



# Chickens and Eggs

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## July Egg Production Down 10 Percent

United States egg production totaled 7.67 billion during July 2015, down 10 percent from last year. Production included 6.53 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 83 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2015 averaged 329 million, down 9 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,333 eggs, down 1 percent from July 2014.

All layers in the United States on August 1, 2015 totaled 329 million, down 9 percent from last year. The 329 million layers consisted of 271 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.30 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2015, averaged 75.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from August 1, 2014.

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2015 totaled 42.6 million, up 1 percent from July 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 44.4 million on August 1, 2015, up 12 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 267 thousand during July 2015, down 3 percent from July 2014.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2015 totaled 805 million, up 2 percent from July 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 646 million on August 1, 2015, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.43 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2015, up 20 percent from July 2014.

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## Average Number of All Layers on Hand During the Month – United States: 2014-2015

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	2014		2015	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December <sup>1</sup> .....		360,673		365,691
January .....		359,556		363,732
February .....		358,967		362,338
March .....		359,955		362,501
April .....		360,826		358,416
May .....		360,383		341,647
June .....		359,729		328,656
July .....		360,787		328,731
August .....		361,731		
September .....		361,813		
October .....		362,034		
November .....		364,017		

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.

## Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2014-2015

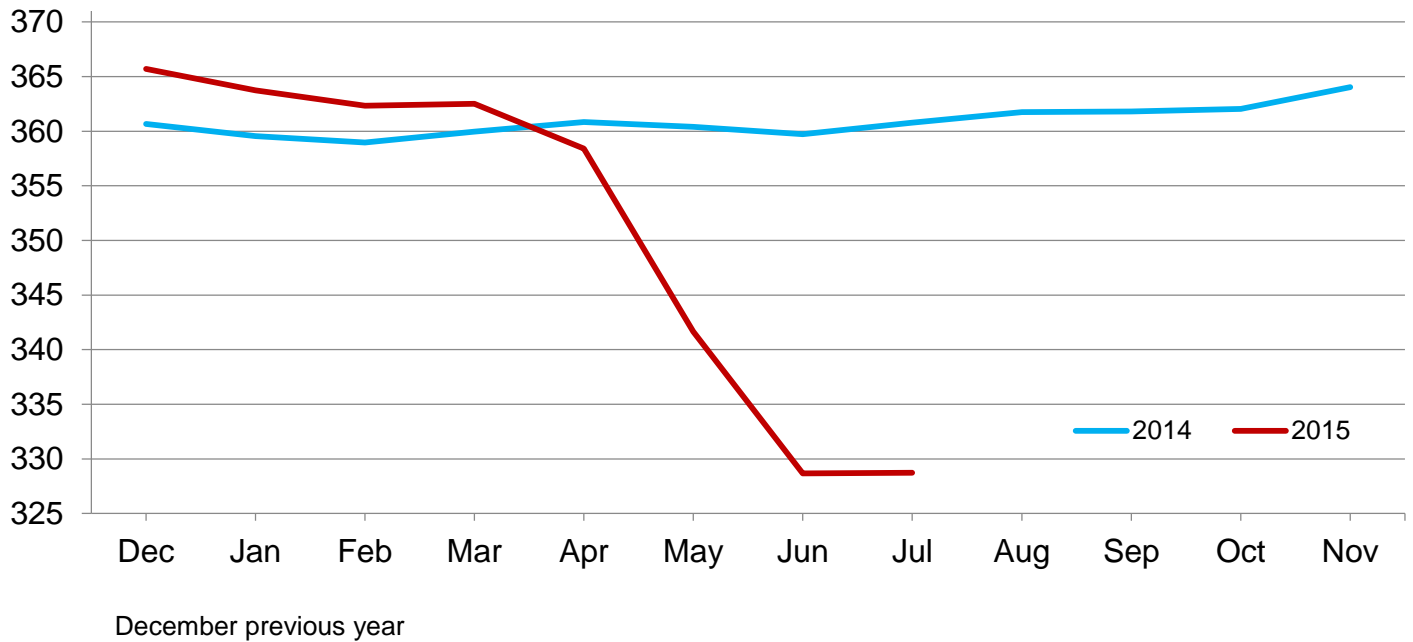
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December <sup>1</sup> .....	8,489	8,731	7,422	7,633	1,068	1,098
January .....	8,397	8,540	7,321	7,428	1,077	1,112
February .....	7,551	7,620	6,579	6,615	972	1,006
March .....	8,430	8,548	7,354	7,429	1,077	1,119
April .....	8,205	8,209	7,160	7,113	1,045	1,096
May .....	8,428	7,993	7,336	6,851	1,094	1,142
June .....	8,151	7,416	7,091	6,307	1,060	1,109
July .....	8,503	7,669	7,404	6,525	1,100	1,144
August .....	8,491		7,394		1,098	
September .....	8,186		7,126		1,060	
October .....	8,526		7,433		1,094	
November .....	8,411		7,353		1,058	
During year .....	99,768		86,971		12,803	

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.

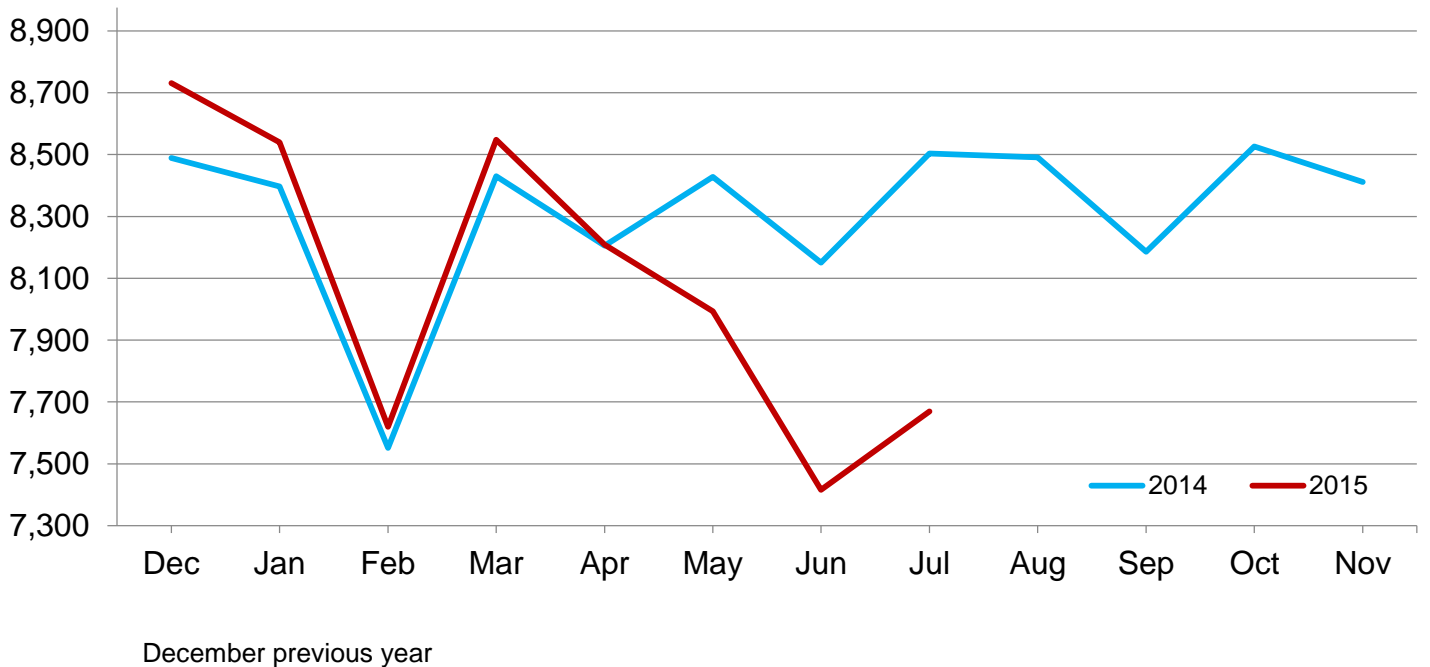
## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## All Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: June-July 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
<b>Layers during June</b>			
All layers .....1,000	359,729	328,656	91
Table egg type .....1,000	303,025	270,260	89
Hatching egg type .....1,000	56,704	58,396	103
Broiler-type hatching .....1,000	53,455	55,161	103
Egg-type hatching .....1,000	3,249	3,235	100
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during June</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,266	2,256	100
Table egg type ..... number	2,340	2,334	100
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,869	1,899	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,835	1,867	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,432	2,442	100
<b>Eggs produced during June</b>			
All layers ..... million	8,151	7,416	91
Table egg type ..... million	7,091	6,307	89
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,060	1,109	105
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	981	1,030	105
Egg-type hatching ..... million	79	79	100
<b>Layers on July 1</b>			
All layers .....1,000	359,671	328,368	91
Table egg type .....1,000	303,092	270,343	89
Hatching egg type .....1,000	56,579	58,025	103
Broiler-type hatching .....1,000	53,369	54,752	103
Egg-type hatching .....1,000	3,210	3,273	102
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on July 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	76.0	75.2	99
Table egg type ..... number	78.5	77.7	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.5	63.5	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	61.5	62.4	101
Egg-type hatching ..... number	80.1	81.7	102
<b>Molted layers on July 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	2.6	2.9	112
Molt completed ..... percent	18.0	18.4	102
Layers sold for slaughter during June .....1,000	14,402	13,607	94
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during June .....1,000	8,148	10,209	125
Pullets on July 1 .....1,000	109,567	104,179	95
Pullets added during June <sup>1</sup> .....1,000	23,230	23,126	100

