

Chickens and Eggs

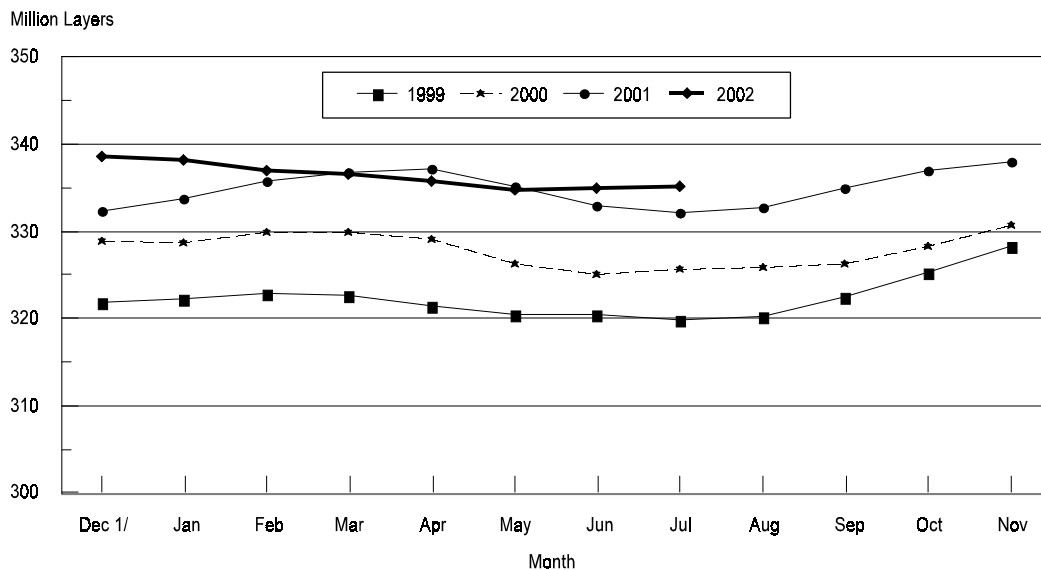
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July Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during July 2002, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2002 averaged 335 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during July 2001. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,190 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,166 eggs in July 2001.

July 2002 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to July 2001 which contained 22 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays.

Average Number of All Layers United States , 1999 - 2002



All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2002, totaled 336 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 276 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.67 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2002, averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.88 billion eggs during July 2002, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during July, at 314 million, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

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 "**Chickens and Eggs Summary**" report.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 9 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 35.2 million, down 9 percent from July 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.2 million on August 1, 2002, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 282,000 during July 2002, down 17 percent from July 2001.

Broiler Hatch Up 2 Percent

The July 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 781 million, was up 2 percent from July of the previous year. There were 645 million eggs in incubators on August 1, 2002, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.6 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2002, up 4 percent from July 2001.

**All Layers: Average Number on Hand During the Month,
United States, 1999-02**

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>
Dec ¹	321,972	328,878	332,281	338,524
Jan	322,356	328,657	333,798	338,265
Feb	322,827	329,941	335,813	337,027
Mar	322,782	330,961	336,820	336,606
Apr	321,539	329,185	337,139	335,729
May	320,510	326,288	335,159	334,857
Jun	320,441	325,057	332,920	335,028
Jul	319,819	325,663	332,231	335,269
Aug	320,188	325,853	332,800	
Sep	322,409	326,337	335,020	
Oct	325,287	328,278	337,085	
Nov	328,268	330,830	337,915	

¹ December preceding year.

**Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 2001-02**

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>
Dec ¹	7,287	7,404	6,206	6,330	1,081	1,074
Jan	7,226	7,245	6,129	6,154	1,097	1,091
Feb	6,524	6,561	5,517	5,574	1,007	987
Mar	7,336	7,395	6,224	6,291	1,112	1,104
Apr	7,099	7,081	6,016	5,992	1,083	1,089
May	7,240	7,274	6,114	6,138	1,126	1,135
Jun	6,992	7,116	5,907	6,027	1,085	1,089
Jul	7,195	7,341	6,097	6,237	1,098	1,104
Aug	7,221		6,138		1,083	
Sep	7,044		5,993		1,051	
Oct	7,347		6,264		1,083	
Nov	7,191		6,159		1,032	
During Year	85,702	57,417	72,764	48,743	12,938	8,673

¹ December preceding year.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, June-July 2001-02**

Item	Unit	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Layers During Jun	1,000			
All Layers		332,920	335,028	101
Table Egg Type		273,223	274,626	101
Hatching Egg Type		59,697	60,402	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,793	57,812	102
Egg-Type Hatching		2,904	2,590	89
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jun	Number			
All Layers		2,100	2,124	101
Table Egg Type		2,162	2,195	102
Hatching Egg Type		1,818	1,803	99
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,792	1,780	99
Egg-Type Hatching		2,307	2,317	100
Eggs Produced During Jun	Million			
All Layers		6,992	7,116	102
Table Egg Type		5,907	6,027	102
Hatching Egg Type		1,085	1,089	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,018	1,029	101
Egg-Type Hatching		67	60	90
Layers on Jul 1	1,000			
All Layers		332,274	334,976	101
Table Egg Type		272,812	275,189	101
Hatching Egg Type		59,462	59,787	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,618	57,281	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,844	2,506	88
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jul 1	Number			
All Layers		69.9	70.9	101
Table Egg Type		72.0	73.2	102
Hatching Egg Type		60.3	60.2	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		59.4	59.4	100
Egg-Type Hatching		77.1	77.5	101
Forced Molt Layers on Jul 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.5	3.7	82
Percent with Molt Completed		23.4	22.8	97
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Jun	1,000	17,443	16,037	92
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jun	1,000	5,339	4,317	81
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Jul 1	1,000	100,593	94,346	94
Pullets Added During Jun ¹	1,000	22,855	22,837	100

¹ Pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, July-August 2001-02**

Item	Unit	2001 ¹	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Layers During Jul	1,000			
All Layers		332,231	335,269	101
Table Egg Type		273,087	275,777	101
Hatching Egg Type		59,144	59,492	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,330	56,900	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,814	2,592	92
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jul	Number			
All Layers		2,166	2,190	101
Table Egg Type		2,233	2,262	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,856	1,856	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,832	1,831	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,345	2,392	102
Eggs Produced During Jul	Million			
All Layers		7,195	7,341	102
Table Egg Type		6,097	6,237	102
Hatching Egg Type		1,098	1,104	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,032	1,042	101
Egg-Type Hatching		66	62	94
Layers on Aug 1	1,000			
All Layers		332,148	335,520	101
Table Egg Type		273,344	276,345	101
Hatching Egg Type		58,804	59,175	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		56,030	56,505	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,774	2,670	96
Eggs per 100 Layers on Aug 1	Number			
All Layers		69.7	70.3	101
Table Egg Type		71.9	72.6	101
Hatching Egg Type		59.5	59.7	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.8	59.0	100
Egg-Type Hatching		73.6	75.2	102
Forced Molt Layers, Aug 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.2	4.6	110
Percent with Molt Completed		23.1	21.9	95
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Jul	1,000	16,196	15,278	94
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed. Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jul	1,000	4,733	4,597	97
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Aug 1	1,000	99,445	94,178	95
Pullets Added During Jul ²	1,000	23,029	22,065	96

¹ Revised.

² Pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced
Molt, 30 Selected States, June-July, 2001-02 ¹**

Item	Unit	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Layers During Jun	1,000			
All Layers		312,189	313,642	100
Table Egg Type		257,231	258,230	100
Hatching Egg Type		54,958	55,412	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		52,139	52,905	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,819	2,507	89
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jun	Number			
All Layers		2,097	2,125	101
Table Egg Type		2,158	2,193	102
Hatching Egg Type		1,812	1,805	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,786	1,781	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,306	2,314	100
Eggs Produced During Jun	Million			
All Layers		6,548	6,664	102
Table Egg Type		5,552	5,664	102
Hatching Egg Type		996	1,000	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		931	942	101
Egg-Type Hatching		65	58	89
Layers on Jul 1	1,000			
All Layers		311,565	313,628	101
Table Egg Type		256,832	258,747	101
Hatching Egg Type		54,733	54,881	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		51,974	52,454	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,759	2,427	88
Eggs per 100 Layers on Jul 1	Number			
All Layers		69.8	70.9	102
Table Egg Type		71.9	73.1	102
Hatching Egg Type		60.1	60.2	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		59.2	59.3	100
Egg-Type Hatching		76.9	77.8	101
Forced Molt Layers on Jul 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.3	3.7	86
Percent with Molt Completed		23.6	22.5	95
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Jun	1,000	16,306	14,691	90
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jun	1,000	5,170	4,027	78
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Jul 1	1,000	95,156	88,595	93
Pullets Added During Jun ²	1,000	21,878	21,419	98

