

U.S. Flock Trends and Projections

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U.S. EGG INDUSTRY STATISTICAL REPORT SUMMARY

- * The January hatch (straight-run chicks) was 3.8% lower than January 2018. This projects forward to a 23.7 million pullet placement for June of 2019 which is 0.9 million higher than June of 2018 placement (22.8).
- * Current (January average, 2019) U.S. table egg layer number (330.6 million) is 2.8 percent larger than last year's number at this time (321.4 million), and 0.7 million smaller than last month (331.3 million).
- * In January, Iowa led the nation with 55.6 million laying hens compared to 31.5 million in Ohio, 33.9 million in Indiana, and 25.8 million in Pennsylvania. California (with 13.7 million layers) lost it's 5th position to Texas with 17.7 million layers.
- * The February 1st U.S. rate of lay was 80.2% which is 1.9% higher than the February 1st 2018 level. The total number of table eggs produced in January 2019 was 4.9% higher than the January 2018 production.
- * The December 2018 number of eggs exported was 17% lower than last year (December 2017) and 3% higher than last month (November 2018). The December exports represented 2.8% of the number of eggs produced. The year 2018 total number of eggs exported was 2% higher than in 2017.
- * Shell eggs broken for products in January 2019 totaled 7.030 million cases, 8.5% more than in January 2018 (6.482 million cases).

Monthly Highlights (Compared to January a year ago) (% change) - U.S.

	2018	2019	% Change
Hatch - Egg-Type Straight Run (thousands) (U.S.)	52,313	54,276	3.8
Table Egg Layers (millions) (U.S.)	321.4	330.6	2.8
Rate of lay (percent)	79.0	80.4	1.4
Molting (February 1, 2019) (percent in + out of a molt)	18.7	15.5	-17.1

Year-end layers (millions) - U.S.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Million	285.2	286.8	290.1	298.6	308.2	312.9	297.7	318.9	322.0	331.6	341.3*

* preliminary value

SPECIAL NOTE:

Data for the previous month may be changed by the USDA to reflect updates following late submissions by responders.

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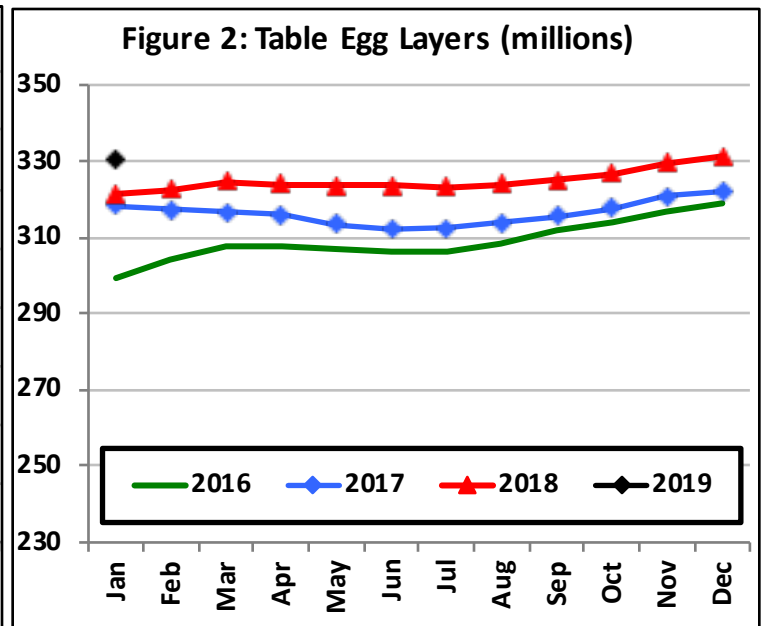
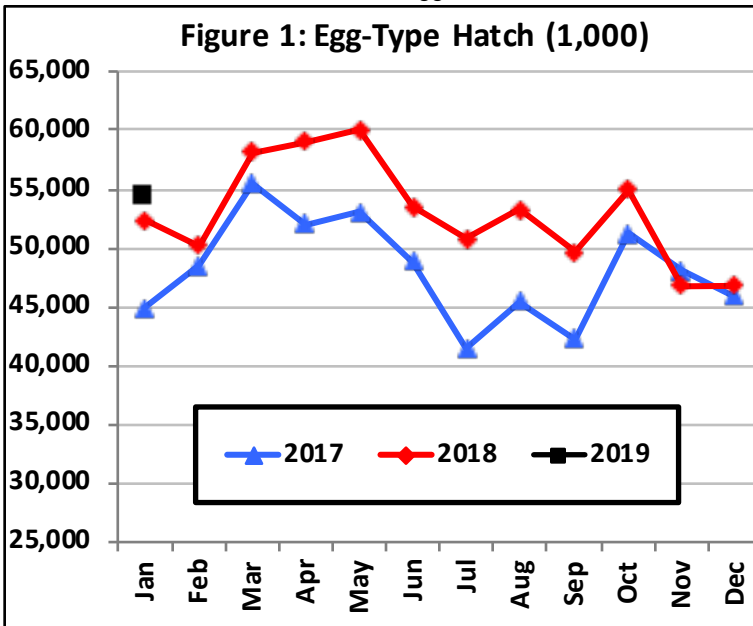
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EGG TYPE: EGGS IN INCUBATORS (on the 1st of the month) and STRAIGHT RUN HATCH (U.S.)

TABLE 1

EGG-TYPE Eggs in Incubators (thousands)				EGG-TYPE Straight Run Hatch (thousands)				
month	2018	2019	Change (%)	month	2017	2018	2019	Change %
Jan	46,750	52,153	11.6	Jan	44,906	52,313	54,276	3.8
Feb	51,216	56,882	11.1	Feb	48,456	50,148		
Mar	56,120			Mar	55,457	58,147		
Apr	55,990			Apr	52,025	58,986		
May	56,063			May	53,073	60,063		
Jun	50,523			Jun	48,828	53,486		
Jul	46,390			Jul	41,463	50,752		
Aug	46,678			Aug	45,439	53,207		
Sep	50,036			Sep	42,271	49,610		
Oct	51,647			Oct	51,239	54,960		
Nov	45,096			Nov	47,999	46,844		
Dec	50,837			Dec	45,846	46,779		
2 Month Avg.	48,983	54,518	11.3	1 Month Avg.	44,906	52,313	54,276	3.8
2 Month Total	97,966	109,035		1 Month Total	44,906	52,313	54,276	
12 Month Total	560,591			12 Month Total	577,002	635,295		

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs



AVERAGE U.S. TABLE EGG LAYERS (MILLIONS)

TABLE 2

month	TOTAL Table Egg Layers						% Change with respect to	
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	last year	2014-2018
Jan	307.2	311.2	299.3	318.5	321.4	330.6	2.8	6.1
Feb	306.7	310.0	304.0	317.3	322.7			
Mar	307.7	310.2	307.4	316.7	324.5			
Apr	308.3	305.9	307.4	315.8	324.1			
May	307.6	289.3	307.0	313.5	323.5			
Jun	307.0	276.9	306.5	312.2	323.5			
Jul	308.2	278.1	306.4	312.4	323.2			
Aug	309.6	279.7	308.6	313.8	323.8			
Sep	310.4	282.4	311.7	315.5	324.9			
Oct	310.7	285.6	313.6	317.8	326.6			
Nov	312.7	290.2	316.7	320.7	329.6			
Dec	313.8	295.6	319.0	322.1	331.3			
1 Month Avg.	307.2	311.2	299.3	318.5	321.4	330.6	2.8	6.1
Annual Avg.	309.2	292.9	309.0	316.3	324.9			

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs

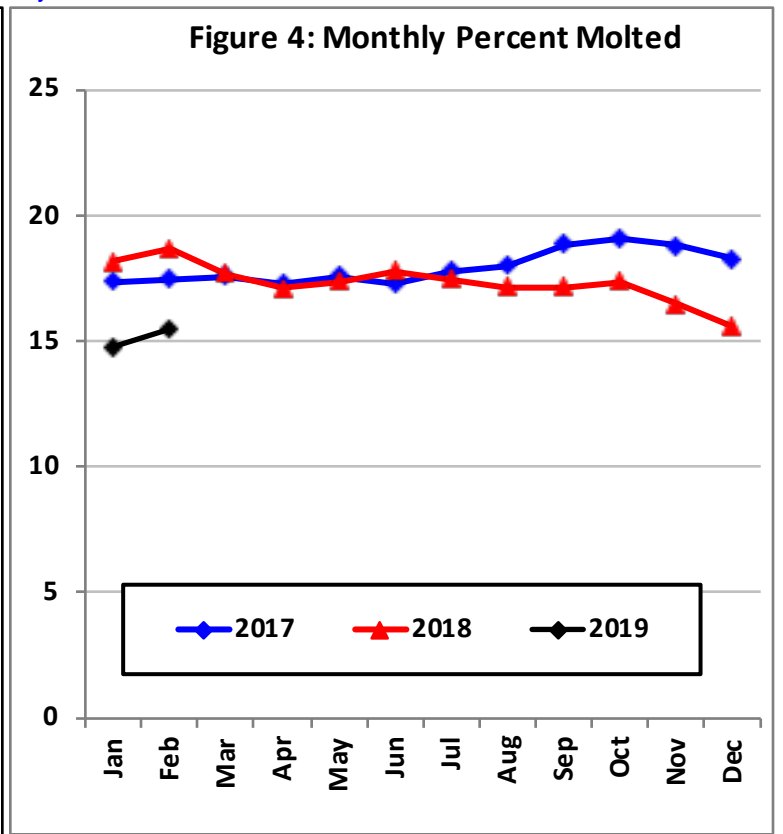
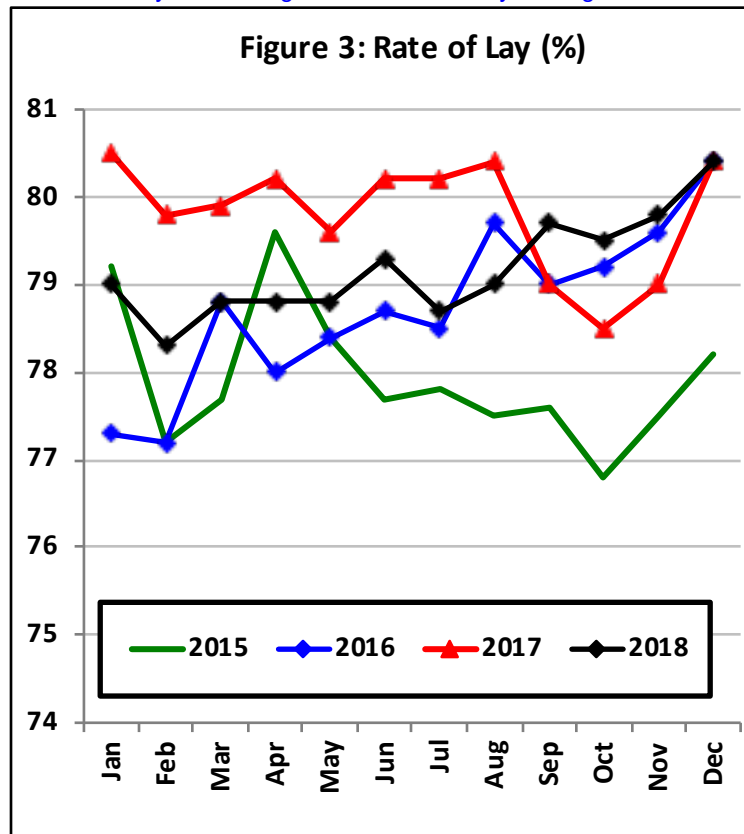
U.S. TABLE EGGS, AND RATE OF LAY on the 1st of EACH MONTH (ALL STATES)

TABLE 3

month	Table Eggs - human consumption (millions)						Rate of Lay (Table)	
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change (%)	2018	2019
Jan	7,545	7,168	7,916	7,842	8,228	4.9	79.0	80.4
Feb	6,726	6,878	7,096	7,100			78.3	80.2
Mar	7,566	7,475	7,862	7,932			78.8	
Apr	7,252	7,213	7,573	7,665			78.8	
May	6,996	7,479	7,765	7,933			78.8	
Jun	6,464	7,228	7,514	7,670			79.3	
Jul	6,698	7,514	7,782	7,901			78.7	
Aug	6,729	7,597	7,755	7,968			79.0	
Sep	6,544	7,402	7,457	7,760			79.7	
Oct	6,837	7,724	7,763	8,067			79.5	
Nov	6,778	7,602	7,676	7,923			79.8	
Dec	7,125	7,954	7,964	8,259			80.4	
YTD Avg.	7,545	7,168	7,916	7,842	8,228	4.9	78.7	80.3
Annual Avg.	6,938	7,436	7,677	7,835			79.2	
Total	83,260	89,235	92,122	94,018				

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs

The rate of lay was changed from the monthly average to the rate of lay on the 1st of each month on November 2017.



INDUCED MOLT PERCENT - U.S. TOTALS (1ST OF MONTH)

TABLE 4

month	In a Molt		Completed a Molt		In a molt + Completed a Molt			Change
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	
Jan	1.9	1.5	16.3	13.3	17.4	18.2	14.8	-3.4
Feb	2.9	2.7	15.8	12.8	17.5	18.7	15.5	-3.2
Mar	1.8		15.9		17.6	17.7		
Apr	1.8		15.3		17.3	17.1		
May	3.1		14.3		17.6	17.4		
Jun	3.0		14.8		17.3	17.8		
Jul	2.3		15.2		17.8	17.5		
Aug	2.3		14.9		18.0	17.2		
Sep	2.6		14.6		18.9	17.2		
Oct	2.2		15.2		19.1	17.4		
Nov	1.5		15.0		18.8	16.5		
Dec	1.2		14.4		18.3	15.6		
2 Month Avg.	2.4	2.1	16.1	13.1	17.5	18.5	15.2	-3.3
12 Month Avg.	2.2		15.1		18.0	17.4		

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs

SHELL EGGS BROKEN UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (MILLION CASES)

