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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 Up 1 Percent

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.

Total 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.

### Egg Production by Type – States and United States: March 2023 and 2024

State	Total production			Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama .....	222.0	209.8	95	36.9	35.1	185.1	174.7
Georgia.....	448.0	434.1	97	249.2	235.9	198.8	198.2
South Carolina.....	85.4	79.7	93	62.7	56.5	22.7	23.2
United States .....	9,233.0	9,294.1	101	7,926.9	7,994.2	1,306.1	1,299.9

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

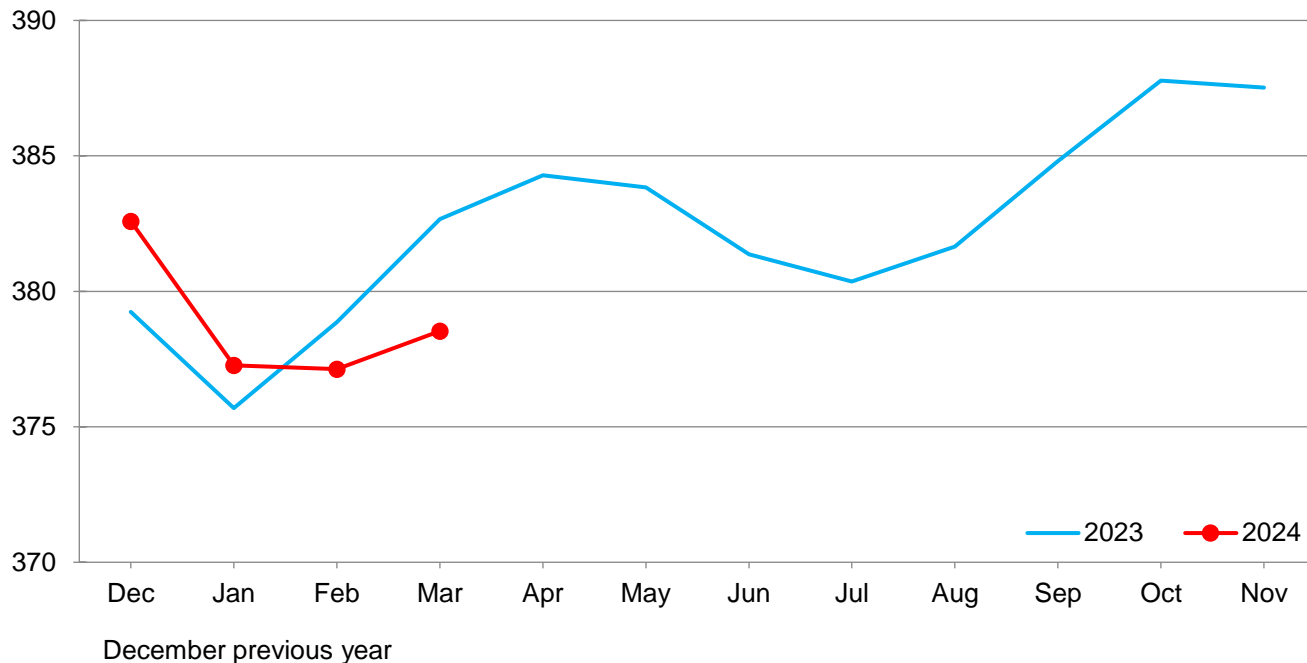
### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During March 2023 and 2024

State	Total layers			Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama .....	11,649	10,853	93	1,381	1,251	1,906	1,933
Georgia.....	20,264	20,133	99	9,869	9,781	2,211	2,156
South Carolina.....	3,789	3,585	95	2,495	2,270	2,254	2,223
United States .....	382,665	378,533	99	299,438	297,133	2,413	2,455

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

