009	3,315	83
West	3,055	4,457	146
US	28,684	28,441	99

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,
November 1994-95

State	November			Jan-Nov		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AR	1,338	1,061	79	11,963	11,732	98
FL	1,015	1,063	105	11,672	11,612	99
GA	860	941	109	18,679	18,969	102
IN	5,804	6,118	105	71,114	75,577	106
IA	2,255	2,192	97	27,258	26,734	98
KS	343	328	96	3,054	3,027	99
MN	1,796	2,448	136	21,393	24,155	113
MO	313	313	100	5,290	4,798	91
PA	1,983	2,851	144	45,387	36,460	80
Oth Sts 1/	9,768	11,224	115	133,992	140,204	105
US	25,475	28,539	112	349,802	353,268	101

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 as % of 1994	1993	1994	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Jan	34,855	33,212	95	34,855	33,212	95
Feb	34,009	31,086	91	68,864	64,298	93
Mar	38,264	33,492	88	107,128	97,790	91
Apr	37,163	35,668	96	144,291	133,458	92
May	36,742	35,336	96	181,033	168,794	93
Jun	35,587	31,986	90	216,620	200,780	92
Jul	33,980	29,613	87	250,600	230,393	92
Aug	31,455	31,295	99	282,055	261,688	93
Sep	31,775	30,873	97	313,830	292,561	93
Oct	31,634	31,766	100	345,464	324,327	94
Nov	30,074	25,475	85	375,538	349,802	93
Dec	30,448	29,072	95	405,986	378,874	93

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

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1994	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier 2/		
	: 1993	: 1994	: 1995		: 1994	: 1995	: 1996
	: -----	1,000	-----	Percent	-----	1,000	-----
Jan	: 193	197	236	120	2,806	2,916	3,093
Feb	: 119	186	251	135	2,812	2,937	3,064
Mar	: 268	259	356	137	2,754	3,027	2,918
Apr	: 251	277	317	114	2,787	3,072	2,895
May	: 275	334	193	58	2,801	3,091	2,934
Jun	: 267	254	234	92	2,690	3,156	2,835
Jul	: 243	264	235	89	2,782	3,013	
Aug	: 219	309	163	53	2,786	3,052	
Sep	: 270	315	292	93	2,853	3,117	
Oct	: 251	270	309	114	2,844	3,214	
Nov	: 158	223	124	56	2,870	3,254	
Dec	: 268	125			2,929	3,113	
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 November 1995, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched May 1994 through Apr 1995.

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

Geographic Division	1994		1995		1995 as % of 1994	
	: -----	1,000	: -----	Percent	: -----	Percent
North Atlantic	: 11,670		12,486	107		
E North Central	: 7,027		9,162	130		
W North Central	: 15,431		17,615	114		
South Atlantic	: 214,022		228,466	107		
South Central	: 268,957		280,736	104		
West	: 21,676		22,678	105		
US	: 538,783		571,143	106		

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

State	November			Jan-Nov		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AL	82,644	80,477	97	965,368	983,835	102
AR	94,494	97,947	104	1,124,860	1,130,085	100
DE	15,718	14,479	92	173,437	180,892	104
FL	8,963	9,432	105	128,658	110,603	86
GA	87,042	92,850	107	980,842	1,051,881	107
MD	29,724	29,293	99	342,962	341,453	100
MS	49,476	50,646	102	562,906	588,800	105
NC	55,795	59,266	106	644,481	683,895	106
PA	9,986	11,136	112	124,401	123,060	99
SC	14,476	14,618	101	164,080	168,079	102
TX	34,025	36,746	108	394,363	427,248	108
VA	22,050	21,859	99	248,231	257,840	104
CA TN & WV	30,258	33,750	112	351,884	373,131	106
15 Sts 1/	534,651	552,499	103	6,206,473	6,420,802	103
OR & WA	5,643	4,931	87	64,154	60,708	95
Oth Sts 2/	56,982	69,057	121	620,212	735,974	119
US	597,276	626,487	105	6,890,839	7,217,484	105

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 as % of 1994	1993	1994	1995 as % of 1994		
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent		
Jan	598,798	618,112	661,389	107	598,798	618,112	661,389	107
Feb	547,831	558,590	598,962	107	1,146,629	1,176,702	1,260,351	107
Mar	622,983	639,967	677,334	106	1,769,612	1,816,669	1,937,685	107
Apr	600,861	627,051	662,372	106	2,370,473	2,443,720	2,600,057	106
May	634,371	658,690	689,650	105	3,004,844	3,102,410	3,289,707	106
Jun	619,453	647,163	669,390	103	3,624,297	3,749,573	3,959,097	106
Jul	619,009	646,456	672,822	104	4,243,306	4,396,029	4,631,919	105
Aug	612,381	653,710	672,608	103	4,855,687	5,049,739	5,304,527	105
Sep	582,781	625,867	634,272	101	5,438,468	5,675,606	5,938,799	105
Oct	584,260	617,957	652,198	106	6,022,728	6,293,563	6,590,997	105
Nov	574,803	597,276	626,487	105	6,597,531	6,890,839	7,217,484	105
Dec	623,237	658,914			7,220,768	7,549,753		

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 2/		
	1993	1994	1995		1994	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----		
US							
Place-							
ments							
Jan	5,664	5,989	5,748	96	42,665	47,272	48,255
Feb	4,549	5,518	5,481	99	43,906	47,859	48,738
Mar	5,678	6,301	6,161	98	44,486	48,254	48,789
Apr	5,531	6,101	6,319	104	43,943	48,601	49,329
May	5,944	6,266	6,135	98	44,907	49,425	49,861
Jun	5,568	5,911	6,178	105	44,746	48,943	50,366
Jul	5,967	6,104	6,302	103	44,884	49,255	
Aug	5,585	6,064	6,464	107	44,929	48,737	
Sep	5,121	6,336	6,288	99	44,879	48,307	
Oct	5,513	6,342	6,013	95	45,213	48,364	
Nov	5,517	5,819	6,666	115	45,729	48,620	
Dec	5,669	6,413			46,874	48,419	
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	7,577	100			
Apr	6,420	7,234	7,835	108			
May	7,182	7,394	7,873	106			
Jun	6,723	7,153	7,485	105			
Jul	7,114	7,146	7,730	108			
Aug	6,587	7,290	7,838	108			
Sep	6,177	7,545	7,730	102			
Oct	6,634	7,959	7,301	92			
Nov	6,718	7,251	7,816	108			
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 Nov 1995, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Sep 1994 through Apr 1995.

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

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