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February Egg Production Up 1 Percent

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 Production by Type — States and United States: February 2014 and 2015

State	Total production			Table eggs			Hatching eggs		
	2014	2015	Percent of previous year	2014	2015	Percent of previous year	2014	2015	Percent of previous year
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	160	162	101	32	33	103	128	129	101
Florida	183	189	103	179	185	103	4	4	100
Georgia.....	360	365	101	206	210	102	154	155	101
South Carolina.....	85	92	108	67	71	106	18	21	117
United States	7,551	7,619	101	6,579	6,612	101	972	1,008	104

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

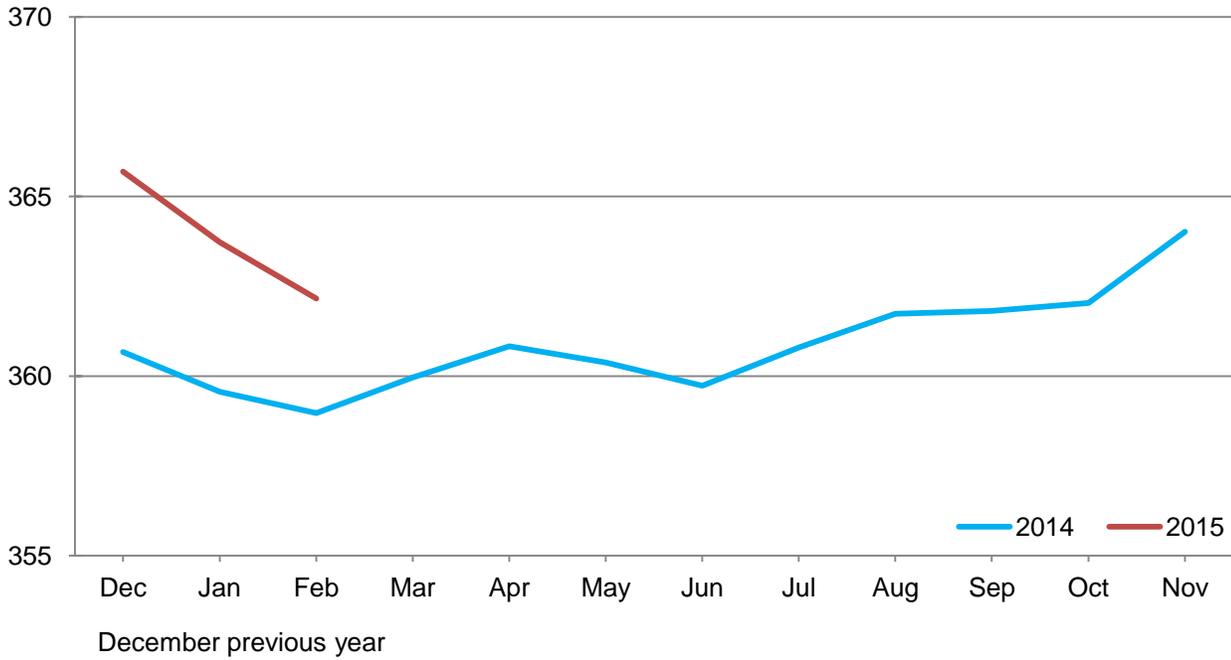
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced — States and United States: During February 2014 and 2015

State	Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above			All layers			Eggs per 100 for all layers		
	2014	2015	Percent of previous year	2014	2015	Percent of previous year	2014	2015	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	1,502	1,475	98	9,292	9,208	99	1,722	1,759	102
Florida	8,193	8,681	106	8,578	9,061	106	2,133	2,086	98
Georgia.....	9,289	9,779	105	18,200	18,666	103	1,978	1,955	99
South Carolina.....	3,024	3,173	105	4,260	4,456	105	1,995	2,065	104
United States	294,681	296,588	101	358,967	362,164	101	2,104	2,104	100

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Average Layers During the Month — United States

Million layers



All Egg Production During the Month — United States

Million eggs