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

² Pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, and Forced
Molt, 30 Selected States, July-August, 2001-02 ¹**

Item	Unit	2001 ²	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Layers During Jul	1,000			
All Layers		311,363	313,959	101
Table Egg Type		257,017	259,285	101
Hatching Egg Type		54,346	54,674	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		51,617	52,161	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,729	2,513	92
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jul	1,000			
All Layers		2,163	2,191	101
Table Egg Type		2,229	2,261	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,853	1,858	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,827	1,833	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,345	2,388	102
Eggs Produced During Jul	Million			
All Layers		6,735	6,879	102
Table Egg Type		5,728	5,863	102
Hatching Egg Type		1,007	1,016	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		943	956	101
Egg-Type Hatching		64	60	94
Layers on Aug 1	1,000			
All Layers		311,131	314,257	101
Table Egg Type		257,191	259,806	101
Hatching Egg Type		53,940	54,451	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		51,250	51,858	101
Egg-Type Hatching		2,690	2,593	96
Eggs per 100 Layers on Aug 1	Number			
All Layers		69.6	70.4	101
Table Egg Type		71.8	72.6	101
Hatching Egg Type		59.4	59.8	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		58.7	59.0	101
Egg-Type Hatching		73.2	75.9	104
Forced Molt Layers, Aug 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.1	4.7	115
Percent with Molt Completed		23.1	21.5	93
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Jul	1,000	15,359	14,048	91
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jul	1,000	4,549	4,405	97
Pullets Less Than 20 Weeks of Age, Aug 1	1,000	93,858	88,345	94
Pullets Added During Jul ³	1,000	21,708	20,687	95

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

² Revised.

³ Pullet chicks one day old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During June 2001-02**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	2,740	2,230	10,488	10,178	1,869	1,818
AR	4,815	4,630	15,006	14,949	1,893	1,860
CA	22,656	22,963	23,266	23,579	2,115	2,137
CO	2,961	3,253	3,463	3,778	2,252	2,223
CT	3,070	3,030	3,157	3,087	2,312	2,235
FL	9,648	9,737	10,439	10,442	2,069	2,116
GA	11,062	10,155	20,492	19,973	1,913	1,968
HI	561	479	591	532	1,844	1,805
IL	2,880	3,130	3,124	3,359	2,305	2,143
IN	22,125	21,769	22,861	22,446	2,165	2,232
IA	31,617	36,039	32,441	36,866	2,189	2,175
ME	4,119	4,276	4,183	4,334	2,264	2,100
MD	2,916	2,916	3,262	3,169	2,207	2,272
MI	6,281	6,530	6,537	6,786	2,128	2,166
MN	11,205	10,933	11,940	11,653	2,085	2,240
MS	1,725	1,764	6,689	6,768	1,884	1,921
MO	5,358	5,454	6,683	6,872	2,185	2,197
NE	11,476	11,492	11,576	11,592	2,099	2,165
NY	3,884	3,595	4,197	3,807	2,311	2,338
NC	2,983	3,132	10,846	11,062	1,862	1,871
OH	29,883	29,810	30,533	30,321	2,178	2,183
OK	1,881	1,896	4,047	4,093	1,853	1,857
OR	2,773	2,447	2,948	2,628	2,273	2,321
PA	22,731	22,045	24,200	23,466	2,236	2,301
SC	4,706	4,148	5,687	5,180	2,040	2,143
SD	2,056	2,123	2,256	2,323	1,862	1,980
TX	14,125	13,661	18,455	18,073	2,086	2,152
VA	1,403	1,170	3,346	2,940	1,883	1,837
WA	4,836	5,190	4,915	5,269	2,181	2,202
WI	3,944	3,515	4,561	4,117	2,171	2,210
30 Sts	252,420	253,512	312,189	313,642	2,097	2,125
Oth Sts ²	14,799	15,224	20,731	21,386	2,147	2,114
US	267,219	268,736	332,920	335,028	2,100	2,124

