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Maryland Egg Production Up 14 Percent in 2014

Annapolis, MD - - Egg production in Maryland during 2014 totaled 785 million eggs, up 14 percent from the eggs produced in 2013, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician of the USDA's National Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office.

Maryland layer numbers during 2014 averaged 2.78 million, up 13 percent from the year earlier. Table egg production, at 771 million eggs, was up 15 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 14 million eggs, was down 7 percent from 2013.

The total number of chickens on hand was 3.53 million birds, was down 2 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2014 was \$11.6 million, down 2 percent from December 1, 2013. The average value at \$3.30 per bird on December 1, 2014, remained unchanged from a year ago.

The complete Annual Chickens and Eggs report and all other NASS reports are available at www.nass.usda.gov.

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