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: July-August 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
<b>Layers during July</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	360,787	328,731	91
Table egg type ..... 1,000	304,161	270,784	89
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	56,626	57,947	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	53,441	54,658	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,185	3,289	103
<b>Eggs per 100 layers during July</b>			
All layers ..... number	2,357	2,333	99
Table egg type ..... number	2,434	2,410	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	1,943	1,974	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	1,911	1,941	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	2,480	2,524	102
<b>Eggs produced during July</b>			
All layers ..... million	8,503	7,669	90
Table egg type ..... million	7,404	6,525	88
Hatching egg type ..... million	1,100	1,144	104
Broiler-type hatching ..... million	1,021	1,061	104
Egg-type hatching ..... million	79	83	105
<b>Layers on August 1</b>			
All layers ..... 1,000	361,873	329,056	91
Table egg type ..... 1,000	305,218	271,206	89
Hatching egg type ..... 1,000	56,655	57,850	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... 1,000	53,501	54,554	102
Egg-type hatching ..... 1,000	3,154	3,296	105
<b>Eggs per 100 layers on August 1</b>			
All layers ..... number	75.9	75.0	99
Table egg type ..... number	78.4	77.5	99
Hatching egg type ..... number	62.3	63.6	102
Broiler-type hatching ..... number	61.3	62.5	102
Egg-type hatching ..... number	79.4	82.1	103
<b>Molted layers on August 1</b>			
Being molted ..... percent	3.3	2.6	79
Molt completed ..... percent	18.0	19.4	108
Layers sold for slaughter during July ..... 1,000	14,071	14,713	105
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during July ..... 1,000	8,284	6,097	74
Pullets on August 1 ..... 1,000	109,322	107,182	98
Pullets added during July <sup>1</sup> ..... 1,000	25,601	25,555	100

<sup>1</sup> Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During June 2014 and 2015

