

E is for eggs. Eggs are eggs-citing! About 240 million laying hens produce 66 **billion** eggs each year in the United States. Did you know that yolk color depends on the diet of the hen? Natural yellow-orange food such as marigold flower petals can be added to the chicken feed to make a brighter color. Artificial color additives are not permitted! The top egg-raising states are: Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, California, Texas, Nebraska, Florida, Georgia and Minnesota.

