Chickens and Eggs

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June Egg Production Up 4 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.90 billion during June 2026, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 7.64 billion table eggs, and 1.26 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.15 billion were broiler-type and 112 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during June 2026 totaled 377 million, up 5 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,360 eggs, down 1 percent from June 2025.

Total layers in the United States on July 1, 2026 totaled 377 million, up 4 percent from last year. The 377 million layers consisted of 312 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.49 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2026, averaged 78.7 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from July 1, 2025.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2026 totaled 58.8 million, down 1 percent from June 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 57.1 million on July 1, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 215 thousand during June 2026, down 5 percent from June 2025.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2026 totaled 871 million, up 2 percent from June 2025. Eggs in incubators totaled 763 million on July 1, 2026, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.27 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2026, down 1 percent from June 2025.

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Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2025-2026

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Month	2025	2026
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)
December [1]	377,694	373,264
January	369,507	375,661
February	360,746	377,386
March	356,956	376,064
April	358,756	373,210
May	359,620	375,317
June	360,651	377,159
July	363,669	
August	366,028	
September	368,338	
October	369,524	
November	370,049	

[1] December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2025-2026

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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December [1]	9,226.7	9,160.1	7,941.9	7,858.6	1,284.8	1,301.5
January	9,005.4	9,204.8	7,709.1	7,891.0	1,296.3	1,313.8
February	7,993.5	8,328.5	6,823.0	7,136.0	1,170.5	1,192.5
March	8,774.2	9,248.7	7,492.6	7,933.2	1,281.6	1,315.5
April	8,492.1	8,916.3	7,253.7	7,645.2	1,238.4	1,271.1
May	8,785.1	9,206.9	7,503.6	7,894.8	1,281.5	1,312.1
June	8,557.4	8,899.4	7,308.4	7,642.1	1,249.0	1,257.3
July	8,933.7		7,633.3		1,300.4	
August	8,962.2		7,662.8		1,299.4	
September	8,704.1		7,448.6		1,255.5	
October	9,041.1		7,749.9		1,291.2	
November	8,771.0		7,523.6		1,247.4	

