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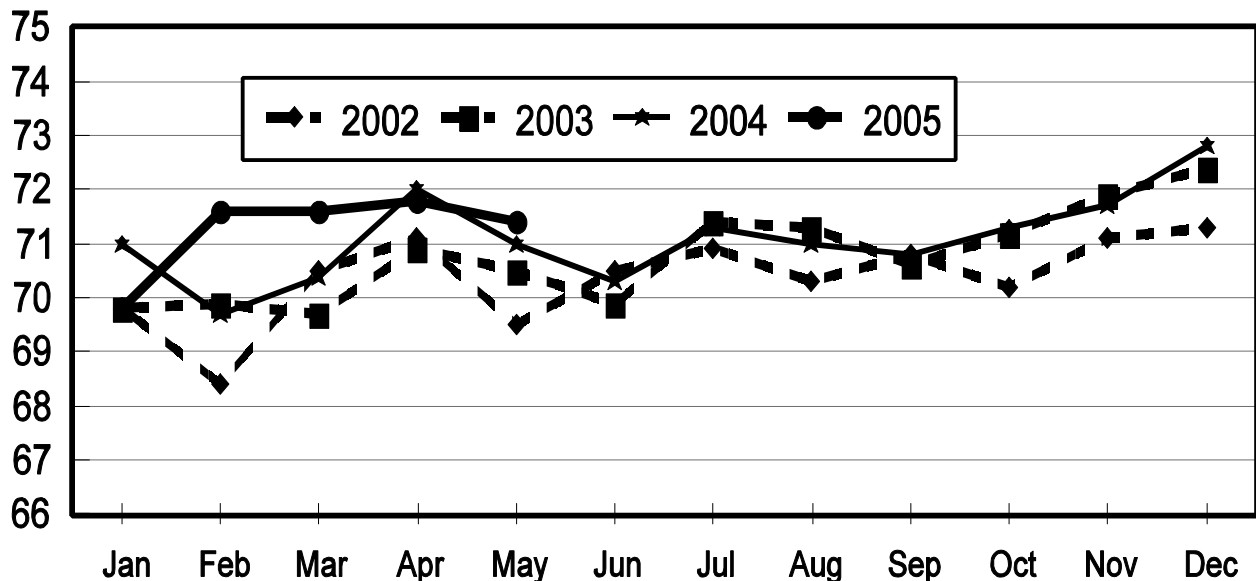
April Egg Production Up Slightly

U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during April 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.29 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, unchanged from April 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2005, totaled 343 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2005, averaged 71.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

All Layers: 1st of Month Rate of Lay United States, 2002 - 2005 Eggs Per 100 Layers

Rate of Lay



Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2005 totaled 38.3 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on May 1, 2005, up 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 308,000 during April 2005, down 10 percent from April 2004.

Broiler Hatch Up 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2005 totaled 790 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 663 million on May 1, 2005, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.80 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2005, up 6 percent from April 2004.

**All Layers: Average Number on Hand During the Month,
United States, 2002-05**

| Month | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <i>1,000 Layers</i> | <i>1,000 Layers</i> | <i>1,000 Layers</i> | <i>1,000 Layers</i> |
| Dec ¹ | 341,243 | 341,131 | 339,789 | 345,960 |
| Jan | 340,885 | 341,996 | 338,550 | 348,142 |
| Feb | 339,529 | 341,661 | 339,647 | 348,985 |
| Mar | 339,434 | 340,971 | 341,700 | 347,272 |
| Apr | 338,809 | 339,268 | 342,612 | 343,975 |
| May | 337,566 | 337,356 | 342,786 | |
| Jun | 337,339 | 335,979 | 342,835 | |
| Jul | 337,849 | 335,417 | 342,479 | |
| Aug | 338,397 | 335,565 | 342,983 | |
| Sep | 339,511 | 335,426 | 344,118 | |
| Oct | 340,461 | 336,557 | 345,056 | |
| Nov | 340,490 | 339,387 | 344,797 | |

¹ December preceding year.

**Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 2004-05 ¹**

| Month | Total Eggs | | Table Eggs | | Hatching Eggs | |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <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 ² | 7,554 | 7,728 | 6,492 | 6,643 | 1,063 | 1,085 |
| Jan | 7,386 | 7,617 | 6,323 | 6,518 | 1,063 | 1,100 |
| Feb | 6,901 | 6,919 | 5,895 | 5,906 | 1,007 | 1,014 |
| Mar | 7,547 | 7,727 | 6,453 | 6,599 | 1,095 | 1,129 |
| Apr | 7,358 | 7,388 | 6,284 | 6,290 | 1,074 | 1,099 |
| May | 7,513 | | 6,393 | | 1,120 | |
| Jun | 7,289 | | 6,209 | | 1,080 | |
| Jul | 7,557 | | 6,455 | | 1,102 | |
| Aug | 7,538 | | 6,443 | | 1,095 | |
| Sep | 7,344 | | 6,282 | | 1,063 | |
| Oct | 7,659 | | 6,569 | | 1,090 | |
| Nov | 7,482 | | 6,435 | | 1,047 | |
| During Year | 89,131 | | 76,236 | | 12,896 | |

