



Chickens and Eggs

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April Egg Production Down 1 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.93 billion during April 2024, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.68 billion table eggs, and 1.26 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.16 billion were broiler-type and 97.5 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during April 2024 totaled 375 million, down 2 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,381 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2023.

Total layers in the United States on May 1, 2024 totaled 371 million, down 4 percent from last year. The 371 million layers consisted of 305 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2024, averaged 79.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2023.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 4 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2024 totaled 57.7 million, up 4 percent from April 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 54.1 million on May 1, 2024, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 249 thousand during April 2024, up 6 percent from April 2023.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 2 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2024 totaled 834 million, up 2 percent from April 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 738 million on May 1, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.18 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2023, up 1 percent from April 2023.

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Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2023-2024

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Month	2023		2024	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December ¹		379,240		382,585
January		375,688		377,270
February		378,859		377,126
March		382,665		378,982
April		384,281		375,214
May		383,839		
June		381,367		
July		380,356		
August		381,649		
September		384,814		
October		387,782		
November		387,517		

¹ December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2023-2024

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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December ¹	9,245.3	9,427.7	7,966.2	8,133.2	1,279.1	1,294.5
January	9,047.8	9,259.5	7,777.6	7,959.2	1,270.2	1,300.3
February	8,209.8	8,624.6	7,044.8	7,406.4	1,165.0	1,218.2
March	9,233.0	9,304.4	7,926.9	8,003.6	1,306.1	1,300.8
April	9,014.3	8,934.7	7,744.3	7,678.6	1,270.0	1,256.1
May	9,294.8		7,977.0		1,317.8	
June	8,951.2		7,676.1		1,275.1	
July	9,281.9		7,971.9		1,310.0	
August	9,336.5		8,031.4		1,305.1	
September	9,117.9		7,852.7		1,265.2	
October	9,543.0		8,236.0		1,307.0	
November	9,250.5		7,992.1		1,258.4	

¹ December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2023-2024

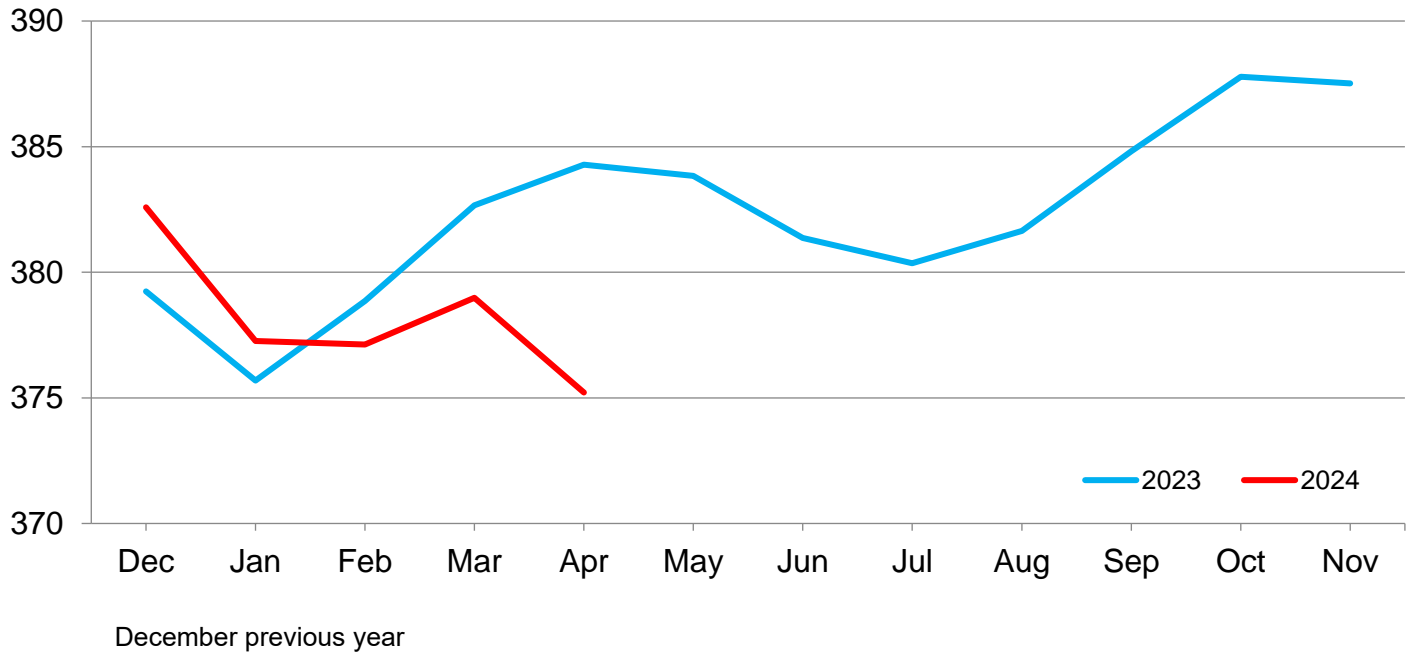
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Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December ¹	770,441.6	785,641.7	663,850.0	677,766.6	106,591.6	107,875.1
January	753,983.2	771,624.8	648,133.0	663,266.6	105,850.2	108,358.2
February	684,150.9	718,716.6	587,067.2	617,200.2	97,083.7	101,516.4
March	769,416.6	775,366.7	660,575.2	666,966.7	108,841.4	108,400.0
April	751,191.5	744,558.2	645,358.2	639,883.4	105,833.3	104,674.8
May	774,566.9		664,750.3		109,816.6	
June	745,933.2		639,674.6		106,258.6	
July	773,491.4		664,324.9		109,166.5	
August	778,041.1		669,283.1		108,758.0	
September	759,825.2		654,392.0		105,433.2	
October	795,249.7		686,333.3		108,916.4	
November	770,874.6		666,008.2		104,866.4	

¹ December previous year.

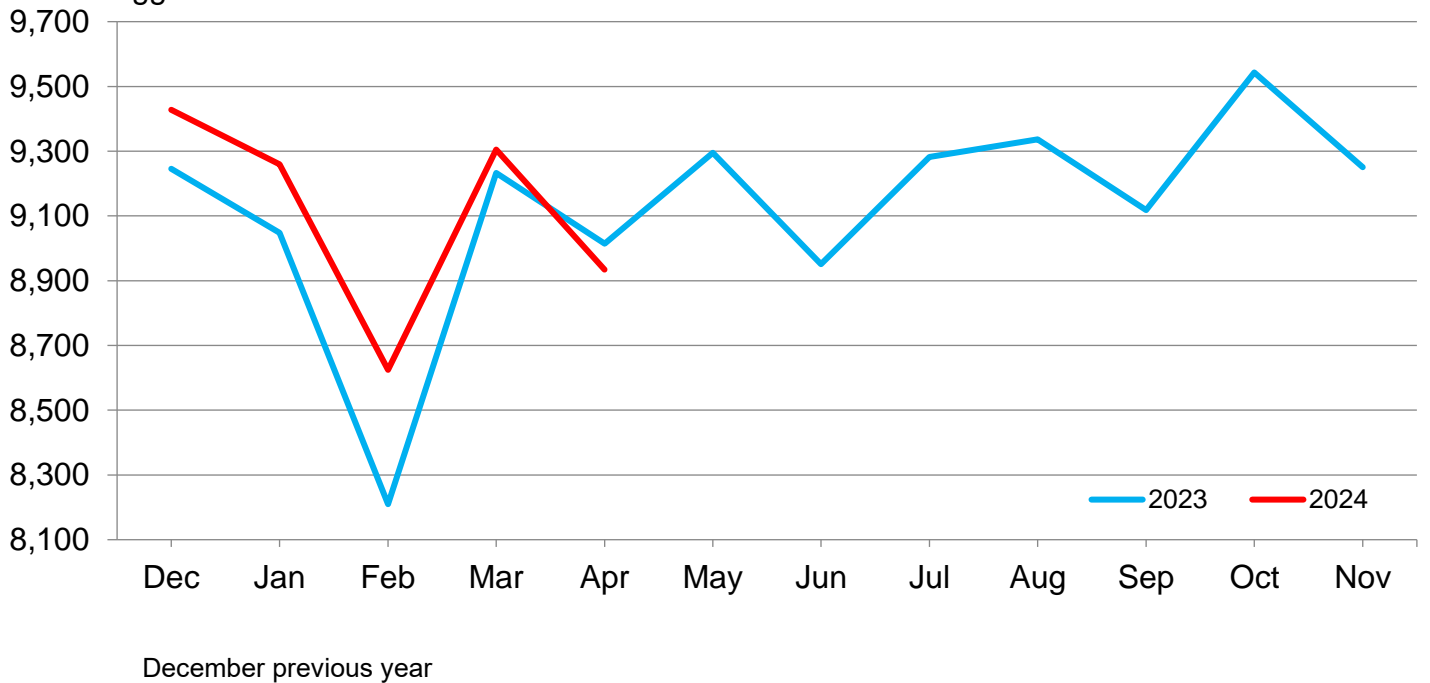
Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: March-April 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
Layers during March			
Total layers 1,000	382,665	378,982	99
Table egg type 1,000	315,113	313,160	99
Hatching egg type 1,000	67,552	65,822	97
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	63,521	61,976	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	4,031	3,846	95
Eggs per 100 layers during March			
Total layers number	2,413	2,455	102
Table egg type number	2,516	2,556	102
Hatching egg type number	1,933	1,976	102
Broiler-type hatching number	1,888	1,936	103
Egg-type hatching number	2,649	2,624	99
Eggs produced during March			
Total layers million	9,233.0	9,304.4	101
Table egg type million	7,926.9	8,003.6	101
Hatching egg type million	1,306.1	1,300.8	100
Broiler-type hatching million	1,199.3	1,199.9	100
Egg-type hatching million	106.8	100.9	94
Eggs produced during March			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	769,416.6	775,366.7	101
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	660,575.2	666,966.7	101
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	108,841.4	108,400.0	100
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	99,941.4	99,991.6	100
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	8,900.0	8,408.4	94
Layers on April 1			
Total layers 1,000	383,530	379,491	99
Table egg type 1,000	315,693	313,397	99
Hatching egg type 1,000	67,837	66,094	97
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	63,816	62,193	97
Egg-type hatching 1,000	4,021	3,901	97
Eggs per 100 layers on April 1			
Total layers number	78.1	79.4	102
Table egg type number	81.5	82.8	102
Hatching egg type number	62.2	63.5	102
Broiler-type hatching number	60.7	62.2	102
Egg-type hatching number	85.9	84.0	98
Molted layers on April 1			
Being molted percent	2.3	1.8	78
Molt completed percent	10.6	9.2	87
Layers sold for slaughter during March 1,000	12,954.3	12,961.5	100
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during March 1,000	11,003.4	10,071.0	92
Pullets on April 1 1,000	129,118	126,661	98
Pullets added during March ¹ 1,000	29,031.1	28,702.0	99

