

Chickens and Eggs



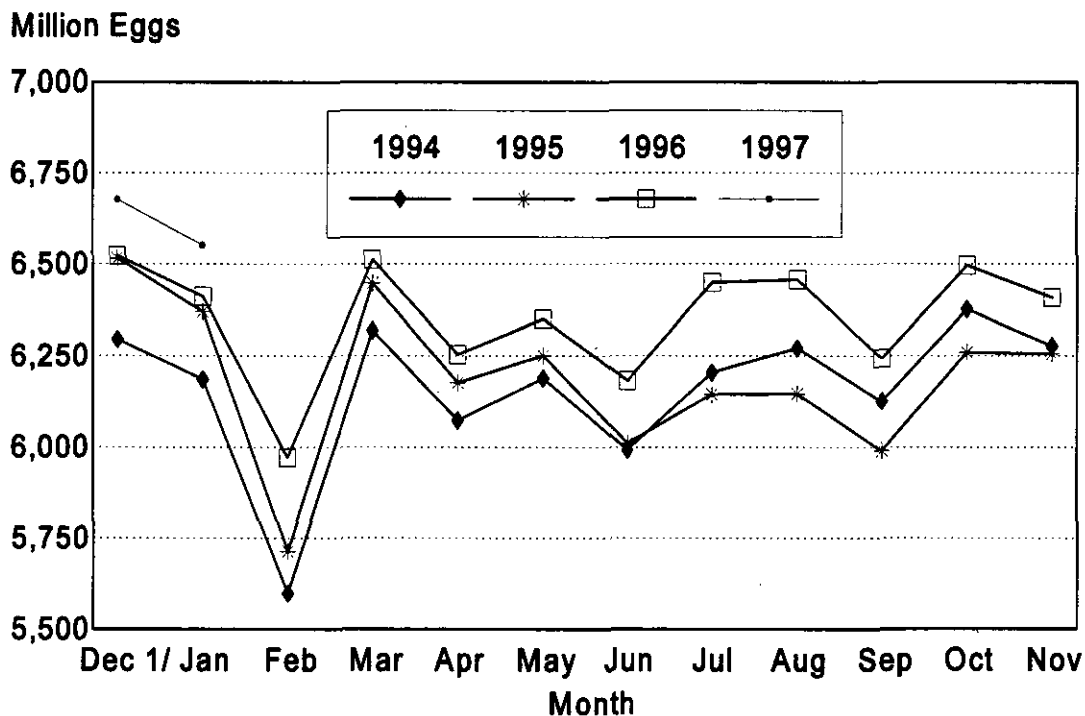
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January Egg Production up 2 percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.55 billion during January 1997, up 2 percent from the 6.40 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.57 billion table eggs and 982 million hatching eggs, of which 920 million were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 1997 averaged 303 million, up 1 percent from the average number of layers during January 1996. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,162 eggs, compared with 2,141 in January 1996.

ALL Egg Production By Months United States, 1994 -1997



1/ Previous Year

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 1997, totaled 302 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 302 million layers consisted of 248 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 50.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 1997, averaged 68.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 68.1 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg production States produced 6.21 billion eggs during January, up 3 percent from January 1996. The average number of layers during January, at 287 million, was 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 6 Percent

Egg-type chicks **hatched** during January totaled 33.3 million, up 6 percent from January 1996. **Eggs in incubators** totaled 31.8 million on February 1, 1997, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks** by leading breeders totaled 205,000 during January 1997, up 20 percent from the 171,000 of January 1996.

Broiler Hatch Up 2 Percent

The January 1997 **hatch** of broiler-type chicks, at 700 million, was up 2 percent from January of the previous year. There were 576 million **eggs in incubators** on February 1, 1997, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 5.92 million **broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks** during January 1997, up 7 percent from January 1996.