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² December preceding year.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, March-April 2004-05 ¹**

| Item | Unit | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| Layers During Mar | 1,000 | | | |
| All Layers | | 341,700 | 347,272 | 102 |
| Table Egg Type | | 282,106 | 287,598 | 102 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 59,594 | 59,674 | 100 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 57,127 | 57,037 | 100 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 2,467 | 2,637 | 107 |
| Eggs per 100 Layers During Mar | Number | | | |
| All Layers | | 2,209 | 2,225 | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | | 2,287 | 2,295 | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 1,837 | 1,892 | 103 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 1,815 | 1,869 | 103 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 2,351 | 2,389 | 102 |
| Eggs Produced During Mar | Million | | | |
| All Layers | | 7,547 | 7,727 | 102 |
| Table Egg Type | | 6,453 | 6,599 | 102 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 1,095 | 1,129 | 103 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 1,037 | 1,066 | 103 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 58 | 63 | 109 |
| Layers on Apr 1 | 1,000 | | | |
| All Layers | | 342,879 | 345,221 | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | | 283,374 | 285,658 | 101 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 59,505 | 59,563 | 100 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 57,030 | 56,935 | 100 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 2,475 | 2,628 | 106 |
| Eggs per 100 Layers on Apr 1 | Number | | | |
| All Layers | | 72.0 | 71.8 | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | | 74.6 | 74.0 | 99 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 59.4 | 61.1 | 103 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 58.7 | 60.3 | 103 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 76.3 | 77.7 | 102 |
| Forced Molt Layers on Apr 1 | Percent | | | |
| Percent Being Molted | | 2.6 | 4.1 | 158 |
| Percent with Molt Completed | | 23.4 | 22.6 | 97 |
| Layers Sold for Slaughter During Mar | 1,000 | 12,326 | 17,317 | 140 |
| Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Mar | 1,000 | 8,306 | 9,021 | 109 |
| Pullets on Apr 1 | 1,000 | 96,938 | 102,243 | 105 |
| Pullets Added During Mar ² | 1,000 | 22,981 | 24,712 | 108 |

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, April-May 2004-05 ¹**

| Item | Unit | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| Layers During Apr | 1,000 | | | |
| All Layers | | 342,612 | 343,975 | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | | 282,819 | 284,168 | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 59,793 | 59,807 | 100 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 57,304 | 57,148 | 100 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 2,489 | 2,659 | 107 |
| Eggs per 100 Layers During Apr | Number | | | |
| All Layers | | 2,148 | 2,148 | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | | 2,222 | 2,213 | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 1,796 | 1,838 | 102 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 1,771 | 1,813 | 102 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 2,370 | 2,369 | 100 |
| Eggs Produced During Apr | Million | | | |
| All Layers | | 7,358 | 7,388 | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | | 6,284 | 6,290 | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 1,074 | 1,099 | 102 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 1,015 | 1,036 | 102 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 59 | 63 | 107 |
| Layers on May 1 | 1,000 | | | |
| All Layers | | 342,305 | 342,684 | 100 |
| Table Egg Type | | 282,241 | 282,656 | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 60,064 | 60,028 | 100 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 57,568 | 57,351 | 100 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 2,496 | 2,677 | 107 |
| Eggs per 100 Layers on May 1 | Number | | | |
| All Layers | | 71.0 | 71.4 | 101 |
| Table Egg Type | | 73.3 | 73.6 | 100 |
| Hatching Egg Type | | 60.2 | 61.0 | 101 |
| Broiler-Type Hatching | | 59.3 | 60.1 | 101 |
| Egg-Type Hatching | | 79.3 | 80.0 | 101 |
| Forced Molt Layers on May 1 | Percent | | | |
| Percent Being Molted | | 4.7 | 3.9 | 83 |
| Percent with Molt Completed | | 22.2 | 22.2 | 100 |
| Layers Sold for Slaughter During Apr | 1,000 | 13,762 | 14,409 | 105 |
| Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Apr | 1,000 | 7,740 | 8,177 | 106 |
| Pullets on May 1 | 1,000 | 99,504 | 104,032 | 105 |
| Pullets Added During Apr ² | 1,000 | 24,438 | 23,663 | 97 |