TABLE 5

month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change with respect to last year 2014-2018	
Jan	5.865	6.634	5.639	6.540	6.482	7.030	8.5	12.8
Feb	5.325	5.746	5.484	6.192	5.904			
Mar	6.086	6.030	6.308	6.601	6.218			
Apr	6.205	6.061	6.255	6.126	6.403			
May	6.514	5.533	6.576	6.547	6.922			
Jun	6.532	6.408	6.679	6.604	6.891			
Jul	6.618	5.641	6.474	6.376	6.770			
Aug	6.596	5.589	6.804	6.603	7.110			
Sep	6.566	5.583	6.539	6.126	6.793			
Oct	6.731	5.814	6.636	6.583	7.027			
Nov	6.086	5.350	6.499	6.296	6.593			
Dec	6.281	5.749	6.498	6.306	6.854			
1 Month Avg.	5.865	6.634	5.639	6.540	6.482	7.030	8.5	12.8
1 Month Total	5.865	6.634	5.639	6.540	6.482	7.030		
12 Month Total	75.405	70.138	76.391	76.901	79.965			

Source: USDA NASS Egg products - monthly

Million Cases Produced
% BROKEN

231.279	247.874	255.895	261.162	22.854
30.3	30.8	30.1	30.6	30.8

PER CAPITA EGG CONSUMPTION BY QUARTER

TABLE 6

QUARTER	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*
1	63.2	64.2	65.6	65.6	67.4	68.5	68.2	69.0
2	62.2	63.3	66.2	63.0	66.3	68.6	68.9	68.7
3	63.3	64.6	67.2	61.5	67.3	69.3	70.3	69.7
4	65.6	66.1	68.5	65.6	70.6	69.9	71.4	72.4
Total	254.3	258.2	267.5	255.8	271.6	276.3	278.8	279.8

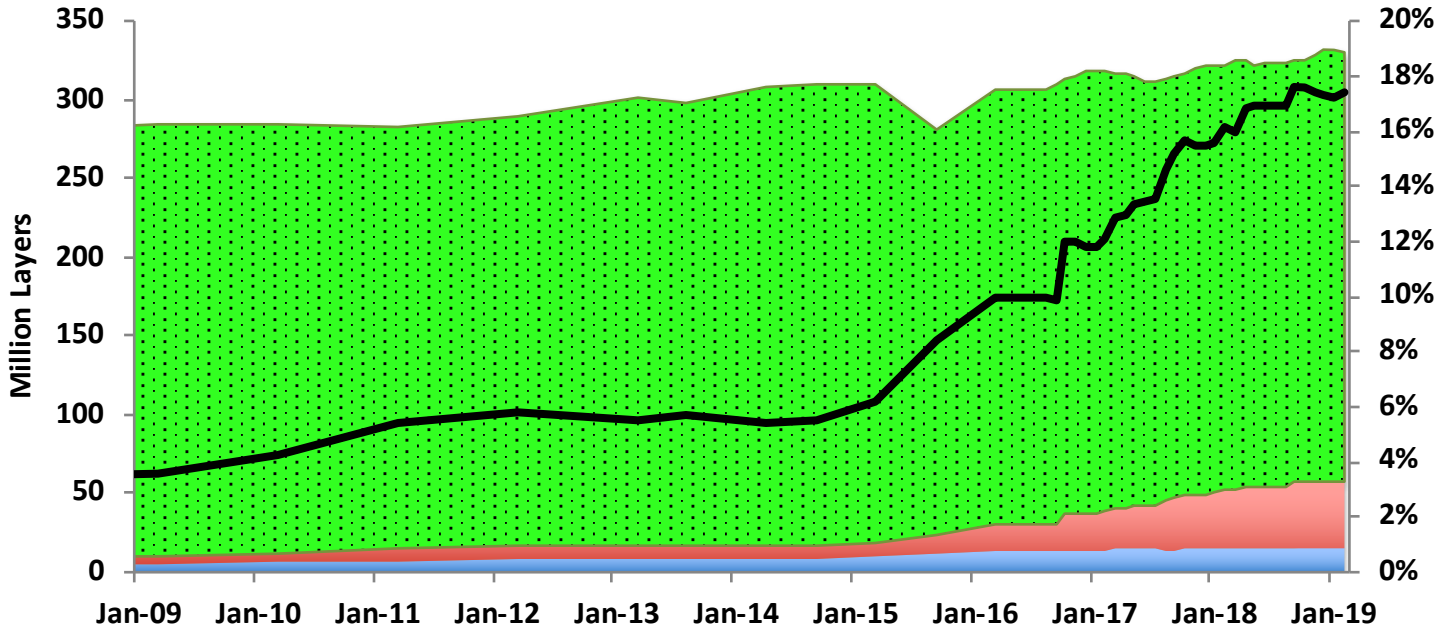
Change from previous year

3.9	9.3	-11.7	15.8	4.7	2.5	1.0
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Source: USDA ERS Livestock and Meat Trade Data.

* Estimates for 2019 (2/2018)

Figure 5: U.S. Cage-Free and Conventional Layers



■ Organic
 ■ Total cage-free
 ■ Conventional
 — % cage-free

Source: USDA AMS

CAGE-FREE LAYERS (MILLIONS)

TABLE 7

	Non-Organic Cage-Free		Certified Organic		TOTAL Cage-Free Layers			Cage-Free % of U.S. Flock
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change (%)	
January	35.7	41.5	14.6	15.7	50.2	57.2	14%	17.2%
February	36.9		15.0		51.9			
March	36.9		15.0		51.9			
April	39.0		15.6		54.5			
May	39.0		15.6		54.5			
June	39.1		15.6		54.7			
July	39.1		15.6		54.7			
August	39.1		15.6		54.7			
September	41.4		15.7		57.1			
October	41.5		15.7		57.2			
November	41.5		15.7		57.2			
December	41.5		15.7		57.2			

Source: USDA AMS (Monthly USDA Cage-Free Shell Egg Report)

Note: the number of layers represent the last month with data (sometimes the estimate is from a couple of months before).

EXPORT OF TABLE EGGS IN THE SHELL IN 2018 (Thousand cases- 30 doz)

TABLE 8

Month \ To	North	Central	European		Southeast	Middle	Total 2018	Total 2017	% of U.S. Production	
	America	America	Caribbean	Union-28	East Asia	Asia				East
Jan	111.0	0.2	18.8	0.0	125.8	0.0	24.1	284.1	193.1	1.30
Feb	84.2	0.2	26.9	0.0	91.3	0.0	24.3	231.7	273.9	1.18
Mar	111.2	0.1	33.8	0.0	91.8	0.0	4.4	246.7	253.5	1.12
Apr	183.3	0.0	16.8	0.0	107.3	0.0	0.0	311.9	270.7	1.47
May	190.1	0.1	11.6	0.0	117.3	0.0	0.1	324.1	273.6	1.47
Jun	101.0	0.0	11.8	0.0	156.4	0.0	2.7	273.5	252.2	1.28
Jul	116.1	0.0	11.8	0.0	120.0	0.0	19.2	273.3	292.9	1.25
Aug	181.4	0.0	10.0	0.0	138.4	0.0	39.7	373.8	340.9	1.69
Sep	191.3	0.0	8.7	0.0	145.2	0.0	14.1	363.2	396.8	1.69
Oct	252.0	0.0	14.0	0.0	187.5	0.0	11.9	471.1	382.4	2.10
Nov	190.8	0.0	14.9	0.0	101.9	0.0	3.7	314.4	285.2	1.43
Dec	213.0	0.1	25.7	0.0	107.2	0.0	3.1	352.6	375.9	1.54
11 Mo. Total	1,925.4	0.8	204.8	0.0	1,490.2	0.0	147.3	3,820.4	3,215.1	1.46
%	50.4	0.0	5.4	0.0	39.0	0.0	3.9			