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Layers: Average Number During the Month,
United States, 1994-97

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997
1,000 Layers				
Dec 1/	290,642	299,160	298,861	303,669
Jan	290,041	298,367	298,814	303,022
Feb	290,047	297,293	298,357	
Mar	290,719	296,561	298,209	
Apr	290,073	295,464	296,605	
May	288,784	293,198	294,458	
Jun	287,974	290,313	293,915	
Jul	287,990	288,213	295,349	
Aug	290,321	288,359	296,785	
Sep	293,381	290,337	297,696	
Oct	295,172	292,516	299,196	
Nov	297,134	296,724	301,604	

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 1996-97

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Million Eggs						
Dec 1/	6,523	6,678	5,548	5,695	975	983
Jan	6,398	6,552	5,420	5,570	978	982
Feb	5,954		5,036		918	
Mar	6,495		5,505		990	
Apr	6,243		5,284		959	
May	6,340		5,341		999	
Jun	6,169		5,209		960	
Jul	6,440		5,457		983	
Aug	6,447		5,465		982	
Sep	6,235		5,297		938	
Oct	6,495		5,539		956	
Nov	6,409		5,471		938	
During Year:	76,148	13,230	64,572	11,265	11,576	1,965

1/ December preceding year.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, December-January 1995-97

Item		1995 1/	1996 2/	1996 as % of 1995
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Layers During Dec	(1,000)			
All Layers		298,861	303,669	102
Table Egg Type		245,806	250,554	102
Hatching Egg Type		53,055	53,115	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		50,519	50,509	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,536	2,606	103
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Eggs per 100 Layers During Dec	(Number)			
All Layers		2,183	2,199	101
Table Egg Type		2,257	2,273	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,838	1,851	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,819	1,827	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,208	2,302	104
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Eggs Produced During Dec	(Million)			
All Layers		6,523	6,678	102
Table Egg Type		5,548	5,695	103
Hatching Egg Type		975	983	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		919	923	100
Egg-Type Hatching		56	60	107
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		1996 1/	1997 2/	1997 as % of 1996
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Layers on Jan 1	(1,000)			
All Layers		299,261	304,040	102
Table Egg Type		246,166	250,442	102
Hatching Egg Type		53,095	53,598	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		50,538	50,935	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,557	2,663	104
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Eggs per 100 Layers on Jan 1	(Number)			
All Layers		69.9	70.5	101
Table Egg Type		72.2	72.9	101
Hatching Egg Type		59.3	59.5	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.4	58.6	100
Egg-Type Hatching		75.5	75.5	100
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Forced Molt Layers on Jan 1				
Percent Being Molted		3.7	3.8	103
Percent with Molt Completed		24.3	22.3	92

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, January-February 1996-97

Item	1996	1997 1/	1997 as % of 1996
Layers During Jan (1,000)			
All Layers	298,814	303,022	101
Table Egg Type	245,523	249,461	102
Hatching Egg Type	53,291	53,561	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	50,698	50,882	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,593	2,679	103
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jan (Number)			
All Layers	2,141	2,162	101
Table Egg Type	2,208	2,233	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,835	1,833	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,813	1,808	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,275	2,314	102
Eggs Produced During Jan (Million)			
All Layers	6,398	6,552	102
Table Egg Type	5,420	5,570	103
Hatching Egg Type	978	982	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	919	920	100
Egg-Type Hatching	59	62	105
Layers on Feb 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	298,320	301,944	101
Table Egg Type	244,854	248,450	101
Hatching Egg Type	53,466	53,494	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	50,847	50,810	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,619	2,684	102
Eggs per 100 Layers on Feb 1 (Number)			
All Layers	68.1	68.9	101
Table Egg Type	70.1	71.0	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.0	59.2	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.2	58.3	100
Egg-Type Hatching	75.6	76.1	101
Forced Molt Layers, Feb 1			
Percent Being Molted	5.4	5.0	93
Percent with Molt Completed	22.3	21.6	97

1/ Preliminary.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, 30 Selected States, December-January 1995-97 1/

Item	1995 2/	1996 3/	1996 as % of 1995
Layers During Dec (1,000)			
All Layers	282,680	287,727	102
Table Egg Type	233,162	238,122	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,518	49,605	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	47,070	47,109	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,448	2,496	102
Eggs per 100 Layers During Dec (Number)			
All Layers	2,182	2,199	101
Table Egg Type	2,256	2,272	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,834	1,851	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,814	1,826	101
Egg-Type Hatching	2,206	2,324	105
Eggs Produced During Dec (Million)			
All Layers	6,167	6,327	103
Table Egg Type	5,259	5,409	103
Hatching Egg Type	908	918	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	854	860	101
Egg-Type Hatching	54	58	107
Layers on Jan 1			
All Layers	282,981	288,256	102
Table Egg Type	233,394	238,250	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,587	50,006	101
Broiler-Type Hatching	47,114	47,462	101
Egg-Type Hatching	2,473	2,544	103
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jan 1 (Number)			
All Layers	69.9	70.5	101
Table Egg Type	72.2	72.8	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.3	59.5	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.4	58.6	100
Egg-Type Hatching	75.5	76.1	101
Forced Molt Layers on Jan 1			
Percent Being Molted	3.7	3.8	103
Percent with Molt Completed	24.4	22.4	92
Layers Sold During Dec (1,000)	14,363	12,693	88
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Dec (1,000)	2,489	2,951	119
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Jan 1 (1,000)	72,071	70,416	98
Pullets Added During Dec 4/ (1,000)	18,557	17,696	95

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

2/ Revised.