[1] December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2025-2026

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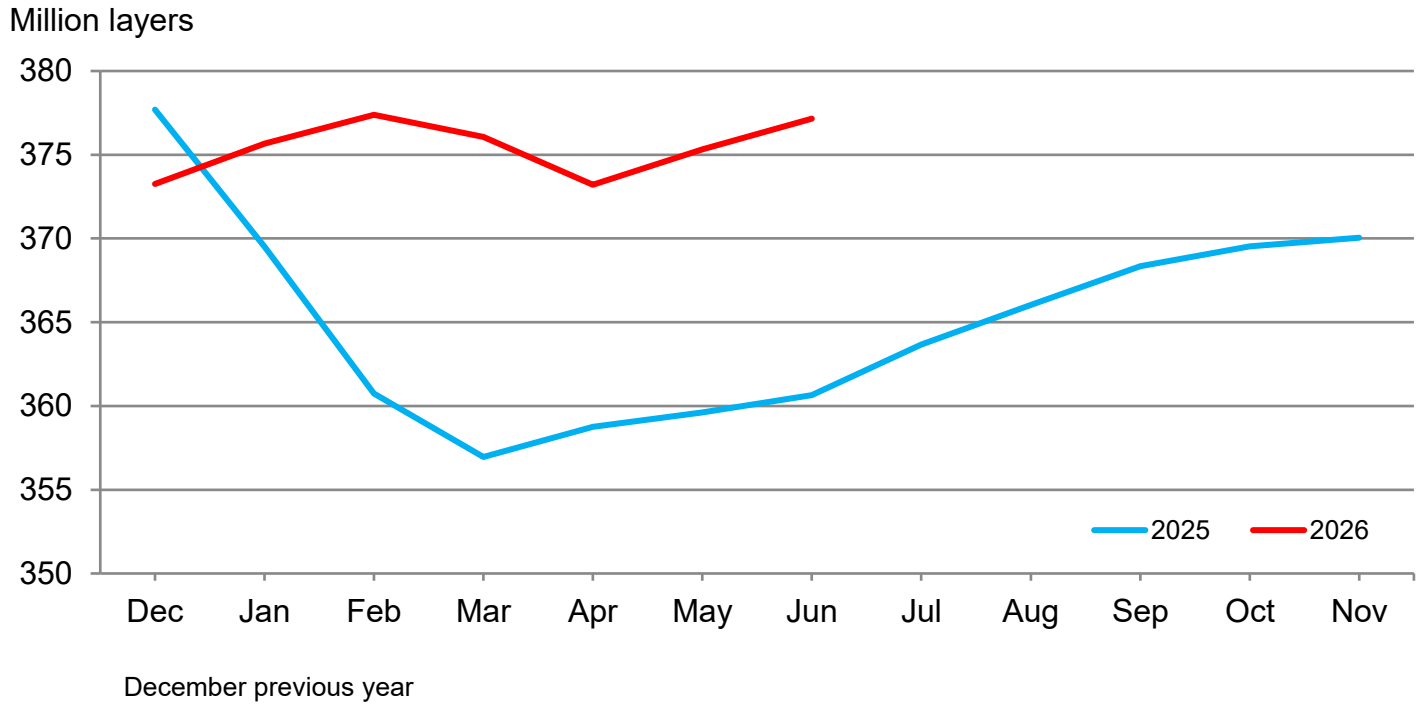
Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December [1]	768,891.2	763,341.4	661,824.8	654,883.3	107,066.4	108,458.1
January	750,450.2	767,066.6	642,425.1	657,583.1	108,025.1	109,483.5
February	666,125.3	694,041.9	568,583.8	594,666.8	97,541.5	99,375.1
March	731,183.9	770,724.8	624,383.7	661,099.9	106,800.2	109,624.9
April	707,674.7	743,025.0	604,474.8	637,099.9	103,199.9	105,925.1
May	732,091.7	767,241.6	625,300.2	657,899.9	106,791.5	109,341.7
June	713,116.8	741,616.8	609,033.4	636,841.8	104,083.4	104,775.0
July	744,475.4		636,108.7		108,366.7	
August	746,850.2		638,566.8		108,283.4	
September	725,341.6		620,716.7		104,624.9	
October	753,425.3		645,825.4		107,599.9	
November	730,917.0		626,967.0		103,950.0	

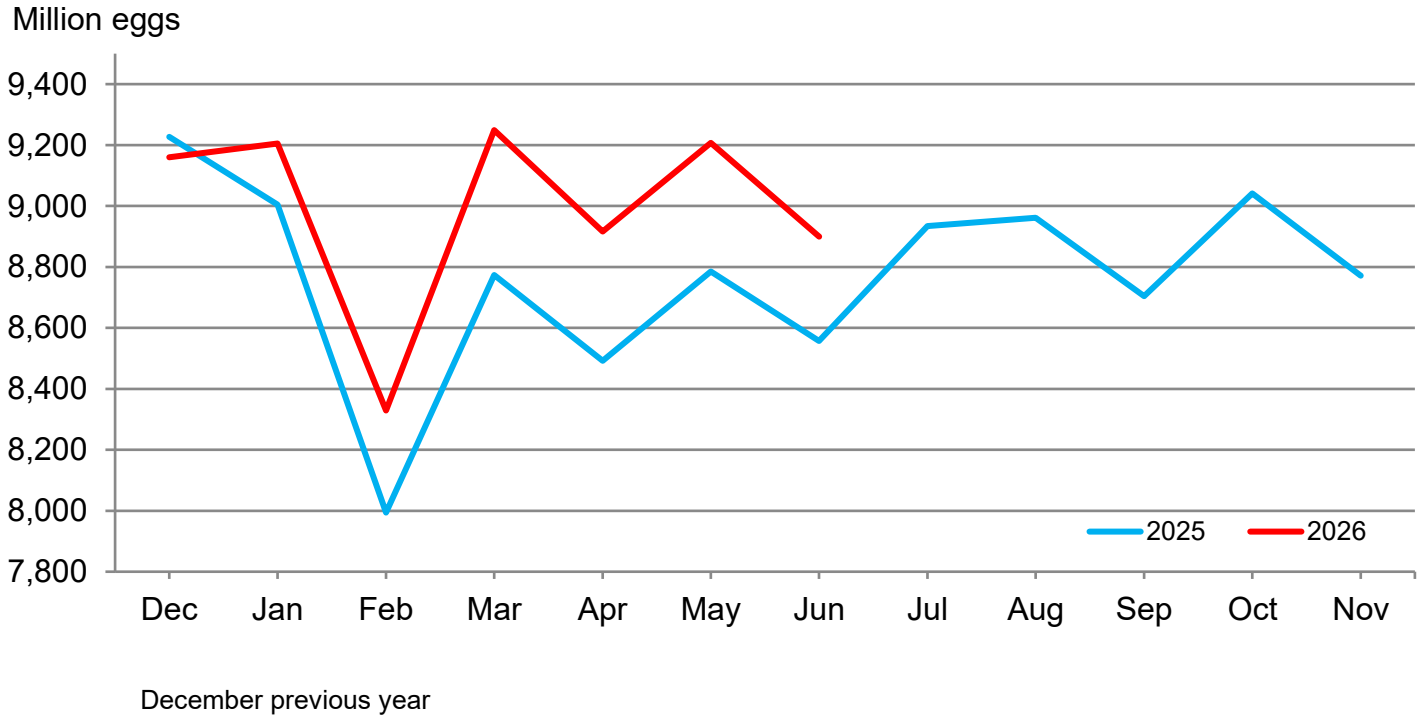
[1] December previous year.