Source: USDA Foreign Agric. Service from U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Stats

EXPORT OF EGG PRODUCTS IN 2018 (EQUIVALENT: thousand cases- 30 doz)

TABLE 9

Month \ To	North	Central	European		Southeast	Middle	Total 2018	Total 2017	% of U.S. Production	
	America	America	Caribbean	Union-28	East Asia	Asia				East
Jan	92.3	10.5	7.1	64.7	230.2	21.0	8.9	442.1	334.0	2.03
Feb	145.7	3.8	5.4	63.1	223.9	6.2	5.2	478.5	387.5	2.43
Mar	86.7	12.4	11.1	26.5	235.1	19.6	5.5	432.2	501.7	1.96
Apr	104.9	6.1	6.6	30.7	230.4	27.0	18.7	462.8	464.3	2.17
May	104.7	10.0	8.7	24.2	226.7	22.4	7.2	417.7	438.8	1.90
Jun	91.2	5.6	10.2	29.8	172.1	8.1	5.2	333.9	421.3	1.57
Jul	108.9	10.0	4.3	48.6	145.6	14.9	0.4	346.2	363.9	1.58
Aug	97.3	15.8	6.0	38.4	139.1	10.4	4.9	323.1	465.2	1.46
Sep	94.7	4.4	12.0	55.2	124.8	13.8	6.2	315.9	434.7	1.47
Oct	88.2	5.6	8.6	36.3	115.0	22.3	1.8	286.1	496.2	1.28
Nov	124.9	15.3	11.7	23.0	119.4	7.6	1.3	306.7	562.5	1.39
Dec	123.8	5.4	10.0	15.6	96.8	18.4	5.3	289.0	398.7	1.26
11 Mo. Total	1,263.3	104.9	101.9	456.0	2,059.2	191.8	70.7	4,434.3	4,869.9	1.71
%	28.5	2.4	2.3	10.3	46.4	4.3	1.6			

Note: Information has been converted from metric tonnes at a rate of 42 lbs. per case of liquid egg (edible + inedibles).

Source: USDA Economic Research Service from U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Stats.

TOTAL EGGS EXPORTED - 2018

TABLE 10

	Table Eggs Produced		Shell Eggs Exported		Egg Products Exported		Total Exported	
	(000) Cases		(000) Cases	% of U.S.	(000) Cases	% of U.S.	(000) Cases	% of U.S.
Jan	21,783		284.1	1.30	442.1	2.03	726.2	3.33
Feb	19,722		231.7	1.18	478.5	2.43	710.3	3.60
Mar	22,033		246.7	1.12	432.2	1.96	678.8	3.08
Apr	21,292		311.9	1.47	462.8	2.17	774.7	3.64
May	22,035		324.1	1.47	417.7	1.90	741.8	3.37
Jun	21,307		273.5	1.28	333.9	1.57	607.5	2.85
Jul	21,946		273.3	1.25	346.2	1.58	619.6	2.82
Aug	22,133		373.8	1.69	323.1	1.46	696.9	3.15
Sep	21,555		363.2	1.69	315.9	1.47	679.1	3.15
Oct	22,407		471.1	2.10	286.1	1.28	757.1	3.38
Nov	22,007		314.4	1.43	306.7	1.39	621.1	2.82
Dec	22,942		352.6	1.54	289.0	1.26	641.6	2.80
Total/Av	261,162		3,820.4	1.46	4,434.3	1.70	8,254.7	3.16

TABLE EGG LAYERS IN LEADING STATES - (LAYERS IN 30,000+ HEN FLOCKS) - 2019

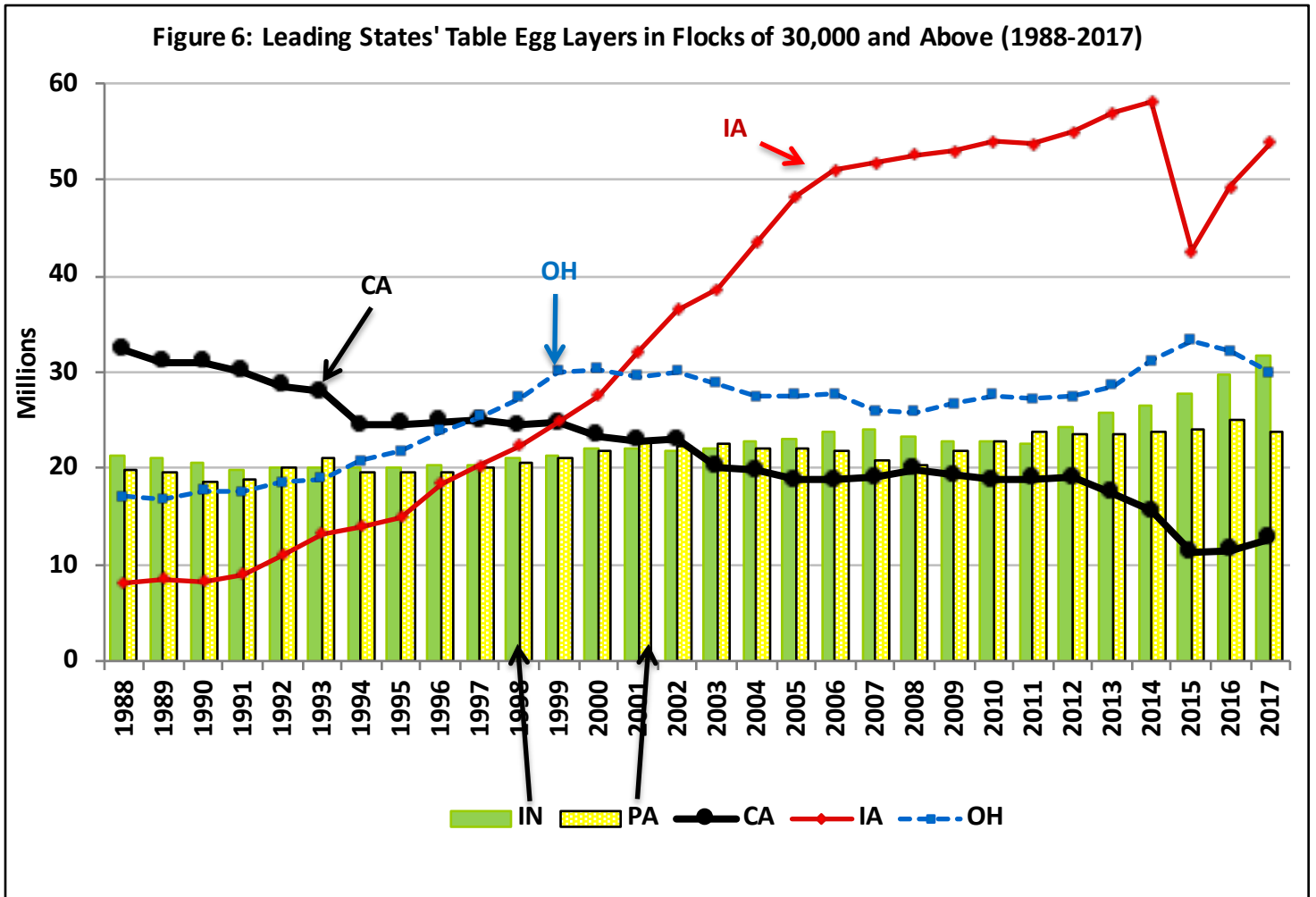
TABLE 12

month	IA	OH	IN	PA	CA	TX	U.S.
Jan-2018	54.18	30.91	31.23	24.92	13.72	17.72	311.66
	(Millions)						
Jan-2019	55.63	31.55	33.85	25.81	13.73	17.75	320.72
Feb-2019							
Mar-2019							
Apr-2019							
May-2019							
Jun-2019							
Jul-2019							
Aug-2019							
Sep-2019							
Oct-2019							
Nov-2019							
Dec-2019							
1 Month Avg.	55.63	31.55	33.85	25.81	13.73	17.75	320.72