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,534	1,454	9,478	9,645	1,931	1,908
Arkansas .....	3,673	3,504	12,260	12,763	1,982	2,014
California .....	15,571	12,952	15,990	13,460	2,326	2,266
Colorado .....	4,537	4,085	4,910	4,563	2,464	2,389
Connecticut <sup>1</sup> .....	2,286	(NA)	2,379	(NA)	2,312	(NA)
Florida .....	8,128	8,507	8,520	8,888	2,218	2,228
Georgia .....	9,388	9,436	18,194	18,358	2,089	2,119
Illinois .....	4,081	4,111	4,578	4,589	2,468	2,223
Indiana .....	26,656	25,666	27,625	26,585	2,320	2,343
Iowa .....	57,779	33,236	59,001	34,374	2,295	2,220
Maine <sup>1</sup> .....	3,408	(NA)	3,463	(NA)	2,339	(NA)
Maryland .....	2,614	2,539	2,784	2,709	2,335	2,436
Michigan .....	12,877	12,661	13,097	12,886	2,413	2,398
Minnesota .....	10,389	7,936	10,846	8,395	2,314	2,263
Mississippi .....	1,407	1,538	5,538	5,902	1,968	2,033
Missouri .....	6,206	6,187	8,458	8,393	2,258	2,252
Nebraska .....	9,374	6,323	9,482	6,431	2,531	2,519
New York .....	4,718	4,496	5,072	4,859	2,405	2,490
North Carolina .....	5,768	6,627	13,324	14,527	2,064	2,038
Ohio .....	30,115	30,530	30,981	31,386	2,298	2,358
Oregon .....	2,243	2,155	2,382	2,294	2,645	2,616
Pennsylvania .....	23,191	23,631	25,055	25,547	2,431	2,439
South Carolina .....	3,066	3,297	4,343	4,563	2,164	2,170
South Dakota .....	2,471	1,512	2,613	1,654	2,258	2,479
Texas .....	14,900	15,036	19,025	19,129	2,202	2,175
Utah .....	3,996	4,314	4,034	4,352	2,305	2,344
Virginia .....	1,201	1,079	3,002	2,845	2,132	2,144
Washington .....	6,633	7,101	6,799	7,266	2,324	2,353
Wisconsin .....	4,034	3,370	4,810	4,150	2,349	2,361
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	12,778	18,896	21,686	28,143	2,149	2,210
United States .....	295,022	262,179	359,729	328,656	2,266	2,256

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Included in Other States in 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During July 2014 and 2015

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		All layers		Eggs per 100 for all layers	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	1,529	1,514	9,309	9,551	2,009	1,989
Arkansas .....	3,584	3,697	12,271	12,906	2,086	2,069
California .....	15,585	13,042	15,997	13,545	2,400	2,289
Colorado .....	4,628	4,033	5,001	4,516	2,500	2,613
Connecticut <sup>1</sup> .....	2,311	(NA)	2,404	(NA)	2,454	(NA)
Florida .....	8,170	8,533	8,583	8,926	2,319	2,319
Georgia .....	9,407	9,586	18,159	18,429	2,159	2,187
Illinois .....	4,268	4,168	4,761	4,642	2,520	2,262
Indiana .....	26,486	25,924	27,467	26,884	2,403	2,425
Iowa .....	57,584	32,448	58,787	33,593	2,375	2,307
Maine <sup>1</sup> .....	3,422	(NA)	3,477	(NA)	2,358	(NA)
Maryland .....	2,603	2,539	2,774	2,703	2,451	2,516
Michigan .....	12,865	12,799	13,082	13,016	2,523	2,435
Minnesota .....	10,632	7,854	11,088	8,314	2,444	2,418
Mississippi .....	1,318	1,536	5,501	5,801	2,036	2,103
Missouri .....	6,481	6,085	8,725	8,278	2,338	2,319
Nebraska .....	9,468	5,769	9,576	5,877	2,600	2,569
New York .....	4,737	4,567	5,094	4,927	2,493	2,578
North Carolina .....	6,009	6,831	13,728	14,745	2,120	2,089
Ohio .....	30,268	30,926	31,145	31,778	2,459	2,410
Oregon .....	2,239	2,306	2,378	2,445	2,691	2,618
Pennsylvania .....	23,329	23,729	25,146	25,683	2,513	2,507
South Carolina .....	2,966	3,066	4,201	4,306	2,166	2,346
South Dakota .....	2,409	1,408	2,551	1,550	2,430	2,516
Texas .....	14,827	15,360	18,901	19,424	2,312	2,265
Utah .....	4,160	4,192	4,198	4,230	2,382	2,506
Virginia .....	1,300	1,113	3,073	2,836	2,180	2,080
Washington .....	6,686	7,162	6,852	7,327	2,481	2,470
Wisconsin .....	4,116	3,527	4,892	4,307	2,433	2,484
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	12,771	18,989	21,666	28,192	2,229	2,302
United States .....	296,158	262,703	360,787	328,731	2,357	2,333

