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ANNUAL NEBRASKA CHICKEN AND EGGS

LINCOLN, Neb. March 26, 2019- Nebraska's layer numbers during 2018 averaged 7.83 million, down 4 percent from the year earlier, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2018 was 305 eggs, unchanged from 2017.

Nebraska egg production during the year ending November 30, 2018 totaled 2.39 billion eggs, down 4 percent from 2017.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2018 (excluding commercial broilers) was 10.2 million birds, up 7 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens in Nebraska on December 1, 2018 was \$41.8 million, up 18 percent from December 1, 2017. The average value increased from \$3.70 per bird on December 1, 2017, to \$4.10 per bird on December 1, 2018.

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