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs

% of all U.S. table egg layers in flocks with 30,000 or more hens = 97.0%

Figure 6: Leading States' Table Egg Layers in Flocks of 30,000 and Above (1988-2017)



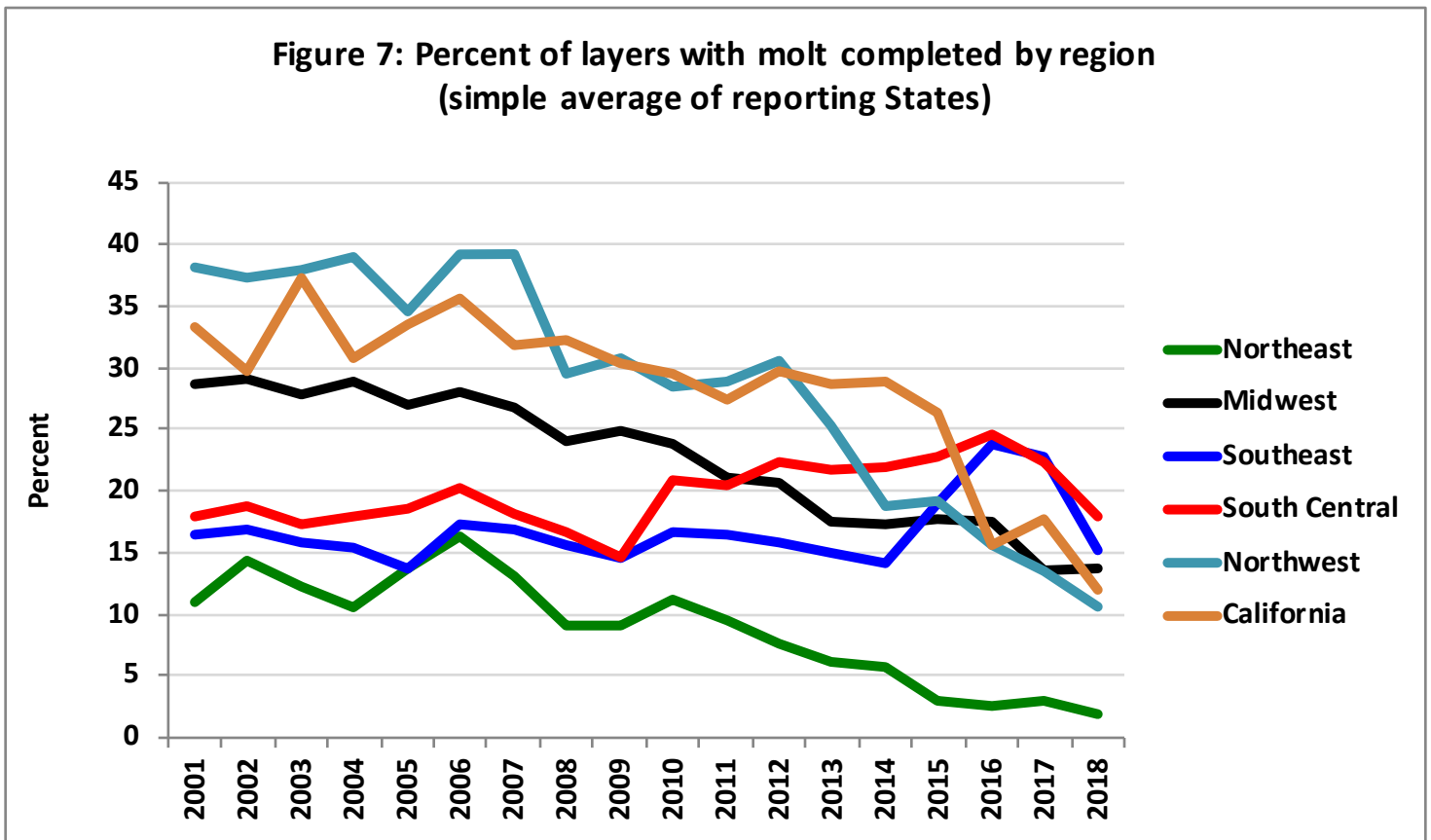
TOTAL MOLT (in-molt plus post-molt) BY REGION (Simple average of reporting States, %) - 2019

TABLE 13

month	Northeast	Southeast	South Central	Midwest	Northwest	California	U.S. Avg
Jan	1.8	14.1	17.3	12.9	11.0	13.0	14.8
Feb	2.0	16.2	18.6	14.4	10.3	11.0	15.5
Mar							
Apr							
May							
Jun							
Jul							
Aug							
Sep							
Oct							
Nov							
Dec							
2 Month Avg.	1.9	15.2	18.0	13.7	10.6	12.0	15.2
year 2016 avg.	3.2	26.5	27.2	20.2	18.8	18.5	20.8

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs

Note: average molt is estimated as the simple average of the reported States



PROJECTED U.S. EGG-TYPE HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCK (Millions)

TABLE 14

month	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jan	2.579	2.540	2.682	3.081	2.581	2.741	2.206
Feb	2.613	2.536	2.689	3.074	2.598	2.768	2.078
Mar	2.630	2.472	2.605	2.997	2.742	2.604	2.122
Apr	2.588	2.530	2.718	2.840	2.705	2.613	2.120
May	2.515	2.497	2.917	2.805	2.699	2.498	2.145
Jun	2.537	2.439	2.892	2.866	2.747	2.389	2.245
Jul	2.436	2.608	2.797	2.836	2.696	2.498	2.219
Aug	2.515	2.535	2.797	2.725	2.764	2.506	2.252
Sep	2.503	2.553	2.857	2.615	2.755	2.482	
Oct	2.468	2.610	2.958	2.446	2.782	2.477	
Nov	2.555	2.619	2.937	2.566	2.685	2.450	
Dec	2.476	2.664	2.947	2.650	2.659	2.360	
8 month avg.	2.552	2.520	2.762	2.903	2.691	2.577	2.173
12 month avg.	2.535	2.550	2.816	2.792	2.701	2.532	

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs

Note: The hatchery supply flock estimates are made by using 7 to 18 months prior hatch minus 9% mortality

PULLETS TO BE HOUSED BASED UPON U.S. HATCH 5 MONTH AGO (Millions)
(47.5% of CHICKS PLACED multiplied by a 95% LIVABILITY FACTOR)

TABLE 15

month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014 to '18 month avg.
Jan	17.5	17.9	21.3	19.5	20.5	24.0	19.3
Feb	17.8	18.4	21.5	18.9	17.8	20.9	18.9
Mar	19.2	20.2	22.7	19.6	23.1	24.8	20.9
Apr	18.9	16.5	20.7	18.8	21.7	21.1	19.3
May	18.6	18.2	21.1	20.6	20.7	21.1	19.8
Jun	19.4	18.0	20.9	19.6	22.8	23.7	20.1
Jul	20.6	20.7	27.1	24.2	25.1		23.5
Aug	20.2	21.4	25.7	25.0	26.2		23.7
Sep	20.9	21.4	23.1	23.5	26.6		23.1
Oct	22.4	21.8	25.9	23.9	27.1		24.2
Nov	20.0	21.3	26.0	22.0	24.1		22.7
Dec	19.2	19.3	18.8	18.7	22.9		19.8
6 month avg.	18.5	18.2	21.3	19.5	21.1	22.6	19.7
Annual Avg.	19.5	19.6	22.9	21.2	23.2		21.3
Total	234.6	235.1	274.7	254.4	278.7		255.5

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs

% Change to date

7.14

Note: The number of pullets to be housed was reduced by 6 million based on the number reported as lost to avian influenza. We assumed the reduction as evenly spread during the period between May and September 2015 (assuming that the ages of affected birds was evenly distributed).