3/ Revised.

4/ 1995 pullets added less than 20 weeks old. 1996 is pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

Eggs and Layers: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced Molt, 30 Selected States, January-February, 1996-97 1/

Item	1996	1997 2/	1997 as % of 1996
Layers During Jan (1,000)			
All Layers	282,679	287,092	102
Table Egg Type	232,897	237,094	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,782	49,998	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	47,273	47,431	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,509	2,567	102
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jan (Number)			
All Layers	2,142	2,162	101
Table Egg Type	2,207	2,232	101
Hatching Egg Type	1,838	1,832	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	1,813	1,805	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,312	2,337	101
Eggs Produced During Jan (Million)			
All Layers	6,055	6,207	103
Table Egg Type	5,140	5,291	103
Hatching Egg Type	915	916	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	857	856	100
Egg-Type Hatching	58	60	103
Layers on Feb 1 (1,000)			
All Layers	282,343	285,884	101
Table Egg Type	232,385	235,919	102
Hatching Egg Type	49,958	49,965	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	47,423	47,385	100
Egg-Type Hatching	2,535	2,580	102
Eggs per 100 Layers on Feb 1 (Number)			
All Layers	68.1	68.9	101
Table Egg Type	70.1	71.0	101
Hatching Egg Type	59.0	59.1	100
Broiler-Type Hatching	58.1	58.2	100
Egg-Type Hatching	75.8	76.2	101
Forced Molt Layers, Feb 1			
Percent Being Molted	5.4	5.0	93
Percent with Molt Completed	22.4	21.6	96
Layers Sold During Jan (1,000)	15,686	13,643	87
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted Or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jan (1,000)	2,568	3,562	139
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Feb 1 (1,000)	71,279	70,694	99
Pullets Added During Jan 3/ (1,000)	19,825	17,525	88

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

2/ Preliminary.

3/ 1996 is pullets added less than 20 weeks old to pullet flocks. 1997 is pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During December 1995-96 1/

