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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during March totaled 190 million, up 18.9 million from February's production but down 84.4 million from March 2023. The all layers during the month totaled 8.09 million, up 4 percent from last month, but down 30 percent from March 2023. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,349, compared to 2,197 a month earlier, and 2,376 in March 2023.

U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

United States egg production totaled 9.29 billion during March 2024, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.99 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.20 billion were broiler-type and 101 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during March 2024 totaled 379 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,455 eggs, up 2 percent from March 2023.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2024 totaled 379 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 379 million layers consisted of 313 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2024, averaged 79.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from April 1, 2023.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2024 totaled 56.5 million, down 4 percent from March 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 56.0 million on April 1, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 198 thousand during March 2024, down 1 percent from March 2023.

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2024 totaled 854 million, up 1 percent from March 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 735 million on April 1, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.42 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2024, up 5 percent from March 2023.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2024, in the United States totaled 24.1 million, down 9 percent from April 1, 2023. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the March 1, 2024 total of 24.7 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during March 2024, in the United States totaled 21.7 million, down 8 percent from March 2023. Poults hatched were up 7 percent from the February 2024 total of 20.3 million poults.

The 20.1 million net poults placed during March 2024 in the United States were down 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 9 percent from the February 2024 total of 18.5 million.

Layer on Hand & Egg Production During March, Molted as Percent of All Layers as of April 1 – States & United States

State	All layers		Eggs per 1	100 layers	Total egg p	Total egg production Layers being molted		•	Layers with molt completed	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	Thousands	Thousands	Number	Number	Millions	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alabama	11,649	10,853	1,906	1,933	222.0	209.8	0.5	0.5	3.0	4.5
Arkansas	15,291	15,224	2,122	2,164	324.5	329.4	1.0	1.5	9.0	9.0
California	11,547	8,085	2,376	2,349	274.3	189.9	1.0	0.5	5.5	3.5
Georgia	20,264	20,133	2,211	2,156	448.0	434.1	1.5	1.5	5.0	12.5
Indiana	37,422	36,326	2,456	2,528	918.9	918.5	1.5	1.5	7.0	5.5
lowa	44,804	44,216	2,552	2,599	1,143.3	1,149.3	4.5	2.0	8.5	6.0
North Carolina	15,784	16,098	2,237	2,248	353.1	361.9	0.5	1.5	8.0	4.0
Ohio	39,658	38,967	2,530	2,543	1,003.2	990.8	3.5	1.0	6.5	6.0
Pennsylvania	25,845	26,798	2,528	2,581	653.4	691.6	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0
Texas	23,683	22,607	2,277	2,369	539.3	535.5	3.0	4.0	53.0	37.5
United States	382,665	378,533	2,413	2,455	9,233.0	9,294.1	2.3	1.7	10.6	9.2

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2024 [Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month 2023		2024	Percent of previous year	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	50,776 52,233 58,764 55,737 59,081 58,377 50,918 52,791 51,149 51,173 48,468 48,753	53,237 54,920 56,502	105 105 96	

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched - States and United States: March 2023 and 2024

State	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	
Alabama	123,597	122,952	99	
Arkansas	85,848	89,062	104	
Delaware	19,206	19,707	103	
Florida	4,189	4,054	97	
Georgia	123,824	125,970	102	
Kentucky	22,035	26,837	122	
Louisiana	12,082	12,181	101	
Maryland	28,855	27,534	95	
Mississippi	61,229	61,687	101	
Missouri	33,559	31,802	95	
North Carolina	86,391	88,064	102	
Oklahoma	24,973	20,816	83	
Pennsylvania	24,191	27,697	114	
South Carolina	19,746	20,518	104	
Texas	63,730	66,494	104	
Virginia	23,415	19,618	84	
California, Tennessee,				
and West Virginia	45,859	47,559	104	
Other States 1	44,105	41,672	94	
United States	846,834	854,224	101	

¹ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Turkey Eggs in Incubators and Poults Hatched by Month – United States: 2022 - 2024 [Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Eggs in incubato	rs first of month	Percent of	Poults hatched	d entire month	Percent of	
	2022-2023	2023-2024	previous year	2022-2023	2023-2024	previous year	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	
September	27,508	26,636	97	22,254	21,571	97	
October	26,648	27,010	101	22,454	22,665	101	
November	26,479	25,537	96	22,615	21,668	96	
December	26,595	25,346	95	22,853	21,671	95	
January	27,284	24,945	91	23,399	21,527	92	
February	27,608	25,422	92	21,700	20,274	93	
March	26,757	24,689	92	23,619	21,670	92	
April	26,389	24,139	91	21,115			
May	27,625			23,576			
June	27,455			23,976			
July	26,984			22,627			
August	27,208			23,451			

Net Poults Placements by Month – United States: 2022-2024 [Includes imports and excludes exports. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Total all b	reeds	Percent of	Cumulat	Percent of	
	2022-2023	2023-2024	previous year	2022-2023	2023-2024	previous year
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
September	19,763	19,091	97	19,763	19,091	97
October	20,472	20,645	101	40,235	39,736	99
November	20,802	19,934	96	61,037	59,670	98
December	20,955	19,807	95	81,992	79,477	97
January	21,582	19,795	92	103,574	99,272	96
February	19,871	18,542	93	123,445	117,814	95
March	21,912	20,145	92	145,357	137,959	95
April	19,919			165,276		
May	22,295			187,571		
June	23,095			210,666		
July	22,447			233,113		
August	22,429			255,542		

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