PROJECTED U.S. TABLE EGG FLOCK MORE THAN 70 WEEKS OF AGE (% of layers)

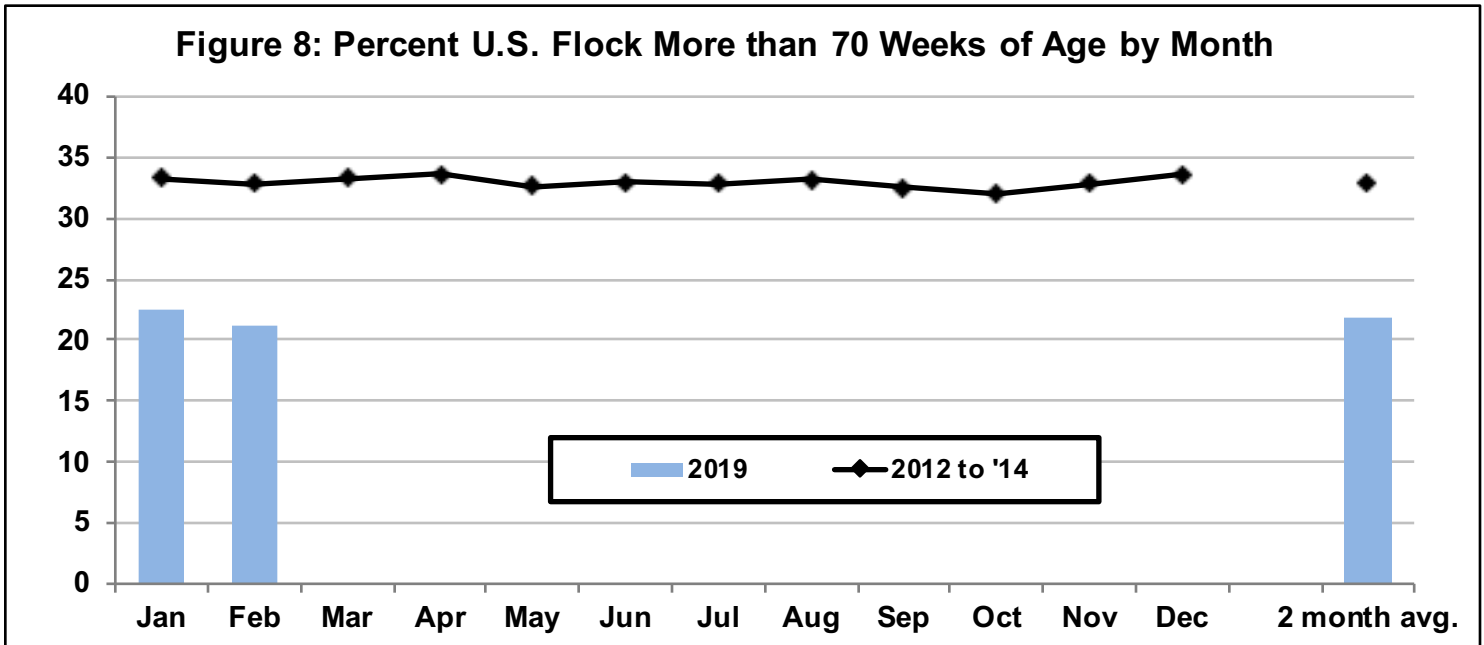
TABLE 16

	% of National Flock over 70 weeks of age (on the 1st of the month)						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2012 to '14
Jan	33.1	32.2		24.1	28.7	22.6	33.3
Feb	31.8	31.1		24.2	27.1	21.2	32.9
Mar	31.8	32.0		24.5	27.6		33.3
Apr	32.5			24.9	27.5		33.6
May	32.2			25.7	26.8		32.7
Jun	32.2			26.4	27.4		33.0
Jul	32.4			25.7	26.6		32.9
Aug	33.4			26.7	25.6		33.2
Sep	32.5			27.8	24.6		32.5
Oct	32.1			27.0	23.0		32.0
Nov	31.5		21.4	28.0	23.0		32.9
Dec	32.8		23.4	28.6	22.2		33.6
2 month avg.	32.4	31.6		24.1	27.9	21.9	33.0
12 month avg.	32.4			26.1	25.9		33.0

Source: Egg Industry Center based on USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs data

Note: The number of layers younger than 70 weeks of age are estimated as the sum of the Egg-Type Chicks Hatched between 6 and 16 months before adjusted by a 47.5% of CHICKS PLACED multiplied by a 95% LIVABILITY FACTOR for pullets and a 98% average LIVABILITY FACTOR FOR LAYERS between 20 and 70 weeks of age.

Figure 8: Percent U.S. Flock More than 70 Weeks of Age by Month



FLOCK SIZE PROJECTION

The U.S. flock size is projected for the current year and the following year for each month. Projections start with the first of the month official USDA count and are then adjusted monthly. Adjustments are made considering the most recent:

1. Hatch data (projected 5-months into the future with mortality). Subsequent pullets added are estimated using the linear regression listed below for each month.
Added /Beginning ratio estimated as: $0.08975 - 0.0054 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Jan} - 0.00719 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Feb} - 0.00326 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Mar} - 0.00683 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Apr} - 0.0047 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{May} - 0.00353 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Jun} + 0.00282 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Jul} + 0.00307 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Aug} + 0.00367 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Sep} + 0.00406 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Oct} - 0.00124 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Nov} - 0.00624 * \text{Price } 12-18_ \text{Dec} - 0.00101 * \text{"MOLT - previous 12-mo"}$
 ... where "Egg Price 12-18 mo earlier" is the average price of Midwest Large eggs for the months 12 to 18 before the month we are trying to project
 ... where "MOLT - previous 12-mo" is the previous 12 months average of the percentage of layers molted
 Adjusted R²=0.72

2. All birds coming out of production by any reason are included in the "Slaughter, Died and Missing" category. This is estimated as Beginning count + Added - Ending count. Subsequent layers coming out of production are estimated using the linear regression listed below for each month.
Slaughter, Died & Missing/Beginning ratio estimated as: $0.01304 + 0.78816 * \text{Added /Beg. count} + 0.0052 * \text{Jan} - 0.00322 * \text{Feb} - 0.00094 * \text{Mar} + 0.00699 * \text{Apr} + 0.00403 * \text{May} + 0.00094 * \text{Jun} + 0.0006 * \text{Jul} - 0.00444 * \text{Aug} - 0.00052 * \text{Sep} - 0.00658 * \text{Oct} - 0.00999 * \text{Nov} + 0.01767 * \text{Shock_Sep}$
 ... where "Added /Beg. count " is the ratio between the pullets added and the beginning flock count for the month we are trying to project
 ... where "Shock_Sep" is a dummy variable to capture the losses experienced after the year 2010 SE recall
 Adjusted R²=0.60

