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December Egg Production Up 3 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.63 billion during December 2014, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.54 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2014 averaged 362 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,384 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2013.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2015 totaled 361 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 305 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.20 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2015, averaged 76.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2014.

Egg Production by Type — States and United States: December 2013 and 2014

State	Total production			Table eggs			Hatching eggs		
	2013	2014	Percent of previous year	2013	2014	Percent of previous year	2013	2014	Percent of previous year
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	181	184	102	35	39	111	146	145	99
Florida	202	221	109	198	216	109	4	5	125
Georgia	404	417	103	234	247	106	170	170	100
South Carolina	99	93	94	79	71	90	20	22	110
United States	8,387	8,632	103	7,320	7,542	103	1,068	1,091	102

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Chicken and Eggs Report*, January 2015

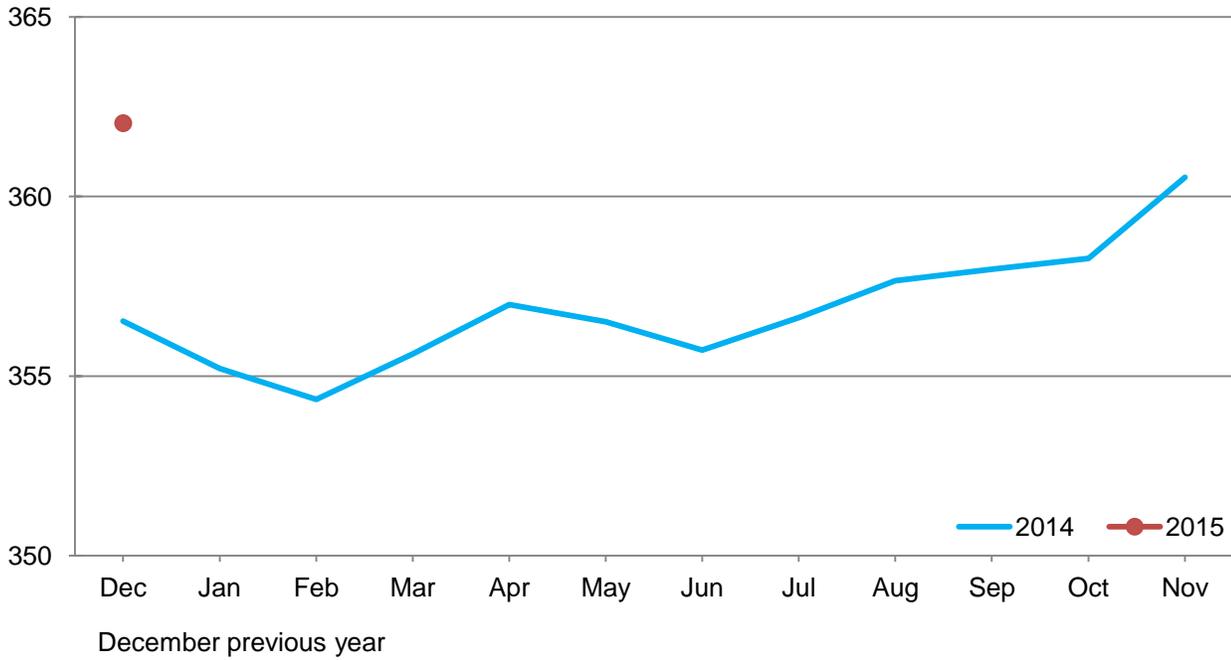
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced — States and United States: During December 2013 and 2014

State	Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above			All layers			Eggs per 100 for all layers		
	2013	2014	Percent of previous year	2013	2014	Percent of previous year	2013	2014	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)
Alabama	1,482	1,588	107	9,089	9,291	102	1,991	1,980	99
Florida	8,273	8,731	106	8,576	9,054	106	2,355	2,441	104
Georgia	9,382	10,124	108	18,072	18,854	104	2,236	2,212	99
South Carolina	3,221	3,012	94	4,416	4,256	96	2,242	2,185	97
United States	296,265	300,989	102	356,527	362,035	102	2,352	2,384	101

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Average Layers During the Month — United States

Million layers



All Egg Production During the Month — United States

Million eggs