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 July 2001-02**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	2,744	2,147	10,632	9,972	1,909	1,875
AR	4,735	4,427	14,652	14,567	1,931	1,936
CA	22,506	22,842	23,114	23,411	2,185	2,204
CO	3,050	3,363	3,544	3,863	2,257	2,330
CT	3,035	3,030	3,112	3,090	2,410	2,330
FL	9,840	9,602	10,645	10,312	2,132	2,133
GA	11,198	10,508	20,458	20,124	2,033	1,973
HI	535	488	564	540	1,933	1,852
IL	2,964	2,958	3,212	3,190	2,428	2,132
IN	22,178	21,948	22,910	22,587	2,230	2,254
IA	31,791	36,628	32,597	37,478	2,261	2,289
ME	4,126	4,172	4,190	4,230	2,358	2,270
MD	2,935	2,935	3,236	3,139	2,225	2,389
MI	6,119	6,564	6,370	6,815	2,214	2,274
MN	11,190	10,740	11,900	11,478	2,185	2,291
MS	1,723	1,757	6,673	6,794	1,948	2,016
MO	5,390	5,570	6,698	6,990	2,120	2,303
NE	11,430	11,522	11,530	11,622	2,160	2,246
NY	3,827	3,611	4,129	3,816	2,398	2,385
NC	3,080	3,217	10,930	11,029	1,903	1,922
OH	29,411	29,979	30,049	30,489	2,193	2,237
OK	1,912	1,894	4,081	4,117	1,911	1,919
OR	2,787	2,459	2,967	2,650	2,393	2,264
PA	22,805	22,057	24,262	23,457	2,312	2,353
SC	4,707	4,256	5,697	5,298	2,159	2,171
SD	2,143	2,120	2,343	2,320	1,963	1,983
TX	14,024	13,827	18,348	18,199	2,131	2,225
VA	1,366	1,215	3,187	2,988	2,040	1,975
WA	4,767	5,161	4,842	5,236	2,295	2,330
WI	3,889	3,556	4,491	4,158	2,316	2,381
30 Sts	252,207	254,553	311,363	313,959	2,163	2,191
Oth Sts ²	14,877	15,320	20,868	21,310	2,209	2,168
US	267,084	269,873	332,231	335,269	2,166	2,190

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.

**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
June 2001-02**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>
AL	196	185	60	45	136	140
AR	284	278	106	99	178	179
CA	492	504				
CO	78	84				
CT	73	69				
FL	216	221	202	209	14	12
GA	392	393	218	214	174	179
HI	10.9	9.6	10.9	9.6	0	0
IL	72	72	68	69	4	3
IN	495	501	483	489	12	12
IA	710	802				
ME	95	91				
MD	72	72	66	68	6	4
MI	139	147				
MN	249	261	239	252	10	9
MS	126	130	38	40	88	90
MO	146	151				
NE	243	251	243	251	0	0
NY	97	89				
NC	202	207	68	72	134	135
OH	665	662				
OK	75	76	42	42	33	34
OR	67	61	65	59	2	2
PA	541	540	522	522	19	18
SC	116	111	98	92	18	19
SD	42	46	42	46	0	0
TX	385	389				
VA	63	54	30	24	33	30
WA	107	116				
WI	99	91				
30 Sts	6,548	6,664	5,552	5,664	996	1,000
Oth Sts ²	445	452	355	363	89	89
US	6,992	7,116	5,907	6,027	1,085	1,089