Average Layers During the Month – United States



December previous year

Total Egg Production During the Month – United States



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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: May-June 2025 and 2026

Item		2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
Layers during May				
Total layers	1,000	359,620	375,317	104
Table egg type	1,000	295,201	309,544	105
Hatching egg type	1,000	64,419	65,773	102
Broiler-type hatching	1,000	60,508	61,133	101
Egg-type hatching	1,000	3,911	4,640	119
Eggs per 100 layers during May				
Total layers	number	2,443	2,453	100
Table egg type	number	2,542	2,550	100
Hatching egg type	number	1,989	1,995	100
Broiler-type hatching	number	1,949	1,956	100
Egg-type hatching	number	2,621	2,506	96
Eggs produced during May				
Total layers	million	8,785.1	9,206.9	105
Table egg type	million	7,503.6	7,894.8	105
Hatching egg type	million	1,281.5	1,312.1	102
Broiler-type hatching	million	1,179.0	1,195.8	101
Egg-type hatching	million	102.5	116.3	113
Eggs produced during May				
Total layers	1,000 dozen	732,091.7	767,241.6	105
Table egg type	1,000 dozen	625,300.2	657,899.9	105
Hatching egg type	1,000 dozen	106,791.5	109,341.7	102
Broiler-type hatching	1,000 dozen	98,249.9	99,649.9	101
Egg-type hatching	1,000 dozen	8,541.6	9,691.8	113
Layers on June 1				
Total layers	1,000	359,045	377,132	105
Table egg type	1,000	294,774	311,716	106
Hatching egg type	1,000	64,271	65,416	102
Broiler-type hatching	1,000	60,338	60,715	101
Egg-type hatching	1,000	3,933	4,701	120
Eggs per 100 layers on June 1				
Total layers	number	78.8	78.6	100
Table egg type	number	82.0	81.6	100
Hatching egg type	number	64.3	64.3	100
Broiler-type hatching	number	62.9	63.0	100
Egg-type hatching	number	84.4	81.1	96
Molted layers on June 1				
Being molted	percent	2.4	2.0	83
Molt completed	percent	9.7	8.9	92
Layers sold for slaughter during May	1,000	14,374.4	14,767.4	103
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during May	1,000	15,612.6	11,467.2	73
Pullets on June 1	1,000	133,372	144,267	108
Pullets added during May [1]	1,000	28,697.6	29,336.0	102

[1] Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: June-July 2025 and 2026