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During March 2004-05**

| State | Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above | | All Layers ¹ | | Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹ | |
|----------------------|--|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---|---------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> |
| AL | 1,939 | 1,763 | 9,224 | 9,117 | 1,865 | 1,974 |
| AR | 4,877 | 4,225 | 16,162 | 14,924 | 1,930 | 1,963 |
| CA | 19,908 | 20,271 | 20,398 | 20,845 | 2,245 | 2,226 |
| CO | 3,432 | 3,257 | 3,950 | 3,770 | 2,304 | 2,440 |
| CT | 2,775 | 3,033 | 2,827 | 3,091 | 2,441 | 2,329 |
| FL | 10,956 | 10,223 | 11,481 | 10,772 | 2,352 | 2,404 |
| GA | 11,287 | 10,951 | 20,510 | 20,335 | 2,101 | 2,100 |
| HI | 462 | 471 | 504 | 506 | 2,083 | 1,996 |
| IL | 3,656 | 4,111 | 3,880 | 4,341 | 2,345 | 2,419 |
| IN | 22,445 | 22,903 | 23,242 | 23,631 | 2,233 | 2,247 |
| IA | 40,612 | 48,392 | 41,306 | 49,136 | 2,293 | 2,312 |
| ME | 3,959 | 2,915 | 4,002 | 2,975 | 2,299 | 1,076 |
| MD | 3,008 | 2,861 | 3,089 | 2,966 | 2,331 | 2,293 |
| MI | 7,219 | 7,754 | 7,481 | 8,017 | 2,219 | 2,308 |
| MN | 10,453 | 10,475 | 10,991 | 11,000 | 2,293 | 2,300 |
| MS | 1,841 | 1,629 | 7,004 | 7,133 | 1,956 | 1,977 |
| MO | 5,822 | 6,045 | 7,207 | 7,342 | 2,206 | 2,261 |
| NE | 11,753 | 11,986 | 11,828 | 12,061 | 2,317 | 2,189 |
| NY | 3,751 | 3,839 | 4,091 | 4,163 | 2,469 | 2,426 |
| NC | 3,350 | 3,296 | 10,939 | 10,997 | 1,956 | 1,973 |
| OH | 27,000 | 27,601 | 27,463 | 28,089 | 2,218 | 2,271 |
| OK | 1,877 | 1,810 | 4,025 | 3,867 | 1,938 | 1,965 |
| OR | 2,871 | 2,657 | 3,062 | 2,835 | 2,351 | 2,328 |
| PA | 22,304 | 22,630 | 24,063 | 24,399 | 2,352 | 2,398 |
| SC | 4,152 | 3,911 | 5,225 | 4,995 | 2,163 | 2,182 |
| SD | 3,247 | 2,860 | 3,447 | 2,960 | 2,321 | 2,264 |
| TX | 14,253 | 13,363 | 18,728 | 17,863 | 2,184 | 2,250 |
| VA | 1,303 | 1,325 | 3,335 | 3,339 | 2,009 | 1,887 |
| WA | 4,874 | 4,856 | 4,944 | 4,924 | 2,245 | 2,417 |
| WI | 3,821 | 4,314 | 4,347 | 4,811 | 2,346 | 2,349 |
| Oth Sts ² | 16,809 | 15,916 | 22,945 | 22,068 | 2,188 | 2,234 |
| US | 276,016 | 281,643 | 341,700 | 347,272 | 2,209 | 2,225 |