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States: April-May 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
Layers during April			
Total layers 1,000	384,281	375,214	98
Table egg type 1,000	316,319	309,334	98
Hatching egg type 1,000	67,962	65,880	97
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	63,941	61,997	97
Egg-type hatching 1,000	4,021	3,883	97
Eggs per 100 layers during April			
Total layers number	2,346	2,381	101
Table egg type number	2,448	2,482	101
Hatching egg type number	1,869	1,907	102
Broiler-type hatching number	1,825	1,869	102
Egg-type hatching number	2,564	2,511	98
Eggs produced during April			
Total layers million	9,014.3	8,934.7	99
Table egg type million	7,744.3	7,678.6	99
Hatching egg type million	1,270.0	1,256.1	99
Broiler-type hatching million	1,166.9	1,158.6	99
Egg-type hatching million	103.1	97.5	95
Eggs produced during April			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	751,191.5	744,558.2	99
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	645,358.2	639,883.4	99
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	105,833.3	104,674.8	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	97,241.5	96,549.8	99
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	8,591.8	8,125.0	95
Layers on May 1			
Total layers 1,000	384,996	370,908	96
Table egg type 1,000	316,929	305,255	96
Hatching egg type 1,000	68,067	65,653	96
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	64,055	61,791	96
Egg-type hatching 1,000	4,012	3,862	96
Eggs per 100 layers on May 1			
Total layers number	78.2	79.3	101
Table egg type number	81.7	82.6	101
Hatching egg type number	62.3	63.5	102
Broiler-type hatching number	60.9	62.3	102
Egg-type hatching number	84.8	83.2	98
Molted layers on May 1			
Being molted percent	2.3	2.4	104
Molt completed percent	10.6	8.9	84
Layers sold for slaughter during April 1,000	12,544.2	12,206.2	97
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during April 1,000	10,662.3	18,682.6	175
Pullets on May 1 1,000	132,753	129,628	98
Pullets added during April ¹ 1,000	30,112.6	26,753.7	89