Item		2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
Layers during June				
Total layers	1,000	360,651	377,159	105
Table egg type	1,000	296,225	311,884	105
Hatching egg type	1,000	64,426	65,275	101
Broiler-type hatching	1,000	60,473	60,676	100
Egg-type hatching	1,000	3,953	4,599	116
Eggs per 100 layers during June				
Total layers	number	2,373	2,360	99
Table egg type	number	2,467	2,450	99
Hatching egg type	number	1,939	1,926	99
Broiler-type hatching	number	1,899	1,888	99
Egg-type hatching	number	2,547	2,429	95
Eggs produced during June				
Total layers	million	8,557.4	8,899.4	104
Table egg type	million	7,308.4	7,642.1	105
Hatching egg type	million	1,249.0	1,257.3	101
Broiler-type hatching	million	1,148.3	1,145.6	100
Egg-type hatching	million	100.7	111.7	111
Eggs produced during June				
Total layers	1,000 dozen	713,116.8	741,616.8	104
Table egg type	1,000 dozen	609,033.4	636,841.8	105
Hatching egg type	1,000 dozen	104,083.4	104,775.0	101
Broiler-type hatching	1,000 dozen	95,691.7	95,466.7	100
Egg-type hatching	1,000 dozen	8,391.7	9,308.3	111
Layers on July 1				
Total layers	1,000	362,224	377,162	104
Table egg type	1,000	297,663	312,040	105
Hatching egg type	1,000	64,561	65,122	101
Broiler-type hatching	1,000	60,591	60,630	100
Egg-type hatching	1,000	3,970	4,492	113
Eggs per 100 layers on July 1				
Total layers	number	79.3	78.7	99
Table egg type	number	82.5	81.7	99
Hatching egg type	number	64.9	64.1	99
Broiler-type hatching	number	63.6	62.8	99
Egg-type hatching	number	85.6	81.2	95
Molted layers on July 1				
Being molted	percent	2.0	1.6	80
Molt completed	percent	10.1	8.8	87
Layers sold for slaughter during June	1,000	12,352.0	13,191.6	107
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during June	1,000	7,472.1	10,605.9	142
Pullets on July 1	1,000	138,813	146,877	106
Pullets added during June [1]	1,000	30,552.7	27,810.5	91

[1] Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During May 2025 and 2026

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,213	1,178	11,087	11,916	1,869	1,842
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,700	15,577	2,194	2,147
California	3,589	8,908	3,954	9,265	2,271	2,492
Colorado	2,162	1,490	2,650	1,977	2,430	2,620
Georgia	9,413	9,439	19,222	19,005	2,228	2,239
Illinois	5,969	6,622	6,567	7,199	2,467	2,460
Indiana	33,477	37,815	34,434	38,741	2,513	2,535
Iowa	42,325	44,788	44,253	47,043	2,568	2,621
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,524	5,038	2,151	2,076
Michigan	11,992	14,465	12,534	15,051	2,616	2,509
Minnesota	6,921	6,972	7,414	7,484	2,600	2,635
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,850	6,021	2,157	2,197
Missouri	12,672	12,196	16,881	16,472	2,493	2,505
Nebraska	8,061	8,383	8,706	9,018	2,557	2,486
New York	5,367	5,298	5,884	5,827	2,646	2,639
North Carolina	5,054	4,992	13,682	13,297	2,215	2,252
Ohio	33,549	42,224	34,825	43,510	2,540	2,611
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,161	2,094	1,939	2,073
Oregon	1,525	1,164	1,635	1,274	2,550	2,684
Pennsylvania	21,893	18,500	25,019	22,176	2,624	2,544
South Carolina	2,495	2,323	3,764	3,671	2,388	2,299
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,315	22,238	2,331	2,333
Utah	6,740	7,559	6,780	7,599	2,529	2,598
Washington	5,434	4,852	5,536	4,954	2,520	2,249
Wisconsin	7,190	3,005	8,371	4,186	2,660	2,525
Other States [1]	55,076	54,289	34,872	34,684	2,442	2,465
United States	282,117	296,462	359,620	375,317	2,443	2,453

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Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During June 2025 and 2026

