

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

1. Hatch data (projected 5-months into the future with mortality). Subsequent hatches are based upon 6-year percentage trends for each month.
2. USDA slaughter data and estimates based upon 6-year trends for subsequent months.
3. Missing estimates are included for on-farm slaughter, died, exports, etc. This data is expressed as a percentage of each month's beginning count based upon recent history.

TABLE 19

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

Actual	Actual	Actual	Proj.	Projected		Projected		Projected		Projected	
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
308.2	304.6	304.7	306.7	302.9	303.0	303.2	304.7	306.6	307.3	309.7	313.2
Projected		Projected		Projected		Projected		Projected		Projected	
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
312.6	311.7	311.9	312.3	309.6	308.5	308.1	308.6	310.5	311.3	313.7	317.2

Project. Year end:

Dec, 2015 - 312.6

Dec, 2016 - 316.7

TABLE 20

U.S. FLOCK SIZE PROJECTED VS ACTUAL (1st OF THE MONTH) - 2015 (Millions)
Projected on Jan. 27, 2015 (EIC). Not changed during the year.

Month	Beginning count		Replacements		Slaughter	
	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual
Jan	304.8	308.2	17.8	17.8	6.7	6.3
Feb	303.0	304.6	19.5	19.5	5.7	5.7
Mar	304.1	304.7	20.0	20.0	6.7	
Apr	306.1		16.5	16.5	7.0	
May	302.2		19.4	19.4	6.9	
Jun	302.3		19.4	19.9	6.4	
Jul	301.8		18.6	19.3	5.6	
Aug	302.3		20.7		6.2	
Sep	304.2		20.7		5.8	
Oct	304.9		21.1		5.8	
Nov	307.3		19.8		4.8	
Dec	310.6		18.2		6.3	
Curr. avg.	304.0	305.8	18.8	18.9	6.2	6.0

1. Note: Projections are based upon USDA data and are updated monthly.
2. Please note: The above projections are updated monthly. The current projections are shown in Table 19.
3. Projected = Egg Industry Center
4. Actual = Chickens and Eggs Report - USDA NASS
5. USDA replacements are projected ahead from previous hatch statistics with mortality and placement adjustments.
6. Mortality and missing birds are not shown in the above table.

NOTE: the projections in table 20 were made before the USDA Chickens and Eggs Report adjustment.

