

India's Egg Revolution - from 183 cr (1950-51) to 14,911 cr eggs (2024-25)

From just 183 crore eggs in 1950-51 to 14911 crore in 2024-25, India's egg story is one of sustained long-term growth. Production has expanded nearly 81-fold over 75 years, while per-capita availability increased from 5 to 106 eggs per year. Today, India ranks as the world's second-largest egg producer after China — a sign of the rising economic and nutritional significance of the poultry sector.



14,911 cr nos.

EGG PRODN 2024-25
From 183 cr in 1950-51



81 x

GROWTH SINCE 1950
From 183 cr to 14911 cr



6.1%

LONG-TERM CAGR
1950-51 to 2024-25



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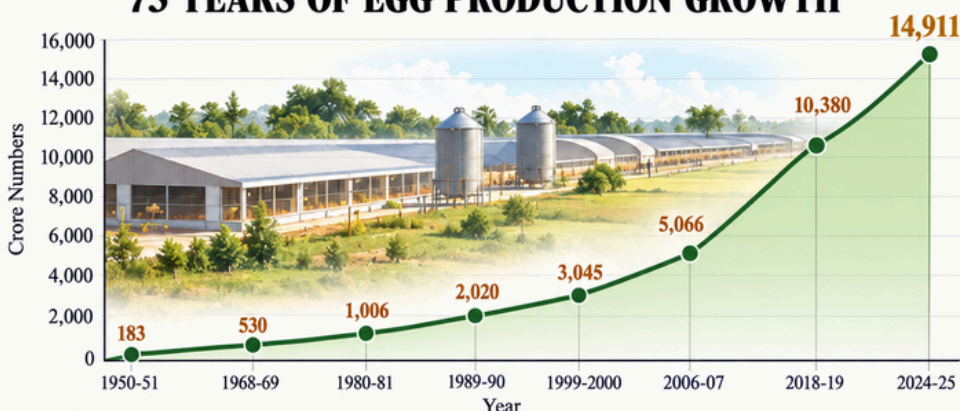
WORLD RANK
Behind only China



106

EGGS PER PERSON
Up from 51 (2009-10)

75 YEARS OF EGG PRODUCTION GROWTH



Egg production increased by
14,728 crore numbers since 1950-51.



KEY MILESTONES ON INDIA'S EGG JOURNEY



Crossed
1,000 Cr
in 1980-81



Crossed
3,000 Cr
in 1999-2000



Crossed
5,000 Cr
in 2006-07



Crossed
10,000 Cr
in 2018-19

CONNECTS TO DATA STORY #06

The same species drives all three growth stories now on record in this Atlas: Story #06 found poultry was India's fastest-growing species by population (+16.8%); and data shows that poultry dominates meat output (49.3% share); this story shows poultry's other product — eggs — growing faster still, at 6.1% CAGR, ahead of both milk and meat. Three separate datasets, the same species, the same direction.

Source: BAHS 2025, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India — State-wise egg production series, 2009-10 to 2024-25. World rankings: FAO / industry estimates, 2024.



The Fastest-Growing Protein

Among India's three major livestock products, eggs have grown the fastest over the past decade and a half — outpacing milk and meat in percentage terms even as those categories have also expanded substantially in absolute volume.

Commercial Poultry changed the scale: The biggest acceleration came with improved layer breeds, scientific management, feed efficiency and organised farms.

India is the world's second-largest egg producer: by count, India trails only China (61,700 crores) and sits just ahead of Indonesia (14,600 crores) — a genuinely close margin at #2 and #3, with the United States (10,800 crores) further behind at #4.

A 6.1% CAGR outpaces both milk and meat: Story #08 found milk's growth rate has decelerated toward 3.5-4.5% in recent years and meat growing at a steady 4.6%. Eggs are the one product where growth hasn't shown the same signs of slowing.

Per-capita availability has risen sharply, but a real gap to global leaders remains: India reached about 106 eggs per person annually in 2024-25 — genuine progress, but still well below China's roughly 280 eggs per person and higher consumption levels in the United States.

Why eggs scale faster than milk or meat: short production cycles, relatively low capital intensity per unit of output, and strong domestic demand all support rapid expansion of commercial layer farming in a way that's structurally harder to replicate in dairy or meat production, which depend on slower-breeding, higher-maintenance animals.

Data Table

Year	Egg Production (Lakh Crores)	Per-Capita Availability (eggs/year)	Growth vs 1950-51
1950-51	183	5	1.0×
1980-81	1006	15	5.5×
1989-90	2020	25	11.0×
1999-2000	3045	30	16.6×
2003-04	4040	38	22.1×
2006-07	5066	45	27.7×
2009-10	6027	51	32.9×
2012-13	6973	57	38.1×
2018-19	10380	79	56.7×
2021-22	12960	95	70.8×
2022-23	13838	101	75.6×
2024-25	14911	106	81.5×

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