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

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

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,381	1,252	11,649	10,854	1,906	1,933
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,291	15,242	2,122	2,159
California	11,168	7,722	11,547	8,119	2,376	2,340
Colorado	1,248	3,970	1,736	4,458	2,621	2,633
Georgia	9,869	9,781	20,264	20,133	2,211	2,156
Illinois	6,215	6,498	6,779	7,103	2,396	2,495
Indiana	36,316	35,382	37,422	36,314	2,456	2,529
Iowa	43,011	42,435	44,804	44,316	2,552	2,599
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,515	5,223	2,209	2,215
Maryland	2,317	2,072	2,520	2,289	2,675	2,674
Michigan	16,563	16,202	16,897	16,523	2,581	2,561
Minnesota	7,568	6,600	8,042	7,114	2,455	2,505
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,508	5,484	2,164	2,201
Missouri	7,392	7,490	13,982	13,864	2,477	2,600
Nebraska	6,294	7,618	6,898	8,275	2,514	2,493
New York	5,177	5,093	5,739	5,596	2,589	2,613
North Carolina	7,049	7,374	15,784	16,121	2,237	2,244
Ohio	38,435	37,691	39,658	38,917	2,530	2,546
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,252	2,264	1,949	2,116
Oregon	1,951	2,071	2,061	2,181	2,741	2,733
Pennsylvania	22,760	23,729	25,845	26,973	2,528	2,581
South Carolina	2,495	2,270	3,789	3,585	2,254	2,223
South Dakota	1,175	2,002	1,230	2,057	2,333	2,684
Texas	(D)	(D)	23,683	22,602	2,277	2,367
Utah	5,963	7,032	6,003	7,072	2,529	2,486
Virginia	792	874	2,635	2,554	2,345	2,447
Washington	5,533	5,400	5,697	5,502	2,607	2,684
Wisconsin	6,527	6,683	7,645	7,848	2,598	2,650
Other States ¹	25,648	24,179	31,790	30,399	2,390	2,450
United States	299,438	297,436	382,665	378,982	2,413	2,455

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¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

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

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,368	1,275	11,726	10,698	1,835	1,855
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,243	15,162	2,067	2,073
California	11,016	7,458	11,371	7,841	2,341	2,269
Colorado	1,537	3,925	2,025	4,413	2,523	2,506
Georgia	9,779	9,747	20,255	20,107	2,130	2,126
Illinois	6,162	6,334	6,728	6,974	2,341	2,462
Indiana	35,936	35,232	37,073	36,160	2,405	2,463
Iowa	43,586	42,845	45,407	44,779	2,462	2,529
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,480	5,135	2,124	2,164
Maryland	2,311	2,012	2,511	2,232	2,589	2,585
Michigan	16,500	12,876	16,834	13,197	2,509	2,444
Minnesota	7,426	6,625	7,908	7,141	2,414	2,425
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,569	5,493	2,045	2,123
Missouri	7,343	7,553	13,943	13,838	2,435	2,552
Nebraska	6,865	7,750	7,457	8,402	2,426	2,414
New York	5,112	5,048	5,676	5,547	2,546	2,547
North Carolina	7,118	7,144	15,870	15,883	2,142	2,166
Ohio	38,789	37,991	40,021	39,224	2,443	2,481
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,358	2,387	1,874	1,990
Oregon	2,021	2,163	2,131	2,273	2,647	2,604
Pennsylvania	22,829	23,632	25,914	27,003	2,452	2,494
South Carolina	2,405	2,741	3,696	4,038	2,181	2,261
South Dakota	1,313	2,011	1,368	2,066	2,259	2,682
Texas	(D)	(D)	23,511	21,825	2,244	2,267
Utah	6,055	6,823	6,095	6,863	2,469	2,448
Virginia	794	833	2,630	2,556	2,243	2,340
Washington	5,476	5,435	5,640	5,537	2,523	2,612
Wisconsin	6,931	6,958	8,059	8,129	2,564	2,517
Other States ¹	25,586	23,998	31,782	30,311	2,339	2,366
United States	300,644	293,610	384,281	375,214	2,346	2,381

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¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

