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Barn Fires Resulting in the Death of More Than 1,000 Egg-Laying Hens

(2017 – 2019)

- April 30, 2017: 19,750 hens at Breckbill Family Farm, a contract producer for Pete and Gerry's in Strasburg, PA; cause unknown
- June 20, 2017: 11,000 hens at a farm in Statesville, NC; cause believed to be electrical
- July 1, 2017: Over 100,000 hens at a Hillandale Farms facility in Tyrone Township, PA; cause unknown
- September 8, 2017: 300,000 hens at Fassio Egg Farms in Toole County, UT; cause believed to be faulty machinery
- October 2, 2017: 1,000,000 hens at Hi-Grade Egg Producers operated by Midwest Poultry Service, in North Manchester, IN; cause unknown
- October 24, 2017: 6,000 hens at a Zoetis, Inc. "flock house" in Charles City, IA; cause reported as faulty electrical wire
- December 8, 2017: 2,000 chickens (including an unreported number of hens) at Poultry Hollow Hatchery in Bush Creek, TN [number not included in total below]; cause reported as faulty heat lamp
- December 4, 2018: 50,000 hens at Mussman's Back Acres farm, owned by Konos, Inc. in Grant Park, IL; cause unknown
- March 18, 2019: 20,000 hens at a Sanderson Farms contract farm in Berlin, GA; cause unknown
- April 2, 2019: 37,000 hens at A & L Farms in Upper Bern, PA; cause believed to be faulty ventilation fan component
- April 30, 2019: 250,000 hens at Herbruck's Poultry Ranch in Ionia County, MI; cause unknown

- May 27, 2019: 3,000 hens at Byler Family Farm in Pelkie, MI; cause believed to be electrical
- June 4, 2019: 22,000 hens at a farm in Winston County, MS; cause unknown
- July 12, 2019: Approximately 11,000 hens at a farm in Taylorsville, NC; cause believed to be electrical
- July 31, 2019: 6,000 chickens and ducks, 800 of which were confirmed to be hens belonging to Maine-ly Poultry, at a facility in Waldoboro, ME; cause unknown
- November 20, 2019: Unknown number of hens (but believed to be well over 1,000) at a Cal-Maine facility in Chase, KS; cause unknown

Total: 1,831,550 hens