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,
July 2001-02**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>
AL	203	187	61	45	142	142
AR	283	282	106	99	177	183
CA	505	516				
CO	80	90				
CT	75	72				
FL	227	220	212	208	15	12
GA	416	397	240	216	176	181
HI	10.9	10.0	10.9	10.0	0	0
IL	78	68	74	65	4	3
IN	511	509	498	498	13	11
IA	737	858				
ME	99	96				
MD	72	75	67	72	5	3
MI	141	155				
MN	260	263	251	253	9	10
MS	130	137	40	42	90	95
MO	142	161				
NE	249	261	249	261	0	0
NY	99	91				
NC	208	212	73	77	135	135
OH	659	682				
OK	78	79	44	44	34	35
OR	71	60	69	58	2	2
PA	561	552	542	535	19	17
SC	123	115	104	96	19	19
SD	46	46	46	46	0	0
TX	391	405				
VA	65	59	33	28	32	31
WA	111	122				
WI	104	99				
30 Sts	6,735	6,879	5,728	5,863	1,007	1,016
Oth Sts ²	461	462	369	374	91	88
US	7,195	7,341	6,097	6,237	1,098	1,104

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

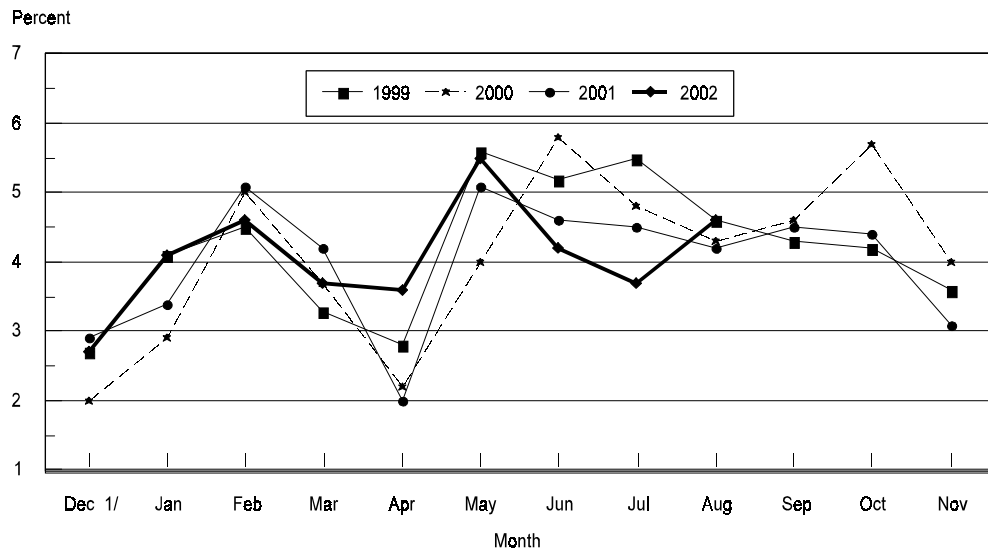
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**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 2001-02 ¹**

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	3.4	4.1	24.1	22.6
Feb	5.1	4.6	22.3	22.0
Mar	4.2	3.7	23.1	22.1
Apr	2.0	3.6	23.1	22.1
May	5.1	5.7	20.9	21.5
Jun	4.6	4.2	23.3	22.2
Jul	4.5	3.7	23.4	22.8
Aug	4.2	4.6	23.1	21.9
Sep	4.5		22.7	
Oct	4.4		22.8	
Nov	3.1		23.2	
Dec	2.7		23.9	

¹ As of first of month.

