

Chickens

Number on Farms, Rate of Lay and Egg Production: Louisiana, 2000-2003¹

Year	Chickens on Farms, December 1		Average Number of Layers During Year	Annual Rate of Lay per Hen ²	Total Egg Production
	All Chickens	Value			
	--1,000 Head--	--1,000 Dollars--	-----1,000 Head-----	---Number---	-----Million-----
2000	2,580	7,482	1,975	250	493
2001	2,700	8,100	1,946	247	480
2002	2,560	7,424	1,982	249	494
2003	2,590	9,065	1,960	249	487

¹Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1, previous year, through November 30 of year referenced.

²Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

Production and Income: Louisiana, 2000-2003¹

Year	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	-----1,000 Pounds-----	-----Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
2000	9,160	0.56	513
2001	7,456	0.60	447
2002	8,237	0.56	461
2003	7,508	0.84	631

¹Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1, previous year, through November 30 of year referenced.

Eggs

Production and Income: Louisiana, 2000-2003¹

Year	Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ²	Gross Income
	-----Million-----	-----Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
2000	493	.810	33,278
2001	480	.793	31,720
2002	494	.817	33,633
2003	487	.886	35,957

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²Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.