State	: Table Egg Layers in :		: All Layers 2/ :		: Eggs per 100 for :	
	: Flocks 30,000 and Above :	:	: 1995 :	: 1996 :	: 1995 :	: 1996 :
	: 1995 :	: 1996 :	: 1995 :	: 1996 :	: 1995 :	: 1996 :
	: ----- 1,000 -----				: ----- Number -----	
AL	: 4,473	: 4,214	: 11,252	: 10,739	: 1,964	: 2,002
AR	: 5,550	: 4,763	: 15,839	: 14,597	: 1,900	: 1,952
CA	: 25,113	: 25,828	: 25,670	: 26,421	: 2,236	: 2,271
CO	: 2,599	: 2,777	: 3,185	: 3,367	: 2,166	: 2,138
CT	: 3,366	: 3,386	: 3,518	: 3,526	: 2,274	: 2,297
FL	: 8,929	: 8,326	: 9,612	: 9,044	: 2,216	: 2,200
GA	: 10,874	: 11,177	: 18,844	: 19,370	: 2,091	: 2,096
HI	: 734	: 709	: 782	: 734	: 2,009	: 2,117
IL	: 3,048	: 3,115	: 3,248	: 3,292	: 2,278	: 2,369
IN	: 20,264	: 19,781	: 21,329	: 20,607	: 2,246	: 2,295
IA	: 17,624	: 19,723	: 18,494	: 20,656	: 2,174	: 2,203
ME	: 4,789	: 5,074	: 4,882	: 5,176	: 2,438	: 2,415
MD	: 3,101	: 2,963	: 3,552	: 3,436	: 2,280	: 2,299
MI	: 5,105	: 4,774	: 5,375	: 5,016	: 2,142	: 2,288
MN	: 10,623	: 11,088	: 11,453	: 11,893	: 2,226	: 2,144
MS	: 2,331	: 2,135	: 6,257	: 6,731	: 2,030	: 1,917
MO	: 5,805	: 5,433	: 6,951	: 6,573	: 2,144	: 2,236
NE	: 9,025	: 9,211	: 9,175	: 9,361	: 2,148	: 2,288
NY	: 3,710	: 3,253	: 4,019	: 3,479	: 2,364	: 2,357
NC	: 6,105	: 5,407	: 13,772	: 12,715	: 1,939	: 1,958
OH	: 22,339	: 25,782	: 22,826	: 26,294	: 2,335	: 2,309
OK	: 1,965	: 1,735	: 3,900	: 3,723	: 2,051	: 2,015
OR	: 2,367	: 2,541	: 2,539	: 2,726	: 2,363	: 2,238
PA	: 20,075	: 20,210	: 21,415	: 21,451	: 2,344	: 2,340
SC	: 3,683	: 3,881	: 4,678	: 4,888	: 2,266	: 2,209
SD	: 1,568	: 1,820	: 1,778	: 2,025	: 2,285	: 2,244
TX	: 12,916	: 13,353	: 16,018	: 16,825	: 2,160	: 2,169
VA	: 1,725	: 2,352	: 3,819	: 4,083	: 2,016	: 2,033
WA	: 5,017	: 4,844	: 5,236	: 5,230	: 2,273	: 2,333
WI	: 2,752	: 3,124	: 3,262	: 3,749	: 2,299	: 2,241
30 Sts	: 227,575	: 232,779	: 282,680	: 287,727	: 2,182	: 2,199
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,321	: 11,343	: 16,181	: 15,942	: 2,200	: 2,202
US	: 238,896	: 244,122	: 298,861	: 303,669	: 2,183	: 2,199

1/ Revised.

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.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During January 1996-97 1/

State	: Table Egg Layers in : : Flocks 30,000 and Above :		: All Layers 2/ :		: Eggs per 100 for : All Layers 2/ :	
	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997	: 1996	: 1997
	: ----- 1,000 -----				: ----- Number -----	
AL	: 4,320	: 4,056	: 11,121	: 10,674	: 1,897	: 1,949
AR	: 5,469	: 4,707	: 15,749	: 14,740	: 1,892	: 1,872
CA	: 25,233	: 25,666	: 25,791	: 26,270	: 2,144	: 2,242
CO	: 2,696	: 2,735	: 3,276	: 3,292	: 2,167	: 2,126
CT	: 3,400	: 3,324	: 3,549	: 3,469	: 2,226	: 2,248
FL	: 8,502	: 8,212	: 9,194	: 8,949	: 2,175	: 2,168
GA	: 10,716	: 11,298	: 18,736	: 19,466	: 2,039	: 2,055
HI	: 738	: 712	: 785	: 737	: 2,012	: 2,037
IL	: 3,099	: 3,189	: 3,301	: 3,346	: 2,242	: 2,331
IN	: 20,614	: 19,956	: 21,667	: 20,824	: 2,183	: 2,267
IA	: 17,547	: 19,558	: 18,403	: 20,515	: 2,222	: 2,125
ME	: 4,862	: 5,018	: 4,974	: 5,110	: 2,413	: 2,427
MD	: 3,106	: 3,000	: 3,607	: 3,486	: 2,162	: 2,180
MI	: 5,013	: 4,777	: 5,281	: 5,021	: 2,114	: 2,204
MN	: 10,770	: 11,163	: 11,573	: 11,939	: 2,203	: 2,136
MS	: 2,306	: 2,130	: 6,240	: 6,759	: 1,987	: 1,938
MO	: 5,640	: 5,292	: 6,770	: 6,485	: 2,127	: 2,159
NE	: 8,989	: 9,205	: 9,139	: 9,355	: 2,139	: 2,303
NY	: 3,677	: 3,239	: 3,974	: 3,423	: 2,365	: 2,337
NC	: 6,054	: 5,351	: 13,824	: 12,814	: 1,902	: 1,920
OH	: 22,764	: 25,359	: 23,196	: 25,888	: 2,319	: 2,298
OK	: 2,000	: 1,703	: 3,900	: 3,716	: 2,077	: 1,991
OR	: 2,522	: 2,576	: 2,699	: 2,756	: 2,186	: 2,177
PA	: 20,020	: 20,275	: 21,378	: 21,533	: 2,273	: 2,336
SC	: 3,695	: 3,922	: 4,703	: 4,913	: 2,148	: 2,056
SD	: 1,570	: 1,798	: 1,745	: 2,028	: 2,275	: 2,201
TX	: 12,735	: 13,279	: 15,890	: 16,801	: 2,096	: 2,107
VA	: 1,660	: 2,530	: 3,802	: 4,001	: 2,025	: 2,000
WA	: 4,955	: 4,752	: 5,186	: 5,128	: 2,275	: 2,301
WI	: 2,726	: 3,048	: 3,226	: 3,654	: 2,232	: 2,299
30 Sts	: 227,398	: 231,830	: 282,679	: 287,092	: 2,142	: 2,162
Oth Sts 3/	: 11,316	: 11,284	: 16,135	: 15,930	: 2,126	: 2,166
US	: 238,714	: 243,114	: 298,814	: 303,022	: 2,141	: 2,162