**All Layers : United States
Percent Being Molted, 1999 - 2002
First of Month**



1/ Previous Year

**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, August 2001-02 ¹**

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.0	4.0	7.0	11.0
AR	1.0	3.0	9.5	9.0
CA	5.5	6.0	32.5	27.0
CO	1.5	2.5	18.5	22.5
CT	0.0	0.0	9.5	8.5
FL	4.0	8.0	35.5	32.0
GA	6.5	5.0	16.0	14.5
HI	6.5	5.0	44.0	48.5
IL	3.5	7.5	25.5	43.5
IN	4.5	9.0	31.0	24.5
IA	4.0	6.0	28.5	27.5
ME	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
MD	9.5	9.0	25.0	27.5
MI	2.5	2.5	42.0	24.0
MN	3.5	0.0	32.5	28.0
MS	3.5	1.0	10.5	10.5
MO	7.5	1.5	22.5	25.0
NE	9.0	6.5	22.5	22.5
NY	0.5	0.0	0.5	4.0
NC	0.5	1.0	10.0	9.0
OH	5.5	6.5	23.5	17.5
OK	0.0	0.0	8.0	6.0
OR	0.0	2.5	36.0	27.0
PA	4.0	3.5	19.5	19.5
SC	5.5	5.0	28.0	31.5
SD	3.5	6.5	31.0	28.5
TX	2.5	4.0	23.5	23.0
VA	0.0	0.0	18.5	13.0
WA	5.5	5.0	43.0	50.5
WI	9.5	4.5	25.0	36.0
30 Sts	4.1	4.7	23.1	21.5
Oth Sts ²	4.9	4.2	22.1	28.4
US	4.2	4.6	23.1	21.9

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, July-August 2001-02**

Item	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Aug 1	29,995	33,183	111
Chicks Hatched During Jul	38,640	35,218	91
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jul	280,365	254,242	91
Pullets Hatched During Jul for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	340	282	83
7-18 Month Earlier ¹	3,173	3,048	96
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Aug 1	637,953	645,086	101
Chicks Hatched During Jul	769,449	781,421	102
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Jul	5,276,818	5,389,702	102
Pullets Hatched During Jul for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks	6,326	6,602	104
7-15 Months Earlier ²	61,323	61,346	100

¹ 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched Jan 2001 through Dec 2001.

² 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched Apr 2001 through Dec 2001.

**Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
August 1, 2001-02**

Geographic Division	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	5,324	4,753	89
E North Central	5,525	6,924	125
W North Central	6,646	7,818	118
South Atlantic	3,943	3,916	99
South Central	5,455	5,195	95
West	3,102	4,577	148
US	29,995	33,183	111

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,
July 2001-02**

State	July			Jan-Jul		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	804	834	104	5,894	5,426	92
FL	894	536	60	6,494	3,914	60
GA	2,266	2,194	97	15,424	15,324	99
IN	6,101	4,840	79	48,605	35,014	72
IA	5,218	5,235	100	37,891	37,315	98
MN	1,780	1,416	80	11,753	10,139	86
PA	5,227	3,815	73	39,003	30,802	79
Oth Sts ¹	16,350	16,348	100	115,301	116,308	101
US	38,640	35,218	91	280,365	254,242	91

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2000-02

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	34,181	36,706	35,533	97	34,181	36,706	35,533	97
Feb	34,659	37,816	34,326	91	68,840	74,522	69,859	94
Mar	38,877	40,993	36,717	90	107,717	115,515	106,576	92
Apr	36,653	42,768	38,212	89	144,370	158,283	144,788	91
May	41,185	42,636	38,944	91	185,555	200,919	183,732	91
Jun	37,268	40,806	35,292	86	222,823	241,725	219,024	91
Jul	33,240	38,640	35,218	91	256,063	280,365	254,242	91
Aug	34,328	34,978			290,391	315,343		
Sep	36,325	36,916			326,716	352,259		
Oct	36,080	35,816			362,796	388,075		
Nov	32,438	32,081			395,234	420,156		
Dec	35,178	31,657			430,412	451,813		

**Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 2000-02 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			2002 as % of 2001	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier ²		
	2000	2001	2002		2001	2002	2003
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Jan	212	236	228	97	3,129	3,158	2,974
Feb	251	214	247	115	3,191	3,205	2,916
Mar	286	284	237	83	3,090	3,239	
Apr	309	311	295	95	3,096	3,225	
May	343	315	319	101	3,057	3,134	
Jun	235	261	221	85	3,103	3,087	
Jul	293	340	282	83	3,173	3,048	
Aug	217	251			3,197	3,040	
Sep	233	219			3,160	3,073	
Oct	241	150			3,158	3,026	
Nov	308	261			3,160	3,010	
Dec	245	206			3,132	3,014	
Total	3,173	3,048					

