



# Egg Report

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## OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during March, 2012, totaled 646 million eggs, up 8 percent from last month but down slightly when compared with a year earlier, when production for March, 2011 totaled 648 million eggs. During March there were 27.9 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,318 eggs per 100 layers, or 74.8 percent. There were 3.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on April 1, 2012. There were 11.0 percent of the layers in Ohio that have completed a forced molt compared to 19.5 percent from a year earlier. In all egg-producing states on April 1, 2012, 2.8 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 19.8 percent had completed a molt.

United States egg production totaled 7.86 billion during March 2012, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.80 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 981 million were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2012 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2011.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2012 totaled 341 million, down slightly from last year. The 341 million layers

consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.09 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2012, averaged 75.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2011.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 40.6 million, down 7 percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.3 million on April 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year ago. Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 764 million, down 4 percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 614 million on April 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2012, in the United States totaled 28.2 million, up 2 percent from April 1, 2011. Eggs in incubators were down 3 percent from the March 1, 2012 total of 29.0 million eggs. Turkey poults hatched during March 2012, in the United States totaled 25.2 million, up 4 percent from March 2011. Poults hatched were up 9 percent from the February 2012 total of 23.2 million poults.

### MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers 2012	Total production			
	2011	2012		Monthly		Accumulated <sup>1/</sup>	
				2011	2012	2011	2012
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	27,316	27,870	2,318	648	646	2,558	2,568
U.S.	340,655	339,750	2,313	7,840	7,858	30,613	30,856

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period began December of previous year.

### CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed <sup>1/</sup>		
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011
Mar.	43,603	40,622	93	793,765	764,225	96	23,721	24,843	105
Jan.-Mar.	121,608	120,199	99	2,283,800	2,221,208	97	156,513	161,044	103

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

### EGGS IN INCUBATORS - APRIL 1, 2012

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011
E. North Central <sup>1/</sup>	8,277	8,556	103	12,801	12,463	97	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>
United States	41,197	39,279	95	649,146	614,211	95	27,720	28,229	102

<sup>1/</sup> Not available by States. <sup>2/</sup> Regional estimates discontinued.