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Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
December 1995-96 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Million Eggs					
AL	221	215	99	99	122	116
AR	301	285	119	101	182	184
CA	574	600				
CO	69	72				
CT	80	81				
FL	213	199	201	185	12	14
GA	394	406	242	251	152	155
HI	16	16	16	16	0	0
IL	74	78	73	77	1	1
IN	479	473	470	464	9	9
IA	402	455				
ME	119	125				
MD	81	79	73	71	8	8
MI	115	115				
MN	255	255	246	245	9	10
MS	127	129	55	45	72	84
MO	149	147				
NE	197	214	197	214	0	0
NY	95	82				
NC	267	249	138	125	129	124
OH	533	607				
OK	80	75	49	43	31	32
OR	60	61	59	59	1	2
PA	502	502	485	487	17	15
SC	106	108	87	90	19	18
SD	41	45	41	45	0	0
TX	346	365				
VA	77	83	40	50	37	33
WA	119	122				
WI	75	84				
30 Sts	6,167	6,327	5,259	5,409	908	918
Oth Sts 3/	356	351	289	286	67	65
US	6,523	6,678	5,548	5,695	975	983

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

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Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
January 1996-97 1/

State	Total Production		Table Eggs 2/		Hatching Eggs 2/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Million Eggs					
AL	211	208	90	91	121	117
AR	298	276	115	96	183	180
CA	553	589				
CO	71	70				
CT	79	78				
FL	200	194	188	179	12	15
GA	382	400	229	245	153	155
HI	16	15	16	15	0	0
IL	74	78	73	77	1	1
IN	473	472	464	462	9	10
IA	409	436				
ME	120	124				
MD	78	76	70	68	8	8
MI	111	110				
MN	255	255	245	245	10	10
MS	124	131	52	45	72	86
MO	144	140				
NE	195	215	195	215	0	0
NY	94	80				
NC	263	246	131	120	132	126
OH	538	595				
OK	81	74	50	42	31	32
OR	59	60	58	58	1	2
PA	486	503	468	487	18	16
SC	101	101	82	84	19	17
SD	40	45	40	45	0	0
TX	333	354				
VA	77	80	40	52	37	28
WA	118	118				
WI	72	84				
30 Sts	6,055	6,207	5,140	5,291	915	916
Oth Sts 3/	343	345	280	279	63	66
US	6,398	6,552	5,420	5,570	978	982

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Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 1996-97 1/

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Percent			
Jan	3.7	3.8	24.3	22.3
Feb	5.4	5.0	22.3	21.6
Mar	3.5		23.3	
Apr	1.9		22.9	
May	5.4		22.2	
Jun	4.7		22.2	
Jul	4.0		22.9	
Aug	4.7		22.0	
Sep	4.3		22.3	
Oct	4.8		23.0	
Nov	3.1		23.9	
Dec	2.1		23.5	

1/ As of first of month.

Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, February 1996-97 1/

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
	Percent			
AL	5.5	7.5	10.5	10.0
AR	1.5	3.0	10.0	8.5
CA	12.0	8.5	44.0	38.0
CO	6.0	2.0	25.5	29.0
CT	3.5	2.5	11.5	11.5
FL	4.5	4.5	36.5	36.5
GA	5.0	6.0	20.5	21.5
HI	9.5	6.5	53.0	53.5
IL	7.5	2.5	42.5	11.0
IN	3.5	4.5	21.5	19.5
IA	6.0	8.0	24.0	31.5
ME	.0	.5	.5	3.5
MD	6.0	13.0	30.0	20.0
MI	4.5	3.5	23.5	13.5
MN	2.0	3.0	36.0	31.5
MS	5.0	5.0	11.0	12.0
MO	8.5	3.5	23.5	17.5
NE	13.5	4.5	28.0	27.0
NY	3.0	1.0	4.0	4.5
NC	4.0	3.0	11.0	11.0
OH	1.5	3.5	15.0	12.0
OK	3.5	1.5	9.0	13.0
OR	9.5	9.5	33.5	41.0
PA	7.0	3.5	17.0	20.0
SC	5.5	11.5	30.0	19.5
SD	.0	1.5	24.0	53.5
TX	5.5	5.5	19.5	21.5
VA	5.5	3.5	14.0	11.5
WA	5.5	6.0	44.0	43.5
WI	8.5	4.0	25.5	26.0
30 Sts	5.4	5.0	22.4	21.6
Oth Sts 2/	4.7	4.7	20.9	21.6
US	5.4	5.0	22.3	21.6

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, January-February 1997-97

Item	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Feb 1	31,514	31,801	101
Chicks Hatched During Jan	31,547	33,331	106
Pullets Hatched During Jan for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	171	205	120
7-18 Month Earlier 1/	3,108	2,905	93
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Feb 1	566,333	575,711	102
Chicks Hatched During Jan	686,359	700,467	102
Pullets Hatched During Jan for Intended:			
Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	5,538	5,917	107
7-15 Months Earlier 2/	54,562	56,103	103

1/ 1997 includes pullet chicks hatched Jul 1995 through Jun 1996.

2/ 1997 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 1995 through Jun 1996.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
February 1, 1996-97

Geographic Division	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	4,459	5,819	131
E North Central	8,057	8,984	112
W North Central	5,821	5,627	97
South Atlantic	5,251	4,511	86
South Central	4,289	3,500	82
West	3,637	3,360	92
US	31,514	31,801	101

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,
January 1996-97

State	January			Jan-Jan		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AR	831	603	73	831	603	73
FL	1,043	1,078	103	1,043	1,078	103
GA	2,130	2,099	99	2,130	2,099	99
IN	7,280	7,205	99	7,280	7,205	99
IA	2,093	3,499	167	2,093	3,499	167
KS	340	375	110	340	375	110
MN	1,915	2,173	113	1,915	2,173	113
MO	47	351	747	47	351	747
PA	3,260	4,235	130	3,260	4,235	130
Oth Sts 1/	12,608	11,713	93	12,608	11,713	93
US	31,547	33,331	106	31,547	33,331	106

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 1995-97

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1995	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----			Percent	----- 1,000 -----			Percent
Jan	32,375	31,547	33,331	106	32,375	31,547	33,331	106
Feb	32,745	34,652			65,120	66,199		
Mar	36,021	37,687			101,141	103,886		
Apr	35,020	35,553			136,161	139,439		
May	37,482	38,477			173,643	177,916		
Jun	34,948	33,998			208,591	211,914		
Jul	29,554	33,828			238,145	245,742		
Aug	31,434	32,474			269,579	278,216		
Sep	33,578	31,956			303,157	310,172		
Oct	33,384	33,176			336,541	343,348		
Nov	29,130	31,495			365,671	374,843		
Dec	30,797	33,161			396,468	408,004		

Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 1995-97 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1997 : as % of: : 1996	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier 2/		
	1995	1996	1997		1995	1996	1997
	: ----- 1,000 -----			Percent	: ----- 1,000 -----		
Jan	236	171	205	120	3,022	3,108	2,905
Feb	251	238			3,009	3,089	2,929
Mar	356	317			3,075	2,943	2,938
Apr	317	252			3,106	2,920	2,877
May	193	291			3,119	2,951	2,801
Jun	234	282			3,187	2,835	2,968
Jul	235	259			3,045	2,941	2,952
Aug	163	172			3,068	2,876	2,986
Sep	292	231			3,135	2,863	
Oct	309	233			3,232	2,824	
Nov	124	291			3,272	2,759	
Dec	231	215			3,131	2,857	
Total	2,941	2,952					

- 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 January 1997, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jul 1995 through Jun 1996. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region
and United States, February 1, 1996-97

