



Minnesota Ag News – Chickens & Eggs

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The average number of all layers on hand in Minnesota during 2024 was 6.81 million, down 15 percent from the previous year, according to the *Chickens and Eggs – 2024 Summary* from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Eggs per layer for 2024 was 301, up 2 percent from 2023.

Egg production during 2024 was 2.05 billion eggs, down 13 percent from the previous year.

Total inventory of all chickens (excluding commercial broilers) on December 1, 2024, was 9.06 million birds, up 1 percent from the previous year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2024, was 39.9 million dollars, up 4 percent from December 1, 2023.

Average Layers on Hand and Egg Production – Minnesota and United States: 2020-2024

[Annual estimates cover the period of December 1 the previous year through November 30.]

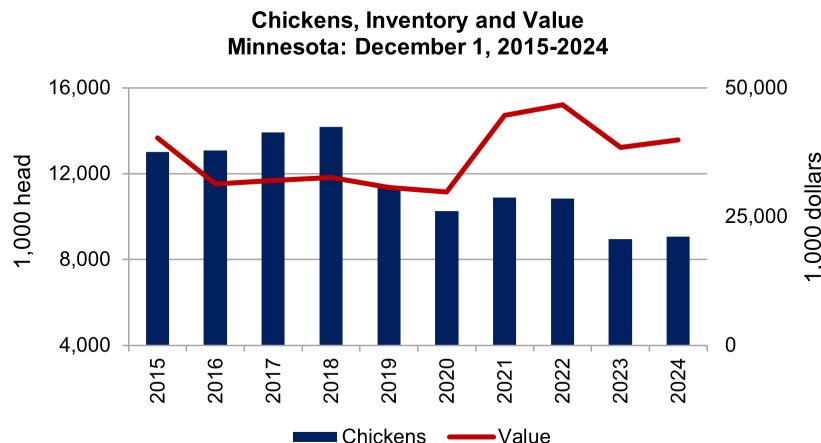
| Year | Average layers (1,000 layers) | Eggs per layer ¹ | Eggs produced by type | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | Total (million eggs) | Table eggs (million eggs) | Hatching eggs (million eggs) |
| Minnesota | | | | | |
| 2020 | 8,503 | 301 | 2,558.6 | 2,473.3 | 85.3 |
| 2021 | 8,164 | 299 | 2,445.1 | 2,355.7 | 89.4 |
| 2022 | 8,732 | 301 | 2,627.0 | 2,534.9 | 92.1 |
| 2023 | 7,998 | 296 | 2,363.6 | 2,271.2 | 92.4 |
| 2024 | 6,808 | 301 | 2,046.0 | 1,958.1 | 87.9 |
| United States | | | | | |
| 2020 | 392,804 | 286 | 112,259.6 | 97,592.3 | 14,667.3 |
| 2021 | 391,050 | 288 | 112,704.6 | 97,555.9 | 15,148.7 |
| 2022 | 379,900 | 289 | 109,949.0 | 94,432.6 | 15,516.4 |
| 2023 | 382,791 | 286 | 109,619.5 | 94,189.9 | 15,429.6 |
| 2024 | 374,706 | 290 | 108,514.9 | 93,141.7 | 15,373.2 |

¹ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

Chicken Inventory – Minnesota and United States: 2020-2024

| Year | Chickens on farms, December 1 | | |
|----------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| | All chickens ¹ (1,000 head) | Value of all chickens ¹ (1,000 dollars) | Total layers (1,000 head) |
| Minnesota | | | |
| 2020 | 10,254 | 29,737 | 8,204 |
| 2021 | 10,896 | 44,674 | 8,341 |
| 2022 | 10,853 | 46,668 | 8,505 |
| 2023 | 8,942 | 38,451 | 7,101 |
| 2024 | 9,057 | 39,851 | 6,864 |
| United States | | | |
| 2020 | 522,266 | 2,714,441 | 393,397 |
| 2021 | 526,518 | 2,995,942 | 396,054 |
| 2022 | 517,331 | 3,395,113 | 383,017 |
| 2023 | 524,384 | 3,833,863 | 387,002 |
| 2024 | 513,594 | 4,134,125 | 376,893 |

¹ Excluding commercial broilers.



United States Chickens & Eggs

Layers during 2024 averaged 375 million, down 2 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2024 was 290 eggs, up 1 percent from 2023.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2024, totaled 109 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 2023. Table egg production, at 93.1 billion eggs, was down 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 15.4 billion eggs, was down slightly from 2023.

The total inventory of chickens on hand on December 1, 2024, (excluding commercial broilers) was 514 million birds, down 2 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2024, was \$4.13 billion, up 8 percent from December 1, 2023. The average value increased from \$7.31 per bird on December 1, 2023, to \$8.05 per bird on December 1, 2024.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

**Chickens, Inventory and Value
United States: December 1, 2015-2024**