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

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

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During April 2004-05**

| State | Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above | | All Layers ¹ | | Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹ | |
|----------------------|--|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---|---------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> |
| AL | 1,985 | 1,625 | 9,327 | 8,999 | 1,833 | 1,867 |
| AR | 4,733 | 3,964 | 16,077 | 14,578 | 1,928 | 1,907 |
| CA | 19,585 | 19,753 | 20,110 | 20,328 | 2,138 | 2,155 |
| CO | 3,328 | 3,246 | 3,830 | 3,753 | 2,376 | 2,371 |
| CT | 2,801 | 3,095 | 2,855 | 3,150 | 2,382 | 2,190 |
| FL | 10,942 | 10,184 | 11,456 | 10,737 | 2,322 | 2,366 |
| GA | 11,065 | 10,318 | 20,233 | 19,656 | 2,031 | 2,015 |
| HI | 465 | 471 | 505 | 504 | 2,040 | 1,865 |
| IL | 3,607 | 3,985 | 3,829 | 4,217 | 2,246 | 2,276 |
| IN | 22,716 | 22,914 | 23,512 | 23,635 | 2,203 | 2,171 |
| IA | 42,056 | 48,300 | 42,730 | 49,038 | 2,183 | 2,249 |
| ME | 3,970 | 3,112 | 4,010 | 3,173 | 2,294 | 1,072 |
| MD | 3,000 | 2,821 | 3,093 | 2,926 | 2,231 | 2,153 |
| MI | 7,135 | 7,690 | 7,397 | 7,954 | 2,258 | 2,213 |
| MN | 10,328 | 10,403 | 10,841 | 10,954 | 2,269 | 2,227 |
| MS | 1,867 | 1,682 | 7,022 | 7,259 | 1,908 | 1,901 |
| MO | 5,715 | 6,012 | 7,055 | 7,328 | 2,112 | 2,197 |
| NE | 11,654 | 11,943 | 11,729 | 12,018 | 2,208 | 2,188 |
| NY | 3,650 | 3,664 | 3,988 | 3,992 | 2,357 | 2,405 |
| NC | 3,399 | 3,350 | 11,054 | 11,136 | 1,900 | 1,904 |
| OH | 27,384 | 27,494 | 27,874 | 27,978 | 2,174 | 2,234 |
| OK | 1,881 | 1,811 | 4,057 | 3,893 | 1,898 | 1,875 |
| OR | 2,780 | 2,786 | 2,969 | 2,978 | 2,257 | 2,283 |
| PA | 22,183 | 22,142 | 23,949 | 23,943 | 2,238 | 2,301 |
| SC | 4,131 | 3,863 | 5,161 | 4,955 | 2,073 | 2,018 |
| SD | 3,355 | 2,724 | 3,555 | 2,824 | 2,278 | 2,089 |
| TX | 14,243 | 12,919 | 18,744 | 17,397 | 2,193 | 2,127 |
| VA | 1,252 | 1,425 | 3,300 | 3,462 | 1,909 | 1,849 |
| WA | 4,831 | 4,860 | 4,901 | 4,928 | 2,244 | 2,232 |
| WI | 3,882 | 4,127 | 4,420 | 4,617 | 2,172 | 2,231 |
| Oth Sts ² | 16,808 | 15,532 | 23,029 | 21,665 | 2,128 | 2,146 |
| US | 276,731 | 278,215 | 342,612 | 343,975 | 2,148 | 2,148 |

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

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

**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
March 2004-05 ¹**

| State | Total Production | | Table Eggs ² | | Hatching Eggs ² | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <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 | 172 | 180 | 44 | 42 | 128 | 138 |
| AR | 312 | 293 | 111 | 99 | 201 | 194 |
| CA | 458 | 464 | | | | |
| CO | 91 | 92 | | | | |
| CT | 69 | 72 | | | | |
| FL | 270 | 259 | 260 | 250 | 10 | 9 |
| GA | 431 | 427 | 259 | 248 | 172 | 179 |
| HI | 10.5 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 0 | 0 |
| IL | 91 | 105 | 88 | 101 | 3 | 4 |
| IN | 519 | 531 | 506 | 519 | 13 | 12 |
| IA | 947 | 1,136 | | | | |
| ME | 92 | 32 | | | | |
| MD | 72 | 68 | 71 | 67 | 1 | 1 |
| MI | 166 | 185 | | | | |
| MN | 252 | 253 | 244 | 245 | 8 | 8 |
| MS | 137 | 141 | 42 | 37 | 95 | 104 |
| MO | 159 | 166 | | | | |
| NE | 274 | 264 | 274 | 264 | 0 | 0 |
| NY | 101 | 101 | | | | |
| NC | 214 | 217 | 80 | 78 | 134 | 139 |
| OH | 609 | 638 | | | | |
| OK | 78 | 76 | 43 | 42 | 35 | 34 |
| OR | 72 | 66 | 70 | 64 | 2 | 2 |
| PA | 566 | 585 | 549 | 568 | 17 | 17 |
| SC | 113 | 109 | 94 | 90 | 19 | 19 |
| SD | 80 | 67 | 80 | 67 | 0 | 0 |
| TX | 409 | 402 | | | | |
| VA | 67 | 63 | 30 | 26 | 37 | 37 |
| WA | 111 | 119 | | | | |
| WI | 102 | 113 | | | | |
| Oth Sts ³ | 502 | 493 | 414 | 397 | 89 | 97 |
| US | 7,547 | 7,727 | 6,453 | 6,599 | 1,095 | 1,129 |

