

Wisconsin Egg Production Down; U. S. Production Up

Egg production in Wisconsin totaled 1.14 billion eggs for the year ending November 30, 2003. This was down 2 percent from the 1.16 billion eggs produced in 2002. Wisconsin's average number of layers in 2003 totaled 4.18 million, also a 2 percent decrease from 2002. The number of eggs per layer in Wisconsin during 2003 was 272 eggs, 5 percent greater than the national average.

U.S. egg production rose to a record high of 87.2 billion eggs for the year ending November 30, 2003. This was a slight increase from 2002. The average number of layers in the U.S. during 2003 was 337 million, a 1 percent decrease from 2002.

Egg Production 1/

| State | Average number of layers | | Eggs per layer 2/ | | Total egg production | |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------|------|----------------------|--------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | Thousand | | Number | | Millions | |
| WISCONSIN | 4,272 | 4,176 | 271 | 272 | 1,158 | 1,137 |
| Illinois | 3,431 | 3,605 | 260 | 270 | 893 | 973 |
| Indiana | 22,435 | 22,729 | 266 | 266 | 5,973 | 6,035 |
| Iowa | 37,664 | 39,142 | 268 | 267 | 10,092 | 10,446 |
| Minnesota | 11,729 | 11,184 | 266 | 265 | 3,124 | 2,962 |
| Ohio | 30,479 | 29,474 | 261 | 259 | 7,940 | 7,642 |
| California | 24,147 | 20,831 | 259 | 261 | 6,252 | 5,439 |
| Georgia | 20,473 | 20,442 | 243 | 247 | 4,967 | 5,047 |
| Pennsylvania | 23,641 | 24,518 | 276 | 275 | 6,520 | 6,754 |
| United States | 339,024 | 337,262 | 257 | 259 | 87,179 | 87,196 |

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

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

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.