

USDA reports on chicken and egg production

By [Rita Jane Gabbett](#) on 5/26/2015

United States egg production totaled 8.21 billion during April 2015, up slightly from last year. Production included 7.11 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 87 million were egg-type, according to USDA's Chickens and Eggs Report.

The total number of layers during April 2015 averaged 358 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,291 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2014.

All layers in the United States on May 1, 2015, totaled 354 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 354 million layers consisted of 296 million layers producing table or market-type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.38 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2015, averaged 75.8 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from May 1, 2014.

Broiler-type chicks hatched up 3 percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2015 totaled 773 million, up 3 percent from April 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 654 million on May 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.09 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2015, up

6 percent from April 2014.

Egg-type chicks hatched up 9 percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2015 totaled 49.6 million, up 9 percent from April 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 48.0 million on May 1, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 219,000 during April 2015, down 10 percent from April 2014.