

Table 46. Extent of Contract Usage for Chicken Eggs

(Based on 557 contracts reported. Producer's opinion of chicken eggs produced under contract)

	1977					1972					1967				
	Farms	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Farms	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Farms	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV
Total reporting.....	324	41	96	98	89	282	37	85	79	81	232	30	69	68	65
Percent of chicken eggs in area contracted:															
None.....	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	-	13	1	7	4	1
Under 25 percent.....	35	9	14	7	5	25	5	11	5	4	32	5	16	7	4
25 to 49 percent.....	12	1	6	2	3	16	2	9	3	2	31	8	10	4	9
50 to 74 percent.....	33	7	15	5	6	52	10	20	10	12	43	6	15	13	9
75 percent and over.....	244	24	61	84	75	186	19	44	60	63	113	10	21	40	42

Table 47. Operator Characteristics by Size of Operation for Chicken Eggs

(Based on 557 contracts reported)

	Total	Size of contract laying operation in 1977 ¹					
		Under 8,000 hens	8,000 to 15,999 hens	16,000 to 29,999 hens	30,000 to 59,999 hens	60,000 to 99,999 hens	100,000 hens and over
Years grown under contract:							
1 to 5 years.....	131	2	71	32	17	5	4
6 to 10 years.....	238	3	118	68	37	6	6
10 years and over.....	151	-	94	32	13	5	7
Type of Organization:							
Individual.....	446	6	254	116	53	9	8
Partnership.....	54	-	26	12	9	4	3
Corporation.....	25	-	9	3	5	3	5
Other.....	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Value of products sold in 1977:							
Less than \$10,000.....	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
\$10,000 to \$39,999.....	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
\$40,000 to \$99,999.....	178	1	177	-	-	-	-
\$100,000 to \$499,999.....	312	1	118	136	56	1	-
\$500,000 or more.....	56	-	7	1	14	17	17
Primary business of contractor:							
Hatchery.....	83	-	61	13	5	1	3
Egg handler.....	165	3	80	49	26	4	3
Processor.....	45	-	24	7	8	1	5
Feed company.....	93	1	53	24	10	4	1
Other.....	130	2	66	34	17	6	5
Total reporting size of operation.....	551	6	302	138	70	18	17

¹Size of laying flock was obtained by dividing 20 into dozens of eggs reported.