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,163	1,156	11,056	11,863	1,839	1,780
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,732	15,279	2,080	2,068
California	4,059	8,800	4,423	9,157	2,222	2,385
Colorado	2,354	1,580	2,842	2,067	2,407	2,559
Georgia	9,511	9,483	19,077	18,944	2,123	2,137
Illinois	5,997	6,806	6,586	7,395	2,448	2,377
Indiana	34,303	38,343	35,203	39,259	2,415	2,471
Iowa	42,980	44,440	45,013	46,666	2,538	2,486
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,507	5,077	2,137	1,989
Michigan	12,432	14,708	12,982	15,294	2,528	2,447
Minnesota	7,136	7,064	7,611	7,575	2,529	2,482
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,835	5,928	2,113	2,139
Missouri	13,373	11,821	17,636	16,035	2,471	2,410
Nebraska	8,102	8,408	8,737	9,039	2,542	2,422
New York	5,441	5,455	5,957	5,973	2,520	2,493
North Carolina	5,207	5,011	13,745	13,213	2,151	2,152
Ohio	34,591	42,170	35,867	43,456	2,426	2,491
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,087	2,055	1,969	2,029
Oregon	1,640	1,176	1,750	1,286	2,429	2,597
Pennsylvania	22,077	19,592	25,305	23,271	2,530	2,460
South Carolina	2,308	2,307	3,634	3,650	2,265	2,247
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,339	22,178	2,266	2,243
Utah	6,855	7,561	6,895	7,601	2,445	2,472
Washington	5,307	4,831	5,409	4,933	2,453	2,195
Wisconsin	7,153	3,687	8,330	4,868	2,609	2,420
Other States [1]	51,152	54,403	31,093	35,097	2,364	2,387
United States	283,141	298,802	360,651	377,159	2,373	2,360

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: May 2025 and 2026

[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	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	207.2	219.5	28.7	29.2	178.5	190.3
Arkansas	344.5	334.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	89.8	230.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	64.4	51.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	428.2	425.5	235.4	234.6	192.8	190.9
Illinois	162.0	177.1	157.0	172.7	5.0	4.4
Indiana	865.2	982.0	851.7	969.0	13.5	13.0
Iowa	1,136.2	1,233.0	1,110.6	1,200.9	25.6	32.1
Kentucky	118.8	104.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	327.9	377.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	192.8	197.2	184.9	188.8	7.9	8.4
Mississippi	126.2	132.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	420.8	412.7	381.7	371.4	39.1	41.3
Nebraska	222.6	224.2	210.2	212.2	12.4	12.0
New York	155.7	153.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	303.0	299.5	139.6	136.5	163.4	163.0
Ohio	884.4	1,136.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	41.9	43.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	41.7	34.2	41.7	34.2	-	-
Pennsylvania	656.4	564.2	610.1	508.2	46.3	56.0
South Carolina	89.9	84.4	66.3	59.0	23.6	25.4
Texas	520.2	518.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	171.5	197.4	171.5	197.4	-	-
Washington	139.5	111.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	222.7	105.7	216.4	99.9	6.3	5.8
Other States [1]	851.6	855.0	3,097.8	3,480.8	567.1	569.5
United States	8,785.1	9,206.9	7,503.6	7,894.8	1,281.5	1,312.1

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Egg Production by Type – States and United States: June 2025 and 2026

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State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	203.3	211.2	27.0	28.5	176.3	182.7
Arkansas	327.3	315.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	98.3	218.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	68.4	52.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	405.0	404.9	222.6	221.7	182.4	183.2
Illinois	161.2	175.8	156.6	171.5	4.6	4.3
Indiana	850.2	970.1	838.1	957.7	12.1	12.4
Iowa	1,142.6	1,159.9	1,114.8	1,128.8	27.8	31.1
Kentucky	117.7	101.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	328.2	374.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	192.5	188.0	185.5	179.9	7.0	8.1
Mississippi	123.3	126.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	435.8	386.4	396.5	347.6	39.3	38.8
Nebraska	222.1	218.9	210.5	207.2	11.6	11.7
New York	150.1	148.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	295.6	284.4	138.7	133.2	156.9	151.2
Ohio	870.0	1,082.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	41.1	41.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	42.5	33.4	42.5	33.4	-	-
Pennsylvania	640.1	572.5	593.1	517.8	47.0	54.7
South Carolina	82.3	82.0	58.0	57.6	24.3	24.4
Texas	506.3	497.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	168.6	187.9	168.6	187.9	-	-
Washington	132.7	108.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	217.3	117.8	211.4	112.2	5.9	5.6
Other States [1]	734.9	837.9	2,944.5	3,357.1	553.8	549.1
United States	8,557.4	8,899.4	7,308.4	7,642.1	1,249.0	1,257.3