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Included in Other States in 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: June 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	183	184	40	36	143	148
Arkansas .....	243	257	83	85	160	172
California .....	372	305	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	121	109	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut <sup>1</sup> .....	55	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida .....	189	198	184	193	5	5
Georgia .....	380	389	216	219	164	170
Illinois .....	113	102	108	97	5	5
Indiana .....	641	623	623	606	18	17
Iowa .....	1,354	763	1,336	747	18	16
Maine <sup>1</sup> .....	81	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland .....	65	66	64	64	1	2
Michigan .....	316	309	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	251	190	245	184	6	6
Mississippi .....	109	120	34	38	75	82
Missouri .....	191	189	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	240	162	240	162	-	-
New York .....	122	121	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	275	296	140	152	135	144
Ohio .....	712	740	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	63	60	63	60	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	609	623	585	596	24	27
South Carolina .....	94	99	72	76	22	23
South Dakota .....	59	41	59	41	-	-
Texas .....	419	416	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	93	102	93	102	-	-
Virginia .....	64	61	32	30	32	31
Washington .....	158	171	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	113	98	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	466	622	336	485	130	137
United States .....	8,151	7,416	7,091	6,307	1,060	1,109

- Represents zero.

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## Egg Production by Type – States and United States: July 2014 and 2015

[Totals may not add due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	187	190	41	40	146	150
Arkansas .....	256	267	88	90	168	177
California .....	384	310	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado .....	125	118	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut <sup>1</sup> .....	59	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida .....	199	207	194	202	5	5
Georgia .....	392	403	223	228	169	175
Illinois .....	120	105	115	100	5	5
Indiana .....	660	652	641	632	19	20
Iowa .....	1,396	775	1,378	758	18	17
Maine <sup>1</sup> .....	82	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland .....	68	68	66	66	2	2
Michigan .....	330	317	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	271	201	264	194	7	7
Mississippi .....	112	122	33	39	79	83
Missouri .....	204	192	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	249	151	249	151	-	-
New York .....	127	127	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	291	308	151	158	140	150
Ohio .....	766	766	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	64	64	64	64	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	632	644	607	616	25	28
South Carolina .....	91	101	69	78	22	23
South Dakota .....	62	39	62	39	-	-
Texas .....	437	440	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	100	106	100	106	-	-
Virginia .....	67	59	35	27	32	32
Washington .....	170	181	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	119	107	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	483	649	349	508	135	141
United States .....	8,503	7,669	7,404	6,525	1,100	1,144

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## Molted as Percent of All Layers by Month – United States: 2014-2015

