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**Chickens and Eggs**



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This report contains the results from the **Monthly Chickens and Eggs Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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**December Egg Production Down 6 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 9.12 billion during December 2022, down 6 percent from last year. Production included 7.83 billion table eggs, and 1.29 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 100 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2022 averaged 374 million, down 5 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,435 eggs, down 1 percent from December 2021.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2023 totaled 373 million, down 5 percent from last year. The 373 million layers consisted of 306 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2023, averaged 78.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from January 1, 2022.

**Egg Production by Type – States and United States: December 2021 and 2022**

State	Total production			Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2021	2022	Percent of previous year	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	214.7	215.1	100	40.6	38.4	174.1	176.7
Georgia.....	440.8	449.6	102	243.5	252.4	197.3	197.2
South Carolina.....	88.6	87.9	99	66.0	65.3	22.6	22.6
United States .....	9,678.9	9,115.1	94	8,376.2	7,825.8	1,302.7	1,289.3

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Chickens and Eggs](#), January 2023

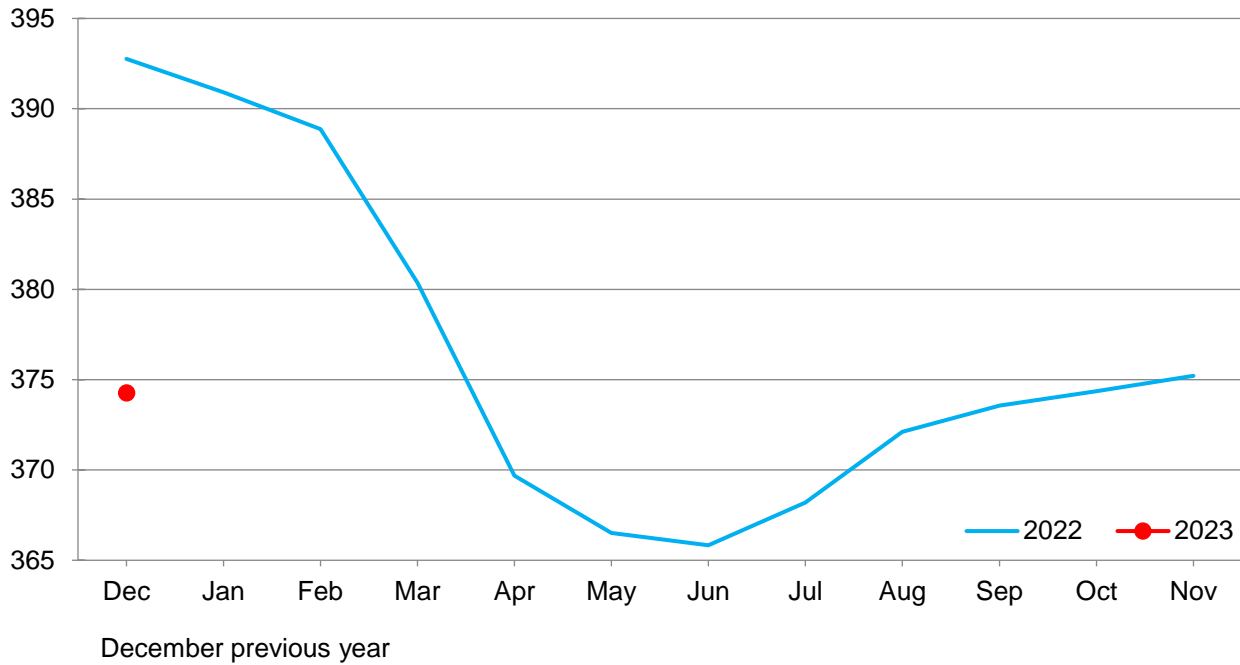
**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During December 2021 and 2022**

State	Total layers			Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2021	2022	Percent of previous year	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	10,814	11,238	104	1,403	1,397	1,985	1,914
Georgia.....	19,817	20,316	103	9,357	9,886	2,224	2,213
South Carolina.....	3,765	3,868	103	2,533	2,577	2,353	2,272
United States .....	392,761	374,266	95	310,049	291,037	2,464	2,435

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