Geographic Division	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	: ----- 1,000 -----		Percent
North Atlantic	11,833	11,933	101
E North Central	7,373	7,178	97
W North Central	18,684	21,892	117
South Atlantic	228,223	222,548	98
South Central	280,406	290,040	103
West	19,814	22,120	112
US	566,333	575,711	102

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, January 1996-97

State	January			Jan-Jan		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent
AL	87,849	92,020	105	87,849	92,020	105
AR	108,829	108,349	100	108,829	108,349	100
DE	16,585	16,072	97	16,585	16,072	97
FL	10,612	9,932	94	10,612	9,932	94
GA	104,724	106,275	101	104,724	106,275	101
MD	31,639	31,866	101	31,639	31,866	101
MS	56,472	61,954	110	56,472	61,954	110
NC	64,835	61,002	94	64,835	61,002	94
PA	11,286	12,770	113	11,286	12,770	113
SC	15,645	15,850	101	15,645	15,850	101
TX	42,317	44,146	104	42,317	44,146	104
VA	23,864	23,807	100	23,864	23,807	100
CA TN & WV	34,482	35,248	102	34,482	35,248	102
15 Sts 1/	609,139	619,291	102	609,139	619,291	102
OR & WA	5,779	6,296	109	5,779	6,296	109
Oth Sts 2/	71,441	74,880	105	71,441	74,880	105
US	686,359	700,467	102	686,359	700,467	102

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, 1995-97

Month	By Months			Cumulative				
	1995	1996	1997 as % of 1996	1995	1996	1997 as % of 1996		
	----- 1,000 -----		Percent	----- 1,000 -----		Percent		
Jan	662,476	686,359	700,467	102	662,476	686,359	700,467	102
Feb	600,116	646,085			1,262,592	1,332,444		
Mar	679,090	689,719			1,941,682	2,022,163		
Apr	664,150	665,443			2,605,832	2,687,606		
May	692,004	698,176			3,297,836	3,385,782		
Jun	670,839	670,593			3,968,675	4,056,375		
Jul	673,687	677,611			4,642,362	4,733,986		
Aug	674,068	688,591			5,316,430	5,422,577		
Sep	638,901	656,696			5,955,331	6,079,273		
Oct	654,221	651,791			6,609,552	6,731,064		
Nov	627,767	631,292			7,237,319	7,362,356		
Dec	691,193	694,811			7,928,512	8,057,167		

Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 1995-97 1/

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			: 1997 : as % of:	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier 2/		
	: 1995	: 1996	: 1997		: 1995	: 1996	: 1997
	: ----- 1,000 -----			Percent	: ----- 1,000 -----		
US							
Place-							
ments							
Jan	: 5,710	5,538	5,917	107	53,071	54,562	56,103
Feb	: 5,484	5,916			53,563	54,522	56,512
Mar	: 6,161	6,374			53,808	55,178	56,374
Apr	: 6,320	6,442			54,576	55,053	56,322
May	: 6,135	6,776			54,930	55,356	57,004
Jun	: 6,178	6,169			55,297	56,528	57,596
Jul	: 6,302	6,422			55,376	56,585	57,169
Aug	: 6,475	6,518			54,965	55,803	56,644
Sep	: 6,288	6,166			54,183	55,584	
Oct	: 6,013	6,221			54,433	55,781	
Nov	: 6,656	6,508			54,649	55,921	
Dec	: 6,218	5,947			54,720	56,222	
Annual							
Total	: 73,940	74,997					
Total							
Place-							
ments ^{3/}							
Jan	: 7,040	6,782	7,234	107			
Feb	: 7,180	7,167					
Mar	: 7,577	7,645					
Apr	: 7,835	7,664					
May	: 7,873	8,234					
Jun	: 7,485	7,467					
Jul	: 7,730	7,923					
Aug	: 7,850	8,128					
Sep	: 7,730	7,771					
Oct	: 7,301	7,892					
Nov	: 7,784	7,860					
Dec	: 7,750	7,709					
Annual							
Total	: 91,135	92,242					

- 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 Jan 1997, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Oct 1995 through Jun 1996.
- 3/ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

Procedures and Reliability

Data Sources: Primary data for the "Chickens and Eggs" report are from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for layer and egg estimates from each known contractor and independent producer who has over 30,000 table egg layers. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 900 contractors, independent egg producers, and started pullet operations are contacted each month. All known hatcheries, approximately 360, are contacted for information on a weekly and/or monthly basis.

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