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

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	222.0	209.8	36.9	35.1	185.1	174.7
Arkansas	324.5	329.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	274.3	190.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	45.5	117.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	448.0	434.1	249.2	235.9	198.8	198.2
Illinois	162.4	177.2	158.4	171.9	4.0	5.3
Indiana	918.9	918.2	902.6	905.1	16.3	13.1
Iowa	1,143.3	1,151.9	1,120.2	1,127.1	23.1	24.8
Kentucky	121.8	115.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	67.4	61.2	65.9	59.5	1.5	1.7
Michigan	436.1	423.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	197.4	178.2	190.0	170.4	7.4	7.8
Mississippi	119.2	120.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	346.3	360.4	304.2	321.4	42.1	39.0
Nebraska	173.4	206.3	160.8	192.8	12.6	13.5
New York	148.6	146.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	353.1	361.8	186.8	195.8	166.3	166.0
Ohio	1,003.2	990.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	43.9	47.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	56.5	59.6	56.5	59.6	-	-
Pennsylvania	653.4	696.2	607.9	645.6	45.5	50.6
South Carolina	85.4	79.7	62.7	56.5	22.7	23.2
South Dakota	28.7	55.2	28.7	55.2	-	-
Texas	539.3	534.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	151.8	175.8	151.8	175.8	-	-
Virginia	61.8	62.5	28.8	31.9	33.0	30.6
Washington	148.5	147.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	198.6	208.0	192.9	202.2	5.7	5.8
Other States ¹	759.7	744.9	680.5	661.5	79.2	83.4
United States	9,233.0	9,304.4	7,926.9	8,003.6	1,306.1	1,300.8

- Represents zero.

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¹ Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: April 2023 and 2024

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	215.2	198.4	35.4	33.4	179.8	165.0
Arkansas	315.1	314.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	266.2	177.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	51.1	110.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	431.5	427.4	239.3	235.5	192.2	191.9
Illinois	157.5	171.7	153.6	166.0	3.9	5.7
Indiana	891.7	890.7	874.2	877.7	17.5	13.0
Iowa	1,118.0	1,132.4	1,095.5	1,107.6	22.5	24.8
Kentucky	116.4	111.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	65.0	57.7	63.6	56.1	1.4	1.6
Michigan	422.4	322.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	190.9	173.2	183.9	165.7	7.0	7.5
Mississippi	113.9	116.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	339.5	353.1	298.4	316.3	41.1	36.8
Nebraska	180.9	202.8	169.3	190.2	11.6	12.6
New York	144.5	141.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	339.9	344.0	179.4	184.2	160.5	159.8
Ohio	977.7	973.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	44.2	47.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	56.4	59.2	56.4	59.2	-	-
Pennsylvania	635.3	673.4	591.4	623.0	43.9	50.4
South Carolina	80.6	91.3	58.5	68.9	22.1	22.4
South Dakota	30.9	55.4	30.9	55.4	-	-
Texas	527.6	494.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	150.5	168.0	150.5	168.0	-	-
Virginia	59.0	59.8	27.1	29.7	31.9	30.1
Washington	142.3	144.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	206.6	204.6	200.7	199.0	5.9	5.6
Other States ¹	743.5	717.2	665.7	634.6	77.8	82.6
United States	9,014.3	8,934.7	7,744.3	7,678.6	1,270.0	1,256.1