[As of the first of the month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January .....	2.7	2.1	18.2	18.1
February .....	2.8	3.3	18.0	17.9
March .....	2.4	1.9	18.0	18.9
April .....	1.9	2.0	17.9	18.0
May .....	2.8	3.1	17.7	17.7
June .....	3.0	2.4	17.2	17.5
July .....	2.6	2.9	18.0	18.4
August .....	3.3	2.6	18.0	19.4
September .....	2.9		18.9	
October .....	3.3		19.3	
November .....	2.0		19.9	
December .....	1.3		19.3	

## Molted as Percent of All Layers – States and United States: August 1, 2014 and 2015

[As of the first of the month]

State	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.0	0.5	6.0	8.0
Arkansas .....	1.5	2.0	12.5	15.0
California .....	6.0	5.0	30.5	31.0
Colorado .....	3.5	1.0	21.5	10.0
Connecticut <sup>1</sup> .....	-	(NA)	14.0	(NA)
Florida .....	8.0	6.0	29.5	50.0
Georgia .....	4.0	3.0	16.5	13.5
Illinois .....	4.0	2.0	9.5	18.0
Indiana .....	3.5	0.5	24.5	27.5
Iowa .....	5.0	4.5	23.5	28.0
Maine <sup>1</sup> .....	-	(NA)	-	(NA)
Maryland .....	-	-	4.5	3.0
Michigan .....	3.5	-	6.5	10.5
Minnesota .....	2.0	3.5	20.0	8.0
Mississippi .....	2.5	3.0	11.0	14.5
Missouri .....	1.0	-	16.5	14.5
Nebraska .....	-	6.0	1.5	1.5
New York .....	3.5	1.5	5.5	5.0
North Carolina .....	2.0	-	13.5	17.0
Ohio .....	3.0	3.0	25.0	24.0
Oregon .....	-	-	13.5	16.5
Pennsylvania .....	1.0	1.5	5.5	4.5
South Carolina .....	2.5	2.5	7.5	10.5
South Dakota .....	4.0	-	15.5	14.5
Texas .....	3.0	5.5	28.0	39.5
Utah .....	6.0	7.0	28.5	29.0
Virginia .....	6.0	7.0	13.0	16.5
Washington .....	1.0	3.5	21.0	26.5
Wisconsin .....	12.5	-	22.0	19.0
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	1.9	1.5	13.8	9.3
United States .....	3.3	2.6	18.0	19.4

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Included in Other States in 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Hatchery Production – United States: 2014 and 2015

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
<b>Egg-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on August 1 .....	39,782	44,434	112
Chicks hatched during July .....	42,297	42,582	101
Chicks hatched January through July .....	310,829	324,039	104
<b>Pullets hatched during July for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	275	267	97
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,866	3,074	107
<b>Broiler-type</b>			
Eggs in incubators on August 1 .....	643,539	645,606	100
Chicks hatched during July .....	785,896	804,866	102
Chicks hatched January through July .....	5,322,611	5,468,444	103
<b>Pullets hatched during July for intended placements:</b>			
Hatchery supply flocks .....	6,212	7,428	120
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier <sup>2</sup> .....	61,524	63,514	103

<sup>1</sup> 2015 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2014 through December 2014.

<sup>2</sup> 2015 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2014 through December 2014.

## Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2014-2015

[See regional listing on page 19]

Region	July 1		2015 as percent of 2014	August 1		2015 as percent of 2014
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic .....	5,300	7,969	150	5,472	7,401	135
East North Central .....	8,727	8,241	94	6,616	7,187	109
West North Central .....	10,395	10,525	101	11,514	12,847	112
South Atlantic .....	4,256	4,636	109	4,272	5,076	119
South Central .....	6,337	5,631	89	5,818	5,706	98
West .....	6,026	6,664	111	6,090	6,217	102
United States .....	41,041	43,666	106	39,782	44,434	112

## Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2014-2015

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	44,458	44,174	99	44,458	44,174	99
February .....	40,986	43,091	105	85,444	87,265	102
March .....	44,233	50,077	113	129,677	137,342	106
April .....	45,703	49,595	109	175,380	186,937	107
May .....	49,146	47,652	97	224,526	234,589	104
June .....	44,006	46,868	107	268,532	281,457	105
July .....	42,297	42,582	101	310,829	324,039	104
August .....	39,803			350,632		
September .....	43,722			394,354		
October .....	44,468			438,822		
November .....	36,544			475,366		
December .....	42,980			518,346		

## Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month – United States: 2014-2016

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2015 as percent of 2014	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2014	2015		2015	2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January .....	270	270	100	2,947	3,386
February .....	243	309	127	2,955	3,378
March .....	235	346	147	2,863	
April .....	243	219	90	2,987	
May .....	224	235	105	3,206	
June .....	172	320	186	3,178	
July .....	275	267	97	3,074	
August .....	251			3,074	
September .....	394			3,140	
October .....	369			3,251	
November .....	150			3,227	
December .....	248			3,238	
Total .....	3,074				

<sup>1</sup> For July 2015, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched January 2014 through December 2014. 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 on the First of the Month – Regions and United States: 2014-2015

[See regional listing on page 19]

Region	July 1		2015 as percent of 2014	August 1		2015 as percent of 2014
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
North Atlantic .....	13,685	14,301	105	14,209	13,562	95
East North Central .....	14,463	14,620	101	14,131	13,874	98
West North Central .....	30,594	31,263	102	30,875	30,937	100
South Atlantic .....	246,908	251,210	102	249,524	249,366	100
South Central .....	309,525	316,330	102	311,636	314,409	101
West .....	23,312	24,076	103	23,164	23,458	101
United States .....	638,487	651,800	102	643,539	645,606	100

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: July 2014 and 2015

State	During July			January-July		
	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	105,993	109,515	103	721,877	741,806	103
Arkansas .....	78,083	78,834	101	527,170	547,687	104
Delaware .....	16,356	17,539	107	112,784	119,097	106
Florida .....	4,634	4,596	99	30,784	30,198	98
Georgia .....	125,030	125,674	101	849,704	855,731	101
Kentucky .....	28,525	29,345	103	193,185	197,880	102
Louisiana .....	14,390	14,211	99	97,795	97,699	100
Maryland .....	27,695	29,243	106	190,711	198,079	104
Mississippi .....	64,970	67,273	104	444,251	457,426	103
Missouri .....	31,008	30,496	98	212,051	207,650	98
North Carolina .....	77,039	79,995	104	515,383	536,633	104
Oklahoma .....	24,308	24,712	102	167,479	164,578	98
Pennsylvania .....	16,197	17,227	106	109,390	113,456	104
South Carolina .....	18,144	19,698	109	121,446	135,051	111
Texas .....	54,695	57,228	105	368,882	388,816	105
Virginia .....	25,070	24,042	96	167,061	165,574	99
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	44,265	45,433	103	291,313	306,553	105
19 States <sup>1</sup> .....	756,402	775,061	102	5,121,266	5,263,914	103
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	29,494	29,805	101	201,345	204,530	102
United States .....	785,896	804,866	102	5,322,611	5,468,444	103

<sup>1</sup> States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

<sup>2</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2014-2015

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	By months			Cumulative		
	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January .....	772,825	792,176	103	772,825	792,176	103
February .....	694,277	711,223	102	1,467,102	1,503,399	102
March .....	771,618	791,109	103	2,238,720	2,294,508	102
April .....	750,447	772,833	103	2,989,167	3,067,341	103
May .....	783,136	809,044	103	3,772,303	3,876,385	103
June .....	764,412	787,193	103	4,536,715	4,663,578	103
July .....	785,896	804,866	102	5,322,611	5,468,444	103
August .....	789,582			6,112,193		
September .....	757,650			6,869,843		
October .....	762,311			7,632,154		
November .....	732,978			8,365,132		
December .....	795,846			9,160,978		



## Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2014-2016

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2015 as percent of 2014	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup>	
	2014 (1,000 chicks)	2015 (1,000 chicks)		2015 (1,000 chicks)	2016 (1,000 chicks)
United States placements .....					
January .....	6,470	6,959	108	62,018	65,575
February .....	7,239	7,921	109	61,999	66,180
March .....	6,790	7,160	105	62,220	
April .....	6,710	6,995	104	62,804	
May .....	7,600	7,541	99	63,157	
June .....	7,094	7,790	110	63,509	
July .....	6,212	7,428	120	63,514	
August .....	7,436			63,763	
September .....	7,253			64,084	
October .....	6,823			64,150	
November .....	7,591			64,933	
December .....	6,795			65,038	
Annual total .....	84,013				
Total placements <sup>2</sup> .....					
January .....	8,077	8,382	104		
February .....	9,068	9,546	105		
March .....	8,702	8,875	102		
April .....	8,122	8,358	103		
May .....	9,470	9,409	99		
June .....	9,021	9,785	108		
July .....	7,916	9,907	125		
August .....	9,413				
September .....	9,228				
October .....	8,288				
November .....	9,540				
December .....	8,649				
Annual total .....	105,494				

<sup>1</sup> For July 2015, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2014 through December 2014.

<sup>2</sup> United States production of intended placements worldwide.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** 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 at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 500 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Data for egg-type hatchery estimates are collected monthly from all egg-type hatcheries that hatch at least 50,000 chicks a year.

**Estimating Procedures:** Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, regional, and United States totals.

For chicken hatcheries, chicks hatched consist of all chicks of domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. Eggs set are eggs in incubators for the purpose of hatching. The relationship of egg-type chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings are carefully monitored. The disposition of egg-type chicks hatched prior to placement into the laying flock can vary significantly, which can make comparisons to changes in layer inventory inconsistent over time. Broiler chicks placed are specifically for meat production. Intended placement data reported by leading breeders include pullet chicks expected from eggs sold the preceding month. The breeders in this report account for a large percentage of replacement pullets for hatchery supply flocks. Production of replacement pullets by these breeders indicates the number of pullets available to hatchery supply layer flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the laying flocks. "Hatchery Supply Flocks" include all generations of layers which could lay eggs to supply a hatchery. This includes the generations of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, pedigree, etc. Also included are research flocks, vaccine flocks, and specific pathogen-free flocks. The broiler cumulative potential placements are a moving total of the intended placements 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months earlier represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

**Revision Policy:** The previous month's estimates are subject to revision if late reports or corrected data indicates a different level. Additionally, revisions after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the annual reports of *Chickens and Eggs Summary* and *Hatchery Production Summary*. Estimates will also be reviewed for chickens and eggs after data from the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Estimates are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets, or operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for all layers over the past 24 months is 2.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 329 million layers by more than 2.0 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.3 percent.

## Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past twenty-four months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
All layers .....	(percent) 2.0	(percent) 3.3	(1,000) 5,794	(1,000) 37	(1,000) 10,344	(number) 21	(number) 3
Eggs .....	2.0	3.5	(million) 140	(million) 1	(million) 271	21	3

## Egg-Type Regional Listing

**North Atlantic:** Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania.  
**East North Central:** Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin.  
**West North Central:** Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri.  
**South Atlantic:** Florida, Georgia, Virginia.  
**South Central:** Alabama, Mississippi, Texas.  
**West:** California, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon.

## Broiler-Type Regional Listing

**North Atlantic:** New York, Pennsylvania.  
**East North Central:** Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin.  
**West North Central:** Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri.  
**South Atlantic:** Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia.  
**South Central:** Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas.  
**West:** California, Oregon, Washington.

## Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

**All Layers** includes both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

**Intended Placements** are 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 case of 30 dozen eggs.

**Molted Layers** is the same data series as the previously published Forced Molt Layers. Nomenclature changed as of January 2015.

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