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Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: May 2025 and 2026

[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	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama	17,266.6	18,291.7	2,391.6	2,433.4	14,875.0	15,858.3
Arkansas	28,708.3	27,866.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	7,483.3	19,241.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	5,366.7	4,316.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	35,683.3	35,458.3	19,616.6	19,550.0	16,066.7	15,908.3
Illinois	13,500.1	14,758.3	13,083.4	14,391.6	416.7	366.7
Indiana	72,100.0	81,833.3	70,975.0	80,750.0	1,125.0	1,083.3
Iowa	94,683.3	102,750.0	92,550.0	100,075.0	2,133.3	2,675.0
Kentucky	9,900.1	8,716.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	27,325.0	31,475.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,066.6	16,433.3	15,408.3	15,733.3	658.3	700.0
Mississippi	10,516.6	11,025.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	35,066.7	34,391.7	31,808.3	30,950.0	3,258.4	3,441.7
Nebraska	18,550.1	18,683.4	17,516.7	17,683.4	1,033.4	1,000.0
New York	12,974.9	12,816.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	25,250.0	24,958.3	11,633.3	11,375.0	13,616.7	13,583.3
Ohio	73,700.0	94,683.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,491.7	3,616.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	3,475.0	2,850.0	3,475.0	2,850.0	-	-
Pennsylvania	54,700.0	47,016.6	50,841.7	42,350.0	3,858.3	4,666.6
South Carolina	7,491.7	7,033.3	5,525.0	4,916.6	1,966.7	2,116.7
Texas	43,350.0	43,233.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,291.6	16,450.0	14,291.6	16,450.0	-	-
Washington	11,625.0	9,283.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	18,558.3	8,808.3	18,033.3	8,325.0	525.0	483.3
Other States [1]	70,966.8	71,250.1	258,150.4	290,066.6	47,258.0	47,458.5
United States	732,091.7	767,241.6	625,300.2	657,899.9	106,791.5	109,341.7

- Represents zero.
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[1] Include State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: June 2025 and 2026

[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	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama	16,941.7	17,600.0	2,250.0	2,375.0	14,691.7	15,225.0
Arkansas	27,275.0	26,324.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	8,191.6	18,200.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	5,700.0	4,408.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	33,750.0	33,741.7	18,550.0	18,475.0	15,200.0	15,266.7
Illinois	13,433.3	14,649.9	13,050.0	14,291.6	383.3	358.3
Indiana	70,849.9	80,841.6	69,841.6	79,808.3	1,008.3	1,033.3
Iowa	95,216.6	96,658.4	92,900.0	94,066.7	2,316.6	2,591.7
Kentucky	9,808.4	8,416.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	27,350.0	31,183.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,041.7	15,666.7	15,458.4	14,991.7	583.3	675.0
Mississippi	10,275.1	10,566.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	36,316.6	32,199.9	33,041.6	28,966.6	3,275.0	3,233.3
Nebraska	18,508.4	18,241.6	17,541.7	17,266.6	966.7	975.0
New York	12,508.4	12,408.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	24,633.3	23,700.0	11,558.3	11,100.0	13,075.0	12,600.0
Ohio	72,500.0	90,225.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,425.0	3,475.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	3,541.7	2,783.4	3,541.7	2,783.4	-	-
Pennsylvania	53,341.7	47,708.4	49,425.0	43,150.0	3,916.7	4,558.4
South Carolina	6,858.3	6,833.3	4,833.3	4,800.0	2,025.0	2,033.3
Texas	42,191.7	41,458.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,050.0	15,658.3	14,050.0	15,658.3	-	-
Washington	11,058.3	9,025.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	18,108.4	9,816.7	17,616.7	9,350.0	491.7	466.7
Other States [1]	61,241.7	69,825.2	245,375.1	279,758.6	46,150.1	45,758.3
United States	713,116.8	741,616.8	609,033.4	636,841.8	104,083.4	104,775.0