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

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama	18,500.0	17,483.3	3,075.0	2,925.0	15,425.0	14,558.3
Arkansas	27,041.7	27,425.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	22,858.3	15,833.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	3,791.6	9,783.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	37,333.3	36,175.0	20,766.7	19,658.3	16,566.6	16,516.7
Illinois	13,533.3	14,766.7	13,200.0	14,325.0	333.3	441.7
Indiana	76,575.0	76,516.7	75,216.7	75,425.0	1,358.3	1,091.7
Iowa	95,275.0	95,991.7	93,350.0	93,925.0	1,925.0	2,066.7
Kentucky	10,150.1	9,641.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	5,616.7	5,100.0	5,491.7	4,958.3	125.0	141.7
Michigan	36,341.7	35,258.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,450.0	14,850.0	15,833.3	14,200.0	616.7	650.0
Mississippi	9,933.3	10,058.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	28,858.3	30,033.3	25,350.0	26,783.3	3,508.3	3,250.0
Nebraska	14,450.0	17,191.7	13,400.0	16,066.7	1,050.0	1,125.0
New York	12,383.3	12,183.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	29,424.9	30,150.0	15,566.6	16,316.7	13,858.3	13,833.3
Ohio	83,600.1	82,558.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,658.3	3,991.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4,708.3	4,966.7	4,708.3	4,966.7	-	-
Pennsylvania	54,450.0	58,016.7	50,658.3	53,800.0	3,791.7	4,216.7
South Carolina	7,116.7	6,641.6	5,225.0	4,708.3	1,891.7	1,933.3
South Dakota	2,391.6	4,600.0	2,391.6	4,600.0	-	-
Texas	44,941.7	44,575.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	12,650.0	14,650.0	12,650.0	14,650.0	-	-
Virginia	5,150.0	5,208.3	2,400.0	2,658.3	2,750.0	2,550.0
Washington	12,375.0	12,308.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	16,550.0	17,333.4	16,075.0	16,850.0	475.0	483.4
Other States ¹	63,308.4	62,075.1	56,708.5	55,125.2	6,599.9	6,949.9
United States	769,416.6	775,366.7	660,575.2	666,966.7	108,841.4	108,400.0

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Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: April 2023 and 2024

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama	17,933.3	16,533.3	2,950.0	2,783.3	14,983.3	13,750.0
Arkansas	26,258.3	26,191.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	22,183.4	14,824.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,258.3	9,216.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	35,958.2	35,616.6	19,941.6	19,625.0	16,016.6	15,991.6
Illinois	13,125.0	14,308.4	12,800.0	13,833.4	325.0	475.0
Indiana	74,308.3	74,225.0	72,850.0	73,141.7	1,458.3	1,083.3
Iowa	93,166.7	94,366.7	91,291.7	92,300.0	1,875.0	2,066.7
Kentucky	9,700.0	9,258.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	5,416.6	4,808.3	5,300.0	4,675.0	116.6	133.3
Michigan	35,200.0	26,875.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	15,908.3	14,433.4	15,325.0	13,808.4	583.3	625.0
Mississippi	9,491.7	9,716.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	28,291.7	29,425.0	24,866.7	26,358.3	3,425.0	3,066.7
Nebraska	15,075.0	16,900.0	14,108.3	15,850.0	966.7	1,050.0
New York	12,041.7	11,775.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	28,325.0	28,666.7	14,950.0	15,350.0	13,375.0	13,316.7
Ohio	81,475.0	81,100.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,683.3	3,958.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4,700.0	4,933.4	4,700.0	4,933.4	-	-
Pennsylvania	52,941.7	56,116.7	49,283.3	51,916.7	3,658.4	4,200.0
South Carolina	6,716.7	7,608.3	4,875.0	5,741.6	1,841.7	1,866.7
South Dakota	2,575.0	4,616.7	2,575.0	4,616.7	-	-
Texas	43,966.7	41,233.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	12,541.6	14,000.0	12,541.6	14,000.0	-	-
Virginia	4,916.6	4,983.3	2,258.3	2,475.0	2,658.3	2,508.3
Washington	11,858.4	12,050.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	17,216.7	17,050.0	16,725.0	16,583.3	491.7	466.7
Other States ¹	61,958.3	59,766.6	55,475.0	52,883.3	6,483.3	6,883.3
United States	751,191.5	744,558.2	645,358.2	639,883.4	105,833.3	104,674.8

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Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	1.4	1.7	11.5	9.8
February	2.0	2.1	10.6	9.4
March	2.5	1.9	10.0	9.3
April	2.3	1.8	10.6	9.2
May	2.3	2.4	10.6	8.9
June	2.2		10.3	
July	1.7		11.3	
August	2.1		10.6	
September	2.2		10.6	
October	2.2		10.2	
November	1.6		10.6	
December	1.8		10.0	

Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: April 1 and May 1, 2023-2024

