

# Arizona Egg-Laying Contest In Comparison With Others

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**A Brief Review of the First Six Months of Production and the Outlook for the Remaining Six Months—Contest Managers Are Looking Forward to an Increased Average Per Bird as Well as High Individuals—Will the 300-Egg Mark be Reached?**

**A**PRIL 30th marked the completion of the first six months of production in the Arizona Egg Laying Contest, or one-half of the year. During this period the per cent production was 56.6%, as compared to 56.1% for the same period of last year's contest. This shows a decided improvement, considering that twice the number of birds are entered in the present contest.

The high bird to date for the six months has laid 151 eggs in 181 days, or 83.4% production. The high hen of last year for the same period had 139 eggs, or 76.3% production. At present there are 19 birds that exceed the production of the high bird for last year. It is interesting to note here, also, that the two birds of last year's contest having highest production for the first six months, finished the contest with the highest individual production for the year, 274 eggs and 273 eggs, respectively. If such a comparison can be used as a criterion for final results in the present contest remains to be seen.

In last year's contest the high pen for the first six months of production failed to place among the three highest in the finals. At that time there was only a variation of 24 eggs between first and second place at that period. But the pens holding second and third place for the period moved up to first and second place in the finals. This year only a 6-egg margin separated first and

	Aver. Eggs per Bird	High Individual	Aver. High Pen
Washington.....	207.8	317	281.6
Arizona.....	204.9	274	252.2
N. American Del.....	176.8	281	243.4
Arkansas (Monticello).....		267	228.2
Missouri.....	195	298	267.2
California (Pomona).....	178.3	290	230.6
California (Sonoma Co.).....	185.8	292	230.8
Oklahoma.....	186.5	295	254.0

second place, and 24 eggs separated first and third place. Keener competition for the high honors are expected in this present contest.

Table No. 1 shows a comparison of production of the present contest with that of last year (taken from April report of Arizona Egg Laying Contest.

The Arizona Egg Laying Contest finished second last year in the average eggs per bird. Table No. 2 shows the placements of some of the leading contestants for last year.

From the results obtained in the Arizona contest for the first six months this year it points to much higher averages than are listed in table No. 2 for last year. This, however, is dependent upon several factors, and possibly weather conditions will be one of the most important to contend with. During the next four months Arizona will experience its hot summer weather. The remaining two months, however, should be in our favor, if previous years can be taken as a basis.

Below are listed, where such figures are available in reports, the per cent production to date in the several contests. All these figures are for the first six months period of the present contests:

- Sonoma Co., Calif., Contest...58.08%
- West. Washington Contest...57.7 %
- Missouri National Contest...57.0 %
- Arizona Contest.....56.5 %
- Oklahoma Contest.....52.34%
- Santa Cruz, Calif., Contest...50.5 %
- Alabama Contest.....48.4 %

From last year's contest, the per cent production for the first six months and for the twelve months were the same, namely 56.1%. Drawing indirect conclusions, that means that for the remaining six months our birds should produce a 56.5% lay, or very close to it.

There is still one important comparison that should be of interest to the reader. Below is shown the production of high individuals to date (six months) in the present contests:

- Western Washington.....165 eggs
- Missouri Contest
- (Mountain Grove, Mo.)...162 eggs
- Sonoma Co., Cal., Contest...152 eggs
- Pomona Co., Cal., Contest...154 eggs
- Arizona Contest.....151 eggs
- Oklahoma Contest.....150 eggs
- Santa Cruz Co., Cal., Contest .....146 eggs
- Missouri Pullet Contest...140 eggs
- Arkansas Contest.....140 eggs

The high lead held by the Washington contest is, without doubt, partly due to artificial illumination used in that contest. The Arizona Egg Laying Contest hopes to have that factor for increased production present in next year's contest.

69.9% production for the month, 1925	(219 birds)
75.7% production for the month, 1924	(120 birds)
81.9% production high pen for month, 1925	(12 birds)
86.6% production high pen for month, 1924	( 6 birds)
72.4% production high pen to date, 1925	(12 birds, 181 days)
68.2% production high pen to date, 1924	( 6 birds, 182 days)
96.7% production high hen for month, 1925	
96.6% production high hen for month, 1924	
83.4% production high hen to date, 1925	(181 days)
76.3% production high hen to date, 1924	(182 days)
56.6% production contest to date, 1925	(223 birds, 18 days)
56.1% production contest to date, 1924	(120 birds, 182 days)