First of the Month Projection Estimates of U.S. Table Egg Layers (millions)

TABLE 17

Actual	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
331.6	329.5	330.7	332.0	329.8	328.6	329.1	329.9	332.5	333.7	337.1	341.1

Project. Year end: **Dec 31, 2019 - 341.3**

Note: Actual values source = Chickens and Eggs Report - USDA NASS

Date calculated: 3/1/2019

2019 Bird Flow by Month

Table 18

ACTUAL FLOCK (million birds)				
month	Beginning Count	Pullets added ¹	Slaughter, Died & Missing	Ending count
Jan-19	331.6	24.0	26.0	329.5
Feb-19	329.5	20.9		
Mar-19		24.8		
Apr-19		21.1		
May-19		21.1		
Jun-19		23.7		
Jul-19				
Aug-19				
Sep-19				
Oct-19				
Nov-19				
Dec-19				
Jan-20				
Feb-20				
Mar-20				
Apr-20				
May-20				
Jun-20				
Jul-20				
Aug-20				
Sep-20				
Oct-20				
Nov-20				
Dec-20				

¹ at 5 months of age

Table 19

PROJECTED FLOCK (million birds)				
month	Beginning Count	Pullets added ¹	Slaughter, Died & Missing	Ending count
Jan-19	331.6	24.0	26.0	329.5
Feb-19	329.5	20.9	19.7	330.7
Mar-19	330.7	24.8	23.6	332.0
Apr-19	332.0	21.1	23.3	329.8
May-19	329.8	21.1	22.3	328.6
Jun-19	328.6	23.7	23.3	329.1
Jul-19	329.1	25.3	24.4	329.9
Aug-19	329.9	25.4	22.9	332.5
Sep-19	332.5	25.6	24.4	333.7
Oct-19	333.7	25.8	22.5	337.1
Nov-19	337.1	23.9	19.9	341.1
Dec-19	341.1	22.0	21.8	341.3
Jan-20	341.3			
Feb-20				
Mar-20				
Apr-20				
May-20				
Jun-20				
Jul-20				
Aug-20				
Sep-20				
Oct-20				
Nov-20				
Dec-20				

¹ at 5 months of age

Actual number

2019 U.S. Flock Size: EIC Projections and USDA Reported Numbers

Table 20

EIC projected	USDA preliminary	USDA actual count
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For February 2019

Number of U.S. table egg layers (million) on the 1st of each month

Month & Year	Month when the Layer Number was Reported by USDA (highlighted) or Projected by EIC											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jan-18		331.6										
Feb-18		329.5										
Mar-18		330.7										
Apr-18		332.0										
May-18		329.8										
Jun-18		328.6										
Jul-18		329.1										
Aug-18		329.9										
Sep-18		332.5										
Oct-18		333.7										
Nov-18		337.1										
Dec-18		341.1										
Jan-19		341.3										
Feb-19												
Mar-19												
Apr-19												
May-19												
Jun-19												
Jul-19												
Aug-19												
Sep-19												
Oct-19												
Nov-19												
Dec-19												

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Figure 9: U.S. Monthly Table-Egg Layers (2009-2019)

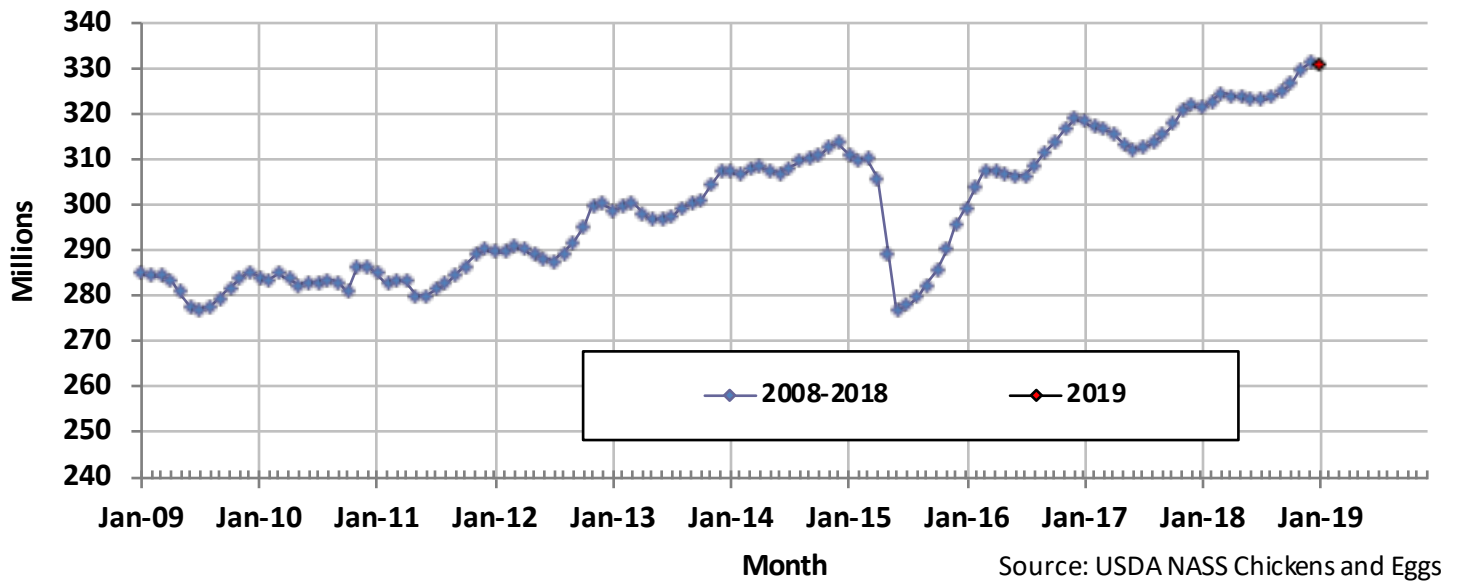


Figure 10: U.S. Table Eggs per Hundred Hens per Day by Month (2009-2019)

