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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 Up 3 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.45 billion during December 2023, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 8.14 billion table eggs, and 1.31 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 97.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2023 averaged 384 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,462 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2022.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2024 totaled 379 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 379 million layers consisted of 312 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.6 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, 2024, averaged 79.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2023.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: December 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	216.0	215.4	100	38.4	37.8	177.6	177.6
Georgia.....	450.0	449.1	100	252.4	250.1	197.6	199.0
South Carolina.....	87.9	82.8	94	65.3	59.5	22.6	23.3
United States	9,148.9	9,453.4	103	7,859.7	8,143.3	1,289.2	1,310.1

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Chickens and Eggs](#), January 2024

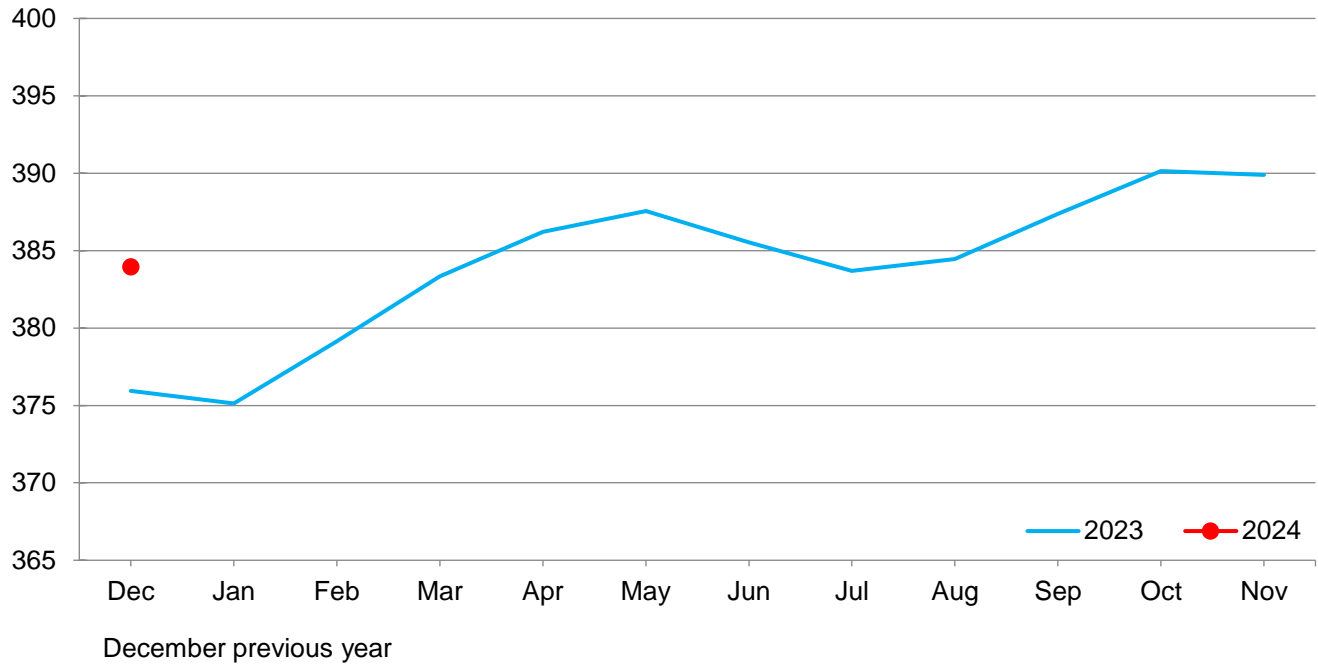
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During December 2022 and 2023

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	11,288	11,533	102	1,397	1,383	1,914	1,868
Georgia.....	20,335	19,874	98	9,886	9,372	2,213	2,260
South Carolina.....	3,868	3,619	94	2,577	2,304	2,272	2,288
United States	375,943	383,968	102	292,446	299,481	2,434	2,462

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Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