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[1] Include State estimates not shown and States withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	2.2	1.6	10.3	10.7
February	2.2	2.6	10.6	10.6
March	2.0	1.8	10.3	10.5
April	2.3	1.5	10.3	10.0
May	2.5	1.6	10.3	9.4
June	2.4	2.0	9.7	8.9
July	2.0	1.6	10.1	8.8
August	2.5		10.1	
September	2.5		10.2	
October	2.3		10.6	
November	2.1		10.9	
December	1.9		11.1	

Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: June 1 and July 1, 2025-2026

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	June 1		July 1		June 1		July 1	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Arkansas	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.5	13.0	6.5	13.5	7.0
California	3.0	2.0	0.5	1.5	3.0	2.0	5.0	3.0
Colorado	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	1.0	3.5
Georgia	3.0	3.0	1.5	3.0	5.5	7.5	6.0	7.0
Illinois	7.5	4.0	6.0	4.0	20.0	13.5	21.5	13.5
Indiana	1.5	0.5	2.0	0.5	9.0	7.5	9.0	7.0
Iowa	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	11.0	6.0	12.5	5.5
Kentucky	3.5	6.0	2.0	6.0	27.0	12.0	24.5	12.0
Michigan	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.5
Minnesota	1.5	2.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	4.0	4.0
Mississippi	3.0	3.5	1.5	3.0	14.0	18.0	15.5	17.5
Missouri	3.5	1.0	3.0	1.0	9.0	6.5	8.0	6.5
Nebraska	-	1.5	3.0	1.0	-	2.0	3.0	2.0
New York	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.0	4.5	1.0	5.5
North Carolina	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	5.5	6.5	5.5	7.5
Ohio	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	7.0	3.0	7.5	2.0
Oklahoma	6.5	6.0	5.0	5.0	18.0	14.5	25.5	14.5
Oregon	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Pennsylvania	3.0	2.0	2.5	0.5	2.0	9.5	1.5	9.0
South Carolina	1.5	2.0	8.0	2.0	2.5	17.5	1.0	19.5
Texas	4.0	7.5	4.5	5.0	35.0	33.5	35.5	37.0
Utah	6.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.0	22.0	5.5	22.0
Washington	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	2.0
Wisconsin	1.5	1.0	1.5	-	8.5	1.0	8.5	-
Other States [1]	2.9	2.0	3.2	1.9	13.6	15.5	14.5	14.5
United States	2.4	2.0	2.0	1.6	9.7	8.9	10.1	8.8

- Represents zero.
[1] Include State estimates not shown.

Hatchery Production – United States: 2025 and 2026

Item	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on July 1	56,016	57,058	102
Chicks hatched during June	59,587	58,803	99
Chicks hatched January through June	355,573	342,512	96
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	227	215	95
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier [1]	2,759	2,721	99
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on July 1	751,792	763,372	102
Chicks hatched during June	856,858	871,463	102
Chicks hatched January through June	5,090,779	5,212,524	102
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	9,379	9,272	99
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier [2]	78,216	76,874	98

[1] 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched December 2024 through November 2025.
[2] 2026 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2025 through November 2025.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	52,411	53,109	101
February	56,032	57,766	103
March	57,939	57,119	99
April	61,895	60,664	98
May	60,738	61,007	100
June	59,828	58,543	98
July	56,016	57,058	102
August	56,077		
September	53,397		
October	55,812		
November	54,910		
December	54,137		

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2025-2026

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Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	56,351	53,450	95	56,351	53,450	95
February	57,191	54,261	95	113,542	107,711	95
March	60,769	58,615	96	174,311	166,326	95
April	61,286	59,249	97	235,597	225,575	96
May	60,389	58,134	96	295,986	283,709	96
June	59,587	58,803	99	355,573	342,512	96
July	58,236			413,809		
August	57,487			471,296		
September	55,639			526,935		
October	57,251			584,186		
November	53,116			637,302		
December	52,845			690,147		

Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2025-2027

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2026 as percent of 2025	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier [1]	
	2025	2026		2026	2027
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January	200	205	103	2,721	2,777
February	226	277	123	2,737	
March	197	201	102	2,732	
April	235	228	97	2,728	
May	246	258	105	2,719	
June	227	215	95	2,721	
July	216			2,724	
August	258			2,729	
September	272			2,780	
October	236			2,784	
November	193			2,777	
December	218			2,789	
Annual total	2,724				

[1] For June 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched December 2024 through November 2025. 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 – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	745,122	757,696	102
February	743,724	759,294	102
March	747,248	763,816	102
April	747,638	765,382	102
May	750,444	769,809	103
June	757,387	770,738	102
July	751,792	763,372	102
August	748,411		
September	748,295		
October	726,714		
November	728,219		
December	758,092		

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: June 2025 and 2026

State	During June			January-June		
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	120,490	121,477	101	724,773	729,614	101
Arkansas	91,328	92,896	102	538,412	557,402	104
Delaware	18,838	19,970	106	115,452	120,745	105
Georgia	118,170	120,076	102	700,945	725,283	103
Kentucky	29,187	28,087	96	164,832	168,740	102
Maryland	28,469	29,451	103	171,629	173,113	101
Mississippi	61,910	67,549	109	372,918	388,560	104
Missouri	31,371	31,549	101	187,826	190,971	102
North Carolina	88,246	87,904	100	520,200	530,446	102
Oklahoma	20,124	19,675	98	118,442	117,107	99
Pennsylvania	30,278	31,844	105	179,458	190,100	106
South Carolina	19,855	20,714	104	118,369	124,757	105
Texas	67,163	66,323	99	397,154	398,963	100
Virginia	19,252	19,971	104	115,388	118,373	103
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	54,348	54,619	100	323,460	328,877	102
Other States [1]	57,829	59,358	103	341,521	349,473	102
United States	856,858	871,463	102	5,090,779	5,212,524	102

[1] Includes State estimates not shown.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2025-2026

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

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	869,126	887,947	102	869,126	887,947	102
February	779,294	797,784	102	1,648,420	1,685,731	102
March	866,665	888,877	103	2,515,085	2,574,608	102
April	842,017	866,689	103	3,357,102	3,441,297	103
May	876,819	899,764	103	4,233,921	4,341,061	103
June	856,858	871,463	102	5,090,779	5,212,524	102
July	880,242			5,971,021		
August	878,352			6,849,373		
September	847,190			7,696,563		
October	852,447			8,549,010		
November	831,817			9,380,827		
December	889,026			10,269,853		

Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2025-2027

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

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2026 as percent of 2025	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier [1]	
	2025	2026		2026	2027
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January	7,774	8,553	110	77,166	78,964
February	8,223	9,056	110	77,408	
March	9,408	9,221	98	77,384	
April	8,873	8,667	98	77,007	
May	8,051	9,514	118	77,021	
June	9,379	9,272	99	76,874	
July	8,300			76,283	
August	8,239			75,963	
September	8,760			76,968	
October	7,788			76,810	
November	8,076			77,177	
December	8,817			78,452	
Annual total	101,688				
Total placements [2]					
January	9,698	10,758	111		
February	10,431	11,053	106		
March	11,681	11,883	102		
April	10,805	10,638	98		
May	9,948	11,385	114		
June	11,767	11,249	96		
July	10,149				
August	9,950				
September	11,049				
October	9,619				
November	9,814				
December	10,827				
Annual total	125,738				

[1] For June 2026, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched March 2025 through November 2025.
[2] United States production of intended placements worldwide.

Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

Total 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.

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 regional 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.

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 total layers over the past 24 months is 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 377 million layers by more than 1.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.0 percent.

Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
Total layers	1.1	2.0	3,150	114	8,645	22	2
			(million)	(million)	(million)		
Eggs	1.2	2.0	79	4	232	20	4

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