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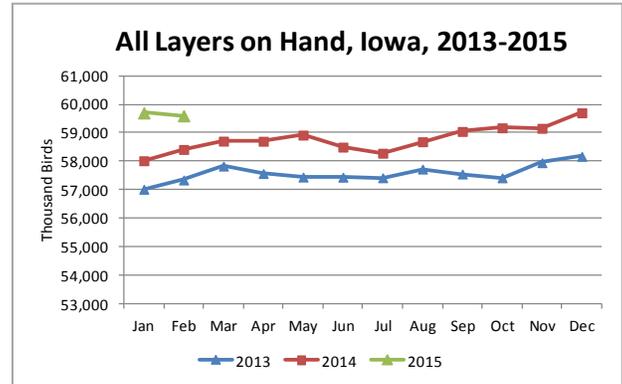
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Iowa Egg production during February 2015 was 1.28 billion eggs, down 11 percent from last month, but up 4 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* release from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total number of layers on hand during February was 59.6 million, down slightly from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of February were 2,147, down 11 percent from January, but up 3 percent from 2,086 of February last year.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: February 2014 and 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,502	1,475	9,292	9,208	1,722	1,759	160	162	32	33
Arkansas	3,672	3,814	11,873	12,715	1,845	1,880	219	239	80	87
California	16,261	12,835	16,691	13,329	2,127	2,153	355	287	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,472	3,830	4,847	4,203	2,269	2,284	110	96	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	2,242	2,242	2,336	2,335	2,055	2,056	48	48	(D)	(D)
Florida	8,193	8,681	8,578	9,061	2,133	2,086	183	189	179	185
Georgia	9,289	9,779	18,200	18,666	1,978	1,955	360	365	206	210
Illinois	4,423	4,172	4,894	4,625	2,166	2,227	106	103	102	99
Indiana	26,491	25,744	27,434	26,616	2,183	2,006	599	534	583	519
Iowa	57,728	58,330	58,918	59,562	2,086	2,147	1,229	1,279	1,213	1,262
Maine	3,503	3,503	3,558	3,558	2,192	2,192	78	78	(D)	(D)
Maryland	2,546	2,648	2,709	2,814	2,178	2,203	59	62	58	61
Michigan	12,724	12,894	12,962	13,147	2,245	2,236	291	294	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,129	11,369	10,552	11,825	2,170	2,190	229	259	224	253
Mississippi	1,530	1,564	5,801	5,755	1,862	1,877	108	108	34	35
Missouri	6,248	6,526	8,556	8,776	2,069	2,097	177	184	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,318	9,446	9,426	9,554	2,313	2,303	218	220	218	220
New York	4,608	4,710	4,964	5,069	2,256	2,249	112	114	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	5,727	6,649	13,075	14,415	1,973	1,929	258	278	134	148
Ohio	28,948	29,936	29,800	30,798	2,211	2,175	659	670	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,127	2,253	2,266	2,392	2,295	2,383	52	57	52	57
Pennsylvania	23,842	23,657	25,777	25,768	2,254	2,301	581	593	556	565
South Carolina	3,024	3,173	4,260	4,456	1,995	2,065	85	92	67	71
South Dakota	2,517	2,537	2,659	2,679	2,181	2,128	58	57	58	57
Texas	14,786	14,759	18,916	19,004	2,072	1,989	392	378	(D)	(D)
Utah	3,897	4,179	3,935	4,217	2,135	2,205	84	93	84	93
Virginia	990	1,167	2,775	2,924	1,910	1,984	53	58	24	29
Washington	6,662	6,992	8,827	7,157	2,109	2,152	144	154	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,274	4,586	5,048	5,366	2,080	2,199	105	118	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	13,008	13,138	22,038	22,170	1,992	2,030	439	450	317	324
United States	294,681	296,588	358,967	362,164	2,104	2,104	7,551	7,619	6,579	6,612

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

United States Chickens & Eggs

United States egg production totaled 7.62 billion during February 2015, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.61 billion table eggs, and 1.01 billion hatching eggs, of which 928 million were broiler-type and 80 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2015 averaged 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,104 eggs, unchanged from February 2014.

All layers in the United States on March 1, 2015 totaled 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 362 million layers consisted of 305 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.56 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2015, averaged 75.3 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from March 1, 2014.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2015 totaled 42.8 million, up 6 percent from February 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 44.5 million on March 1, 2015, up 14 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 309 thousand during February 2015, up 27 percent from February 2014.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2015 totaled 711 million, up 3 percent from February 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 647 million on March 1, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.92 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2015, up 9 percent from February 2014.