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

³ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
April 2004-05 ¹**

| State | Total Production | | Table Eggs ² | | Hatching Eggs ² | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <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 | 171 | 168 | 44 | 35 | 127 | 133 |
| AR | 310 | 278 | 112 | 88 | 198 | 190 |
| CA | 430 | 438 | | | | |
| CO | 91 | 89 | | | | |
| CT | 68 | 69 | | | | |
| FL | 266 | 254 | 257 | 245 | 9 | 9 |
| GA | 411 | 396 | 244 | 222 | 167 | 174 |
| HI | 10.3 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 9.4 | 0 | 0 |
| IL | 86 | 96 | 83 | 93 | 3 | 3 |
| IN | 518 | 513 | 505 | 501 | 13 | 12 |
| IA | 933 | 1,103 | | | | |
| ME | 92 | 34 | | | | |
| MD | 69 | 63 | 68 | 62 | 1 | 1 |
| MI | 167 | 176 | | | | |
| MN | 246 | 244 | 239 | 236 | 7 | 8 |
| MS | 134 | 138 | 41 | 36 | 93 | 102 |
| MO | 149 | 161 | | | | |
| NE | 259 | 263 | 259 | 263 | 0 | 0 |
| NY | 94 | 96 | | | | |
| NC | 210 | 212 | 80 | 77 | 130 | 135 |
| OH | 606 | 625 | | | | |
| OK | 77 | 73 | 43 | 41 | 34 | 32 |
| OR | 67 | 68 | 65 | 66 | 2 | 2 |
| PA | 536 | 551 | 519 | 533 | 17 | 18 |
| SC | 107 | 100 | 89 | 82 | 18 | 18 |
| SD | 81 | 59 | 81 | 59 | 0 | 0 |
| TX | 411 | 370 | | | | |
| VA | 63 | 64 | 27 | 28 | 36 | 36 |
| WA | 110 | 110 | | | | |
| WI | 96 | 103 | | | | |
| Oth Sts ³ | 490 | 465 | 402 | 371 | 88 | 95 |
| US | 7,358 | 7,388 | 6,284 | 6,290 | 1,074 | 1,099 |

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

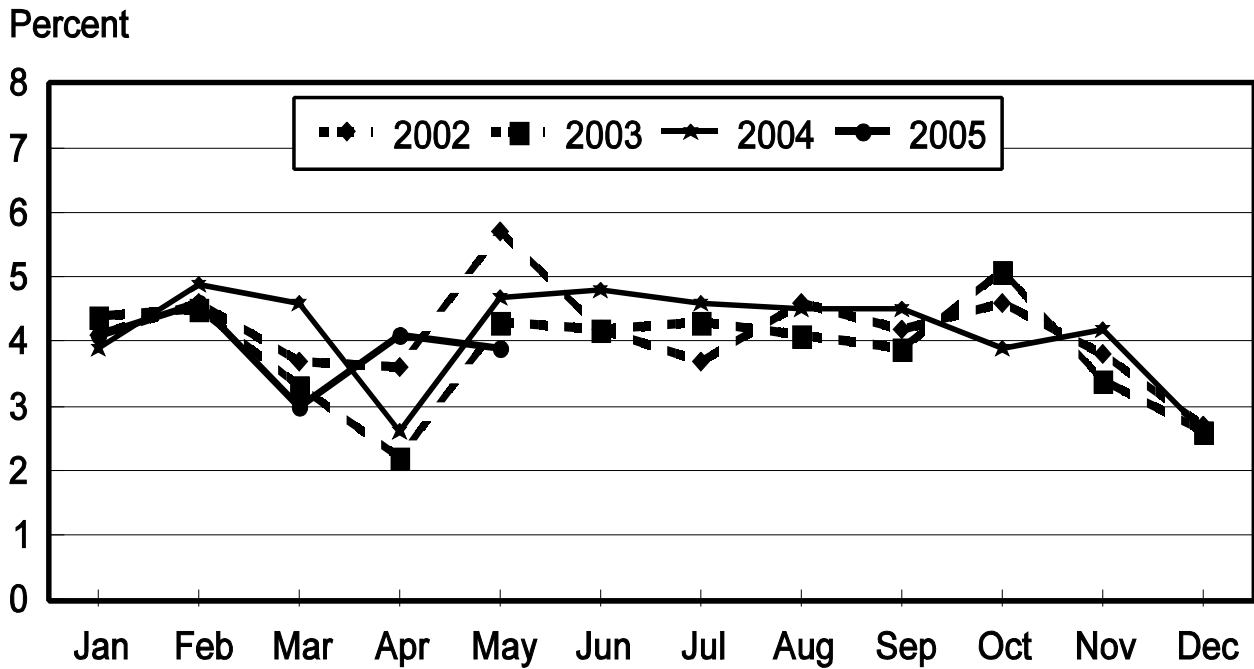
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**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 2004-05¹**

| Month | Percent Being Molted | | Percent with Molt Completed | |
|-------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Jan | 3.9 | 4.1 | 22.8 | 23.2 |
| Feb | 4.9 | 4.6 | 22.7 | 21.7 |
| Mar | 4.6 | 3.0 | 23.4 | 22.8 |
| Apr | 2.6 | 4.1 | 23.4 | 22.6 |
| May | 4.7 | 3.9 | 22.2 | 22.2 |
| Jun | 4.8 | | 23.1 | |
| Jul | 4.6 | | 24.0 | |
| Aug | 4.5 | | 23.4 | |
| Sep | 4.5 | | 23.3 | |
| Oct | 3.9 | | 23.6 | |
| Nov | 4.2 | | 23.7 | |
| Dec | 2.6 | | 23.7 | |

¹ As of first of month.