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 July 2002, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jan 2001 through Dec 2001. 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, August 1, 2001-02**

Geographic Division	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	12,629	12,463	99
E North Central	7,430	7,600	102
W North Central	20,566	20,428	99
South Atlantic	236,564	239,095	101
South Central	335,849	342,259	102
West	24,915	23,241	93
US	637,953	645,086	101

**Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, July 2001-02**

State	July			Jan-Jul		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	106,523	106,051	100	718,374	737,817	103
AR	110,285	110,953	101	747,202	764,127	102
DE	12,271	12,567	102	92,765	88,475	95
FL	8,684	8,679	100	61,821	58,988	95
GA	113,844	117,389	103	780,054	792,618	102
KY	23,130	24,087	104	155,281	165,136	106
MD	35,081	35,482	101	236,564	242,582	103
MS	69,024	70,081	102	467,647	481,009	103
NC	64,974	67,027	103	462,849	476,698	103
OK	22,364	24,427	109	153,917	161,547	105
PA	13,604	13,361	98	90,253	91,315	101
SC	17,244	16,751	97	117,591	114,752	98
TX	53,816	55,363	103	373,192	388,733	104
VA	24,570	22,914	93	168,648	164,321	97
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	72,554	74,523	103	499,977	509,175	102
19 Sts ¹	747,968	759,655	102	5,126,135	5,237,293	102
Oth Sts ²	21,481	21,766	101	150,683	152,409	101
US	769,449	781,421	102	5,276,818	5,389,702	102

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2000-02

Month	By Months				Cumulative			
	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	753,931	745,093	775,669	104	753,931	745,093	775,669	104
Feb	706,216	680,823	702,576	103	1,460,147	1,425,916	1,478,245	104
Mar	761,764	773,760	790,342	102	2,221,911	2,199,676	2,268,587	103
Apr	749,106	755,455	764,982	101	2,971,017	2,955,131	3,033,569	103
May	777,624	785,704	798,315	102	3,748,641	3,740,835	3,831,884	102
Jun	750,528	766,534	776,397	101	4,499,169	4,507,369	4,608,281	102
Jul	742,823	769,449	781,421	102	5,241,992	5,276,818	5,389,702	102
Aug	743,979	771,550			5,985,971	6,048,368		
Sep	704,944	738,355			6,690,915	6,786,723		
Oct	721,249	747,495			7,412,164	7,534,218		
Nov	684,995	702,607			8,097,159	8,236,825		
Dec	749,026	769,731			8,846,185	9,006,556		

**Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 2000-02 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched			2002 as % of 2001	Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²		
	2000	2001	2002		2001	2002	2003
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
US Place- ments							
Jan	6,861	6,685	6,660	100	63,304	60,750	62,869
Feb	7,001	6,748	7,275	108	62,493	60,382	62,767
Mar	7,310	6,752	6,775	100	62,797	60,771	
Apr	6,764	6,398	6,814	107	62,267	60,989	
May	7,435	7,117	7,597	107	62,100	61,008	
Jun	6,829	6,822	7,206	106	62,204	61,521	
Jul	6,310	6,326	6,602	104	61,323	61,346	
Aug	7,288	7,494			61,244	61,608	
Sep	6,469	6,647			60,557	61,766	
Oct	6,694	6,704			60,480	61,719	
Nov	7,105	7,261			60,568	62,207	
Dec	6,429	6,577			60,397	62,310	
Annual Total	82,495	81,531					
Total Place- ments ³							
Jan	8,069	7,615	8,084	106			
Feb	8,302	8,275	8,491	103			
Mar	8,798	8,325	7,997	96			
Apr	8,522	7,915	8,119	103			
May	8,917	8,647	8,982	104			
Jun	8,201	8,220	8,802	107			
Jul	7,621	7,687	8,083	105			
Aug	8,657	9,133					
Sep	8,042	8,047					
Oct	8,260	7,848					
Nov	8,702	9,017					
Dec	7,614	8,119					
Annual Total	99,705	98,848					

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 Jul 2002, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Apr 2001 through Dec 2001.

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 330, are contacted for information on a weekly and/or monthly basis.

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