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	April 1		May 1		April 1		May 1	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.5	3.0	4.5	2.5	5.0
Arkansas	1.0	1.5	1.0	2.5	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.5
California	1.0	0.5	-	1.0	5.5	3.5	4.0	4.0
Colorado	2.5	4.5	2.5	2.0	-	6.5	1.0	5.5
Georgia	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.0	5.0	12.5	6.5	12.5
Illinois	5.0	4.0	5.0	2.5	24.5	23.5	21.5	22.5
Indiana	1.5	1.5	1.0	2.0	7.0	5.5	7.0	4.5
Iowa	4.5	2.0	3.5	3.0	8.5	6.0	9.5	6.5
Kentucky	1.5	3.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	15.0	4.5	17.0
Maryland	-	1.0	-	1.0	-	1.0	-	1.0
Michigan	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	2.5	7.5	2.5	10.5
Minnesota	2.0	0.5	1.5	1.5	6.5	1.0	6.0	1.0
Mississippi	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	13.5	13.0	11.0	13.0
Missouri	2.0	1.5	3.0	2.0	3.5	5.0	3.5	5.0
Nebraska	3.0	1.0	2.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
New York	0.5	-	0.5	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
North Carolina	0.5	1.5	-	1.0	8.0	4.0	6.5	4.5
Ohio	3.5	1.0	2.5	1.0	6.5	6.0	7.5	6.0
Oklahoma	4.0	-	6.0	3.5	19.0	3.5	16.0	3.0
Oregon	3.0	2.0	1.5	2.0	-	-	2.0	0.5
Pennsylvania	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5
South Carolina	3.0	3.5	2.5	5.0	19.5	4.0	15.5	4.5
South Dakota	1.5	-	2.0	-	4.5	2.5	3.5	2.5
Texas	3.0	4.0	5.0	8.0	53.0	37.5	52.5	33.0
Utah	5.5	5.5	4.5	6.0	16.0	13.5	17.5	17.0
Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington	2.0	-	3.0	-	10.0	2.5	8.5	2.0
Wisconsin	2.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	7.0
Other States ¹	2.5	2.8	4.2	3.5	21.7	20.3	21.6	19.5
United States	2.3	1.8	2.3	2.4	10.6	9.2	10.6	8.9

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Hatchery Production – United States: 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on May 1	55,316	54,075	98
Chicks hatched during April	55,737	57,722	104
Chicks hatched January through April	217,510	222,497	102
Pullets hatched during April for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	234	249	106
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,779	2,710	98
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on May 1	725,627	738,132	102
Chicks hatched during April	819,250	833,837	102
Chicks hatched January through April	3,274,737	3,321,090	101
Pullets hatched during April for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	8,117	8,179	101
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	74,146	76,848	104

¹ 2024 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2022 through September 2023.

² 2024 includes pullet chicks hatched January 2023 through September 2023.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	47,397	49,087	104
February	50,524	52,490	104
March	54,338	56,378	104
April	55,509	55,417	100
May	55,316	54,075	98
June	55,576		
July	49,550		
August	48,943		
September	49,972		
October	50,376		
November	46,863		
December	50,232		

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	50,776	53,237	105	50,776	53,237	105
February	52,233	54,920	105	103,009	108,157	105
March	58,764	56,618	96	161,773	164,775	102
April	55,737	57,722	104	217,510	222,497	102
May	59,081			276,591		
June	58,377			334,968		
July	50,918			385,886		
August	52,791			438,677		
September	51,149			489,826		
October	51,173			540,999		
November	48,468			589,467		
December	48,753			638,220		

Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2024 as percent of 2023	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ¹	
	2023	2024		2023	2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January	197	206	105	2,919	2,667
February	230	236	103	2,886	2,697
March	201	198	99	2,805	2,703
April	234	249	106	2,779	2,710
May	260			2,778	2,708
June	199			2,774	2,707
July	196			2,777	2,709
August	255			2,713	2,718
September	270			2,667	2,724
October	249			2,669	2,721
November	199			2,695	2,736
December	219			2,686	
Annual total	2,709				

¹ For April 2024, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched October 2022 through September 2023. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	719,047	717,762	100
February	718,941	720,254	100
March	723,237	731,745	101
April	724,738	738,053	102
May	725,627	738,132	102
June	730,868		
July	723,632		
August	724,529		
September	715,277		
October	691,799		
November	684,281		
December	719,818		