**All Layers: United States
Percent Being Molted, 2002 - 2005
First of the Month**



**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, May 2004-05¹**

| State | Percent Being Molted | | Percent with Molt Completed | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AL | 0.0 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 2.0 |
| AR | 0.5 | 1.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| CA | 7.5 | 6.0 | 25.0 | 33.0 |
| CO | 6.0 | 4.0 | 20.5 | 23.5 |
| CT | 2.0 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 9.2 |
| FL | 2.5 | 6.0 | 22.5 | 22.5 |
| GA | 5.0 | 4.0 | 11.5 | 11.5 |
| HI | 6.5 | 9.0 | 45.5 | 47.5 |
| IL | 3.0 | 5.5 | 39.0 | 23.5 |
| IN | 4.0 | 4.0 | 31.5 | 30.5 |
| IA | 5.0 | 5.0 | 35.0 | 36.5 |
| ME | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| MD | 0.0 | 5.5 | 30.0 | 35.0 |
| MI | 5.5 | 2.5 | 30.5 | 28.5 |
| MN | 3.0 | 2.5 | 25.0 | 24.0 |
| MS | 4.0 | 2.5 | 9.5 | 8.0 |
| MO | 5.0 | 1.5 | 18.5 | 20.5 |
| NE | 8.5 | 4.5 | 18.5 | 26.0 |
| NY | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| NC | 1.0 | 1.0 | 7.5 | 9.0 |
| OH | 7.5 | 3.0 | 24.5 | 22.0 |
| OK | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| OR | 7.0 | 9.0 | 36.0 | 26.5 |
| PA | 1.5 | 4.0 | 19.5 | 15.0 |
| SC | 10.5 | 7.0 | 31.5 | 23.5 |
| SD | 17.5 | 11.5 | 25.0 | 24.5 |
| TX | 4.5 | 3.5 | 18.0 | 20.5 |
| VA | 3.5 | 6.0 | 12.5 | 6.0 |
| WA | 8.5 | 4.5 | 46.5 | 36.6 |
| WI | 6.0 | 2.0 | 30.5 | 25.0 |
| Oth Sts ² | 7.5 | 4.7 | 25.2 | 21.3 |
| US | 4.7 | 3.9 | 22.2 | 22.2 |

¹ As of first of month.

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

**Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators, Chicks Hatched,
and Placements by Type, United States, April-May 2004-05**

| Item | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Egg-Type | | | |
| Eggs in Incubators on May 1 | 33,347 | 35,875 | 108 |
| Chicks Hatched During Apr | 37,466 | 38,267 | 102 |
| Chicks Hatched Jan thru Apr | 142,089 | 151,959 | 107 |
| Pullets Hatched During Apr for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks | 343 | 308 | 90 |
| 7-18 Month Earlier ¹ | 2,923 | 3,142 | 107 |
| Broiler-Type | | | |
| Eggs in Incubators on May 1 | 661,541 | 663,426 | 100 |
| Chicks Hatched During Apr | 774,629 | 789,780 | 102 |
| Chicks Hatched Jan thru Apr | 3,068,949 | 3,132,862 | 102 |
| Pullets Hatched During Apr for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks | 6,402 | 6,800 | 106 |
| 7-15 Months Earlier ² | 61,600 | 63,574 | 103 |

¹ 2005 includes pullet chicks hatched Oct 2003 through Sep 2004.

² 2005 includes pullet chicks hatched Jan 2004 through Sep 2004.

**Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
May 1, 2004-05**

| Region | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| North Atlantic | 5,718 | 4,731 | 83 |
| E North Central | 7,349 | 7,456 | 101 |
| W North Central | 6,542 | 8,001 | 122 |
| South Atlantic | 2,424 | 4,315 | 178 |
| South Central | 5,374 | 5,736 | 107 |
| West | 5,940 | 5,636 | 95 |
| US | 33,347 | 35,875 | 108 |

Regions:

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 Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
January-April, 2005 ¹**

| Region | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> |
| North Atlantic | 5,018 | 5,273 | 6,198 | 6,307 |
| E North Central | 7,623 | 6,981 | 6,853 | 7,111 |
| W North Central | 6,936 | 5,449 | 8,102 | 7,934 |
| South Atlantic | 4,508 | 4,644 | 3,869 | 4,207 |
| South Central | 5,649 | 6,504 | 6,406 | 4,958 |
| West | 4,722 | 5,351 | 5,346 | 5,619 |
| US | 34,456 | 34,202 | 36,774 | 36,136 |

¹ Revisions to "Oth Sts".

**Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By State and United States,
April 2004-05**

| State | April | | | Jan-Apr | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| FL | 579 | 801 | 138 | 2,511 | 3,013 | 120 |
| GA | 2,362 | 2,296 | 97 | 9,593 | 9,184 | 96 |
| IN | 5,218 | 5,186 | 99 | 20,167 | 20,205 | 100 |
| IA | 6,296 | 7,420 | 118 | 24,669 | 25,394 | 103 |
| MN | 826 | 1,198 | 145 | 3,857 | 4,032 | 105 |
| PA | 6,117 | 4,596 | 75 | 21,162 | 20,405 | 96 |
| Oth Sts ¹ | 16,068 | 16,770 | 104 | 60,130 | 69,726 | 116 |
| US | 37,466 | 38,267 | 102 | 142,089 | 151,959 | 107 |

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

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2003-05

| Month | By Months | | | | Cumulative | | | |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
| | <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 | 33,521 | 35,155 | *37,936 | 108 | 33,521 | 35,155 | *37,936 | 108 |
| Feb | 30,474 | 31,923 | *33,932 | 106 | 63,995 | 67,078 | *71,868 | 107 |
| Mar | 36,775 | 37,545 | *41,824 | 111 | 100,770 | 104,623 | *113,692 | 109 |
| Apr | 37,820 | 37,466 | 38,267 | 102 | 138,590 | 142,089 | 151,959 | 107 |
| May | 37,630 | 38,347 | | | 176,220 | 180,436 | | |
| Jun | 36,602 | 37,508 | | | 212,822 | 217,944 | | |
| Jul | 35,578 | 34,919 | | | 248,400 | 252,863 | | |
| Aug | 33,199 | 36,854 | | | 281,599 | 289,717 | | |
| Sep | 35,763 | 36,631 | | | 317,362 | 326,348 | | |
| Oct | 34,812 | 34,866 | | | 352,174 | 361,214 | | |
| Nov | 30,241 | 38,758 | | | 382,415 | 399,972 | | |
| Dec | 33,588 | 37,332 | | | 416,003 | 437,304 | | |

* Revisions to "Oth Sts".

**Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 2003-05¹**

| Month | Pullet Chicks Hatched | | | 2005 as % of 2004 | Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier ² | | |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <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 | 210 | 124 | 157 | 127 | 2,974 | 3,012 | 3,088 |
| Feb | 225 | 285 | 208 | 73 | 2,916 | 2,960 | 3,080 |
| Mar | 319 | 401 | 314 | 78 | 2,886 | 2,927 | 3,210 |
| Apr | 280 | 343 | 308 | 90 | 2,944 | 2,923 | 3,142 |
| May | 289 | 157 | | | 2,980 | 3,047 | 3,100 |
| Jun | 309 | 212 | | | 2,946 | 3,139 | 3,006 |
| Jul | 230 | 222 | | | 2,927 | 3,198 | 2,995 |
| Aug | 188 | 318 | | | 2,909 | 3,112 | 3,028 |
| Sep | 273 | 205 | | | 2,887 | 3,172 | 2,951 |
| Oct | 310 | 268 | | | 2,969 | 3,254 | 2,864 |
| Nov | 319 | 225 | | | 2,954 | 3,317 | 2,829 |
| Dec | 246 | 235 | | | 2,924 | 3,185 | |
| Total | 3,198 | 2,995 | | | | | |

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 April 2005, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Oct 2003 through Sep 2004. 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, May 1, 2004-05**

| Region | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| North Atlantic | 12,592 | 12,202 | 97 |
| E North Central | 8,201 | 8,947 | 109 |
| W North Central | 25,805 | 23,840 | 92 |
| South Atlantic | 235,068 | 241,162 | 103 |
| South Central | 354,408 | 351,361 | 99 |
| West | 25,467 | 25,914 | 102 |
| US | 661,541 | 663,426 | 100 |

**Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, April 2004-05**

| State | April | | | Jan-Apr | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AL | 108,686 | 110,549 | 102 | 430,510 | 433,383 | 101 |
| AR | 111,422 | 109,920 | 99 | 443,724 | 444,356 | 100 |
| DE | 13,327 | 14,522 | 109 | 53,681 | 57,125 | 106 |
| FL | 4,758 | 4,811 | 101 | 19,306 | 19,095 | 99 |
| GA | 115,342 | 117,954 | 102 | 470,737 | 476,714 | 101 |
| KY | 24,925 | 25,155 | 101 | 97,860 | 100,960 | 103 |
| LA | 13,609 | 14,854 | 109 | 53,431 | 57,979 | 109 |
| MD | 30,715 | 30,887 | 101 | 123,535 | 123,047 | 100 |
| MS | 70,603 | 71,086 | 101 | 281,310 | 284,178 | 101 |
| NC | 66,700 | 67,320 | 101 | 259,110 | 262,766 | 101 |
| OK | 23,599 | 23,425 | 99 | 91,070 | 92,696 | 102 |
| PA | 13,104 | 14,332 | 109 | 50,788 | 56,321 | 111 |
| SC | 12,903 | 18,431 | 143 | 51,694 | 71,480 | 138 |
| TX | 54,413 | 55,280 | 102 | 212,617 | 216,644 | 102 |
| VA | 23,764 | 23,859 | 100 | 92,225 | 92,682 | 100 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | 63,788 | 65,749 | 103 | 248,712 | 258,720 | 104 |
| 19 Sts ¹ | 751,658 | 768,134 | 102 | 2,980,310 | 3,048,146 | 102 |
| Oth Sts ² | 22,971 | 21,646 | 94 | 88,639 | 84,716 | 96 |
| US | 774,629 | 789,780 | 102 | 3,068,949 | 3,132,862 | 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, 2003-05

| Month | By Months | | | | Cumulative | | | |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
| | <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 | 759,674 | 774,004 | 796,026 | 103 | 759,674 | 774,004 | 796,026 | 103 |
| Feb | 693,549 | 728,401 | 731,274 | 100 | 1,453,223 | 1,502,405 | 1,527,300 | 102 |
| Mar | 774,354 | 791,915 | 815,782 | 103 | 2,227,577 | 2,294,320 | 2,343,082 | 102 |
| Apr | 760,638 | 774,629 | 789,780 | 102 | 2,988,215 | 3,068,949 | 3,132,862 | 102 |
| May | 792,813 | 810,484 | | | 3,781,028 | 3,879,433 | | |
| Jun | 774,679 | 786,603 | | | 4,555,707 | 4,666,036 | | |
| Jul | 777,838 | 806,658 | | | 5,333,545 | 5,472,694 | | |
| Aug | 784,107 | 810,285 | | | 6,117,652 | 6,282,979 | | |
| Sep | 739,515 | 769,934 | | | 6,857,167 | 7,052,913 | | |
| Oct | 735,235 | 756,895 | | | 7,592,402 | 7,809,808 | | |
| Nov | 707,891 | 730,353 | | | 8,300,293 | 8,540,161 | | |
| Dec | 780,321 | 793,090 | | | 9,080,614 | 9,333,251 | | |

**Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 2003-05 ¹**

| Month | Pullet Chicks Hatched | | | 2005 as % of 2004 | Cumulative Potential Placements Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ² | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | <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 | 6,269 | 6,811 | 6,409 | 94 | 62,473 | 60,300 | 62,084 |
| Feb | 6,659 | 7,340 | 7,325 | 100 | 62,371 | 61,106 | 62,460 |
| Mar | 6,888 | 6,815 | 7,077 | 104 | 62,559 | 61,421 | 62,794 |
| Apr | 6,735 | 6,402 | 6,800 | 106 | 62,658 | 61,600 | 63,574 |
| May | 7,323 | 7,590 | | | 62,659 | 61,643 | 63,220 |
| Jun | 6,748 | 6,890 | | | 62,322 | 61,930 | 63,008 |
| Jul | 7,071 | 6,688 | | | 62,022 | 62,020 | 62,965 |
| Aug | 7,253 | 7,280 | | | 61,477 | 62,096 | 62,972 |
| Sep | 6,654 | 7,758 | | | 60,539 | 62,113 | 62,707 |
| Oct | 6,312 | 6,457 | | | 60,221 | 62,180 | 62,894 |
| Nov | 6,946 | 7,128 | | | 60,354 | 61,511 | 63,006 |
| Dec | 6,978 | 6,772 | | | 60,228 | 61,848 | |
| Annual Total | 81,836 | 83,931 | | | | | |
| Total Place- ments ³ | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 7,388 | 7,812 | 7,804 | 100 | | | |
| Feb | 8,094 | 8,251 | 8,664 | 105 | | | |
| Mar | 8,400 | 7,801 | 8,709 | 112 | | | |
| Apr | 8,062 | 7,288 | 7,995 | 110 | | | |
| May | 8,604 | 8,693 | | | | | |
| Jun | 8,341 | 8,590 | | | | | |
| Jul | 8,555 | 8,003 | | | | | |
| Aug | 8,608 | 8,416 | | | | | |
| Sep | 8,338 | 9,184 | | | | | |
| Oct | 7,695 | 7,678 | | | | | |
| Nov | 8,246 | 8,411 | | | | | |
| Dec | 8,185 | 8,263 | | | | | |
| Annual Total | 98,516 | 98,390 | | | | | |

¹ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.

² For Apr 2005, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Jan 2004 through Sep 2004.

³ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

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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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