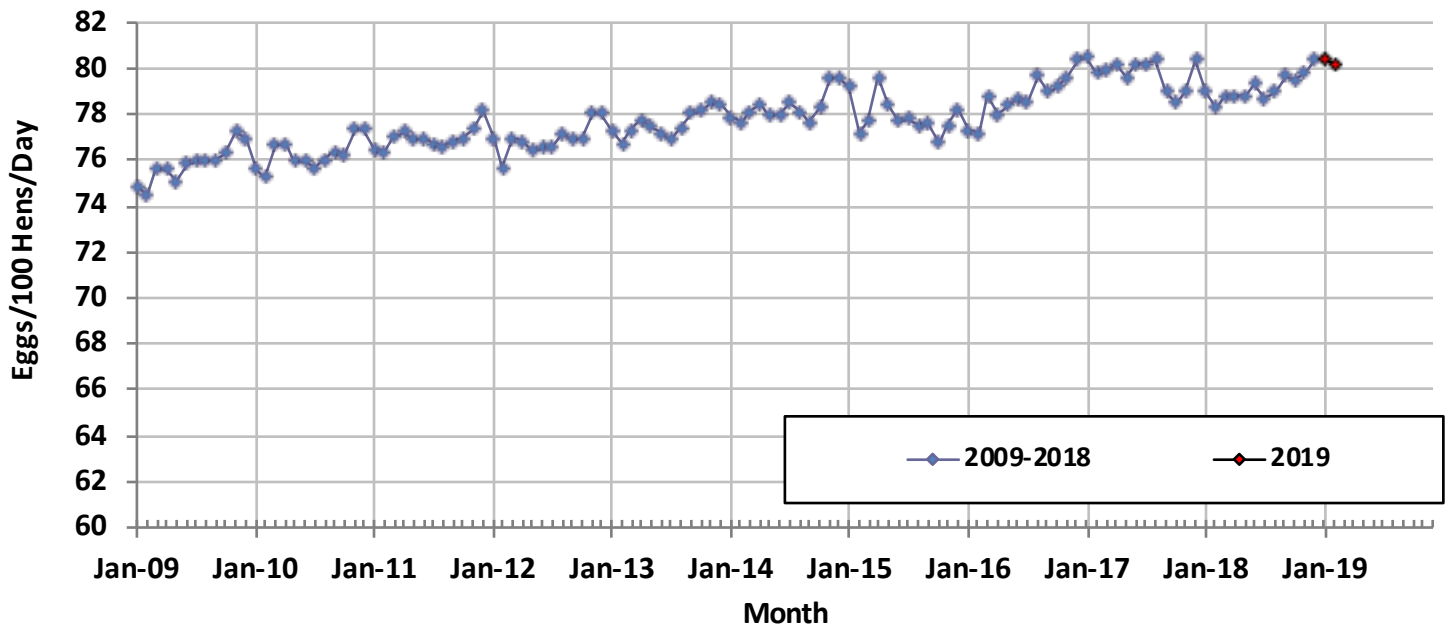
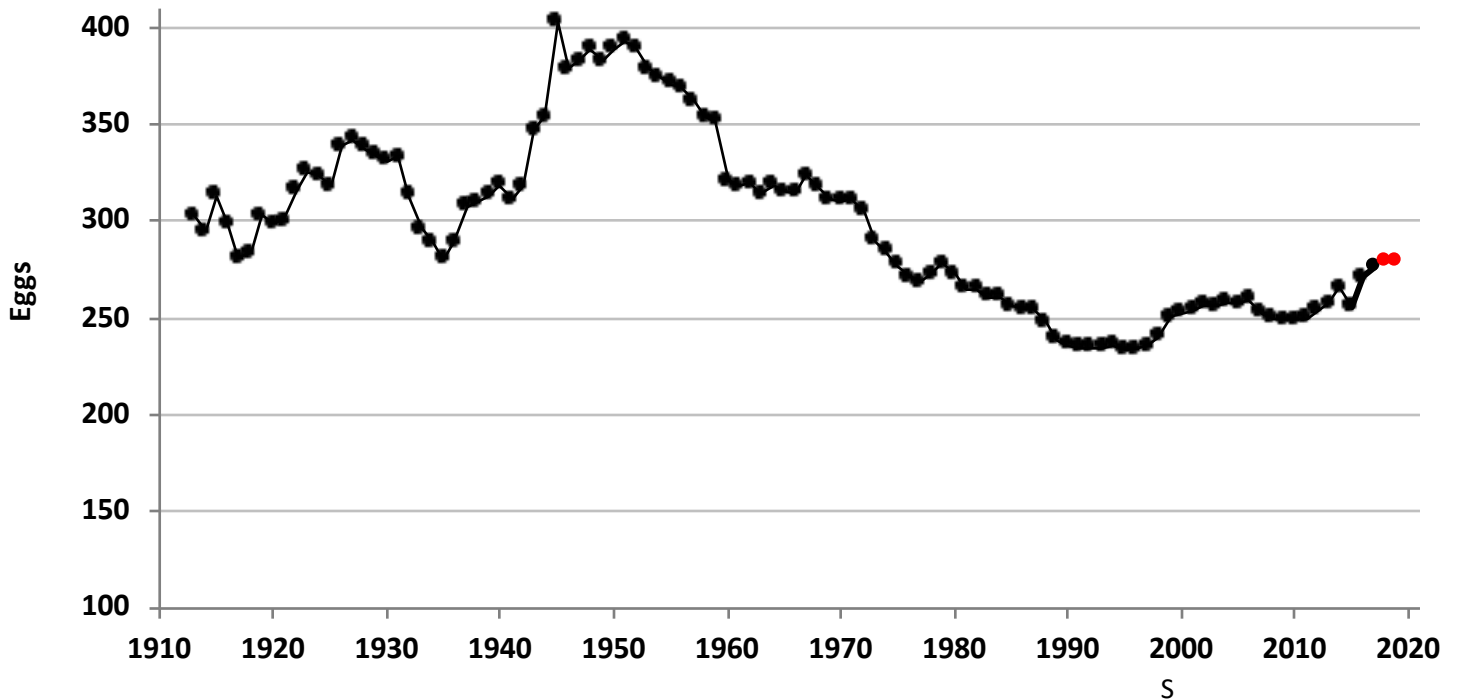


Figure 11: Monthly Percent of U.S. Flock Molted (2009-2019)



Figure 12: U.S. Per Capita Egg Consumption by Year (1913-2019)



SUMMARY TO DATE

Table 21

		2018	2019	% Change
HATCH of EGG-TYPE STRAIGHT RUN (THOUSANDS) (U.S.) (Total)	Jan to Jan	52,313	54,276	3.8
TABLE-EGG LAYERS (MILLIONS) (U.S.)	(Avg) Jan to Jan	321.4	330.6	2.8
TABLE EGGS (MILLIONS/MONTH) (U.S.)	(Avg) Jan to Jan	7,842	8,228	4.9
RATE OF LAY (%)	Jan to Jan	78.7	80.3	1.7
U.S. TABLE EGG AVG. CASES/WEEK (THOUSANDS)	Jan to Jan	1,771	1,858	4.9
AVG MONTHLY CASES OF EGGS BROKEN (MILLION) (U.S.)	Jan to Jan	6.482	7.030	8.5
		2016	2017	Difference
PERCENT OF U.S. FLOCK IN or POST MOLT	(Avg.) Jan to Feb	18.5	15.2	-3.3
AVERAGE PULLETS ADDED/MONTH (MILLIONS) (U.S.)	Jan to Jun	21.1	22.6	1.5

Note: U.S. cost of production and egg prices are published in another Egg Industry Center report. Contact Maro Ibarburu at maro@iastate.edu to be placed on the mailing list to receive monthly copies of these reports.

Webpages of some of the sources of information,

Access these sites by clicking on the blue addresses below:

- USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1028>
- USDA NASS Poultry Slaughter <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1131>
- USDA NASS Egg Products <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1057>
- USDA ERS Livestock and Meat Trade Data. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/MeatTrade/BroilerTurkeyMonthly.htm>
- USDA FAS <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gats/ExpressQuery1.aspx>
- USDA NASS Cold Storage <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1034>
- USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal/py>
- USDA AMS Monthly USDA Cage-Free Shell Egg Report <https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/pymcagefree.pdf>

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