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: April 2023 and 2024

State	During April			January-April		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	119,026	120,029	101	478,648	480,728	100
Arkansas	84,063	87,362	104	332,337	343,906	103
Delaware	18,546	18,435	99	73,040	75,055	103
Florida	4,073	3,841	94	16,064	15,571	97
Georgia	120,534	123,324	102	479,577	490,715	102
Kentucky	21,765	26,873	123	86,519	100,449	116
Louisiana	11,776	12,089	103	45,632	48,007	105
Maryland	27,332	26,609	97	111,421	107,897	97
Mississippi	58,181	60,359	104	233,680	240,808	103
Missouri	33,112	30,772	93	132,503	123,279	93
North Carolina	84,021	84,570	101	337,123	344,345	102
Oklahoma	24,302	20,139	83	96,909	77,681	80
Pennsylvania	23,780	27,265	115	93,285	109,936	118
South Carolina	19,215	20,122	105	76,519	80,002	105
Texas	62,393	65,088	104	245,612	257,119	105
Virginia	19,790	18,736	95	87,167	77,024	88
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	44,802	47,073	105	177,634	185,020	104
Other States ¹	42,539	41,151	97	171,067	163,548	96
United States	819,250	833,837	102	3,274,737	3,321,090	101

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Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	845,295	844,298	100	846,059	844,298	100
February	763,358	788,774	103	1,608,653	1,633,072	102
March	846,834	854,181	101	2,455,487	2,487,253	101
April	819,250	833,837	102	3,274,737	3,321,090	101
May	848,804			4,123,541		
June	830,427			4,953,968		
July	848,539			5,802,507		
August	853,148			6,655,655		
September	816,558			7,472,213		
October	817,285			8,289,498		
November	789,700			9,079,198		
December	849,463			9,920,549		

Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2024 as percent of 2023	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ¹	
	2023	2024		2023	2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January	8,010	7,436	93	76,325	75,299
February	7,706	8,197	106	75,295	76,516
March	8,991	9,419	105	74,989	77,096
April	8,117	8,179	101	74,146	76,848
May	8,643			73,568	76,849
June	9,710			72,731	77,350
July	8,519			72,593	78,008
August	8,242			72,668	77,327
September	8,910			71,906	76,881
October	8,011			72,188	76,590
November	8,207			72,769	76,250
December	9,649			73,732	
Annual total	102,715				
Total placements ²					
January	9,320	8,968	96		
February	9,298	9,620	103		
March	10,625	11,042	104		
April	9,776	9,932	102		
May	10,040				
June	11,427				
July	9,887				
August	9,993				
September	10,515				
October	9,426				
November	9,489				
December	11,061				
Annual total	120,857				

¹ For April 2024, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched January 2023 through September 2023.

² United States production of intended placements worldwide.

Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

Total Layers includes both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

Intended Placements are reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per case of 30 dozen eggs.

Molted Layers is the same data series as the previously published Forced Molt Layers. Nomenclature changed as of January 2015.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Primary data for the *Chickens and Eggs* report are from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for layer and egg estimates from each known contractor and independent producer who has at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 500 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Data for egg-type hatchery estimates are collected monthly from all egg-type hatcheries that hatch at least 50,000 chicks a year.

Estimating Procedures: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

For chicken hatcheries, chicks hatched consist of all chicks of domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. Eggs set are eggs in incubators for the purpose of hatching. The relationship of egg-type chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings are carefully monitored. The disposition of egg-type chicks hatched prior to placement into the laying flock can vary significantly, which can make comparisons to changes in layer inventory inconsistent over time. Broiler chicks placed are specifically for meat production. Intended placement data reported by leading breeders include pullet chicks expected from eggs sold the preceding month. The breeders in this report account for a large percentage of replacement pullets for hatchery supply flocks. Production of replacement pullets by these breeders indicates the number of pullets available to hatchery supply layer flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the laying flocks. "Hatchery Supply Flocks" include all generations of layers which could lay eggs to supply a hatchery. This includes the generations of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, pedigree, etc. Also included are research flocks, vaccine flocks, and specific pathogen-free flocks. The broiler cumulative potential placements are a moving total of the intended placements 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months earlier represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

Revision Policy: The previous month's estimates are subject to revision if late reports or corrected data indicates a different level. Additionally, revisions after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the annual reports of *Chickens and Eggs Summary* and *Hatchery Production Summary*. Estimates will also be reviewed for chickens and eggs after data from the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Estimates are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets, or operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for total layers over the past 24 months is 0.7 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 375 million layers by more than 0.7 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.2 percent.

Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
Total layers	(percent) 0.7	(percent) 1.2	(1,000) 2,190	(1,000) 72	(1,000) 5,209	(number) 13	(number) 11
Eggs	0.7	1.1	(million) 50	(million) 6	(million) 130	13	11

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