

Egg Production

For the year ending November 30, 2008, Wisconsin egg production totaled 1.22 billion eggs, down 11 percent from the previous year. The average number of layers in the state decreased from 4.94 million in 2007 to 4.55 million in 2008. The number of eggs per layer was 268 eggs, a decrease of 10 eggs over the previous year, but 2 eggs per layer higher than the national average.

Total U.S. egg production was 90.2 billion eggs for the year ending November 30, 2008. This was a 1 percent decrease from 2007. The average number of layers in the U.S. dropped 2 percent to 340 million. Iowa had the greatest number of layers, 53.5 million, and produced the most eggs, 14.4 billion. Ohio followed with 26.2 million layers and 7.17 billion eggs. Montana led the nation with an average of 324 eggs per layer, well above the national average of 266 eggs per layer.

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State	Average number of layers		Eggs per layer 2/		Total egg production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousand		Number		Millions	
WI	4,936	4,551	278	268	1,370	1,220
CA	20,610	20,272	257	260	5,290	5,272
GA	19,434	18,539	247	247	4,792	4,576
IL	4,997	5,376	272	270	1,357	1,453
IN	24,885	24,117	268	271	6,673	6,523
IA	52,401	53,523	265	269	13,868	14,407
MN	10,651	10,028	270	276	2,880	2,767
OH	26,596	26,233	269	273	7,151	7,168
PA	22,514	21,503	284	287	6,392	6,181
US	346,498	339,572	263	266	91,101	90,151

1/Annual estimates cover the period Dec. 1, previous year through Nov. 30.

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

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO