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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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**March Egg Production Down 3 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 9.21 billion during March 2023, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.88 billion table eggs, and 1.33 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.23 billion were broiler-type and 106 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during March 2023 totaled 383 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,408 eggs, down 2 percent from March 2022.

Total layers in the United States on April 1, 2023 totaled 383 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 383 million layers consisted of 314 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 64.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.00 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2023, averaged 77.9 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from April 1, 2022.

**Egg Production by Type – States and United States: March 2022 and 2023**

State	Total production			Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	218.0	231.6	106	37.1	36.7	180.9	194.9
Georgia.....	445.1	456.9	103	243.2	249.2	201.9	207.7
South Carolina.....	77.6	85.7	110	55.2	63.0	22.4	22.7
United States .....	9,471.0	9,210.6	97	8,125.9	7,877.6	1,345.1	1,333.0

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

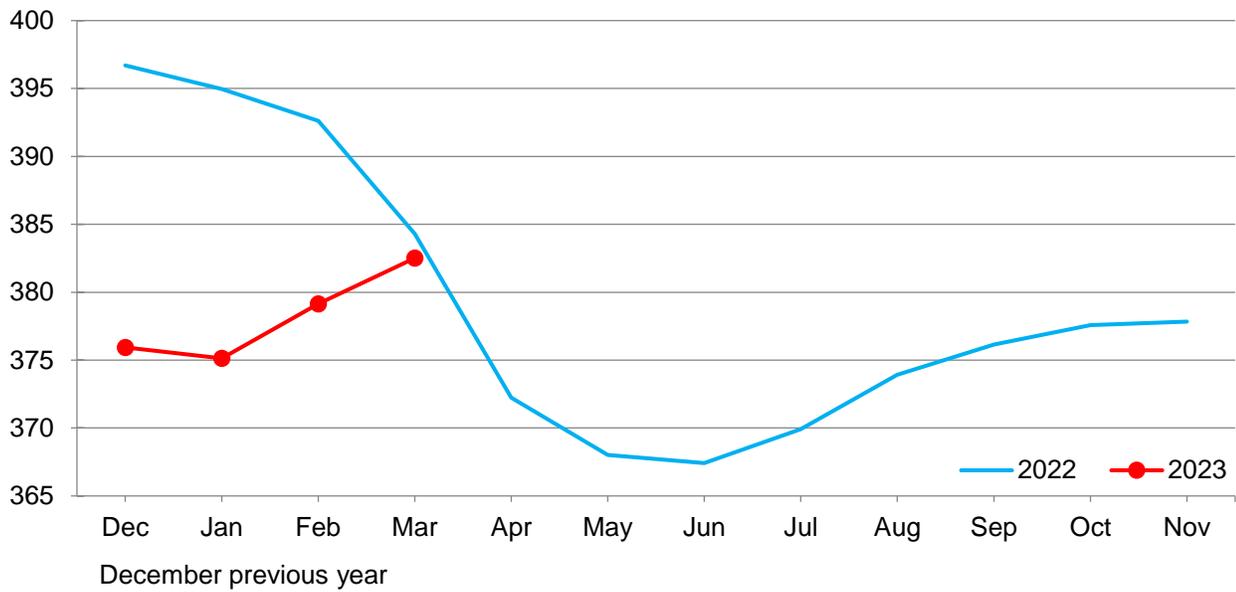
**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During March 2022 and 2023**

State	Total layers			Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	10,904	12,099	111	1,406	1,381	1,999	1,914
Georgia.....	20,222	20,714	102	9,631	9,869	2,201	2,206
South Carolina.....	3,515	3,803	108	2,271	2,495	2,208	2,253
United States .....	384,293	382,505	100	300,276	296,570	2,465	2,408

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

