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April Egg Production Up Slightly

United States egg production totaled 8.21 billion during April 2015, up slightly from last year. Production included 7.11 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 87 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2015 averaged 358 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,291 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2014.

All layers in the United States on May 1, 2015 totaled 354 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 354 million layers consisted of 296 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.38 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2015, averaged 75.8 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from May 1, 2014.

Egg Production by Type — States and United States: April 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	175	178	102	36	34	94	139	144	104
Florida	199	204	103	194	200	103	5	4	80
Georgia	393	394	100	231	225	97	162	169	104
South Carolina	92	95	103	71	72	101	21	23	110
United States	8,205	8,212	100	7,160	7,114	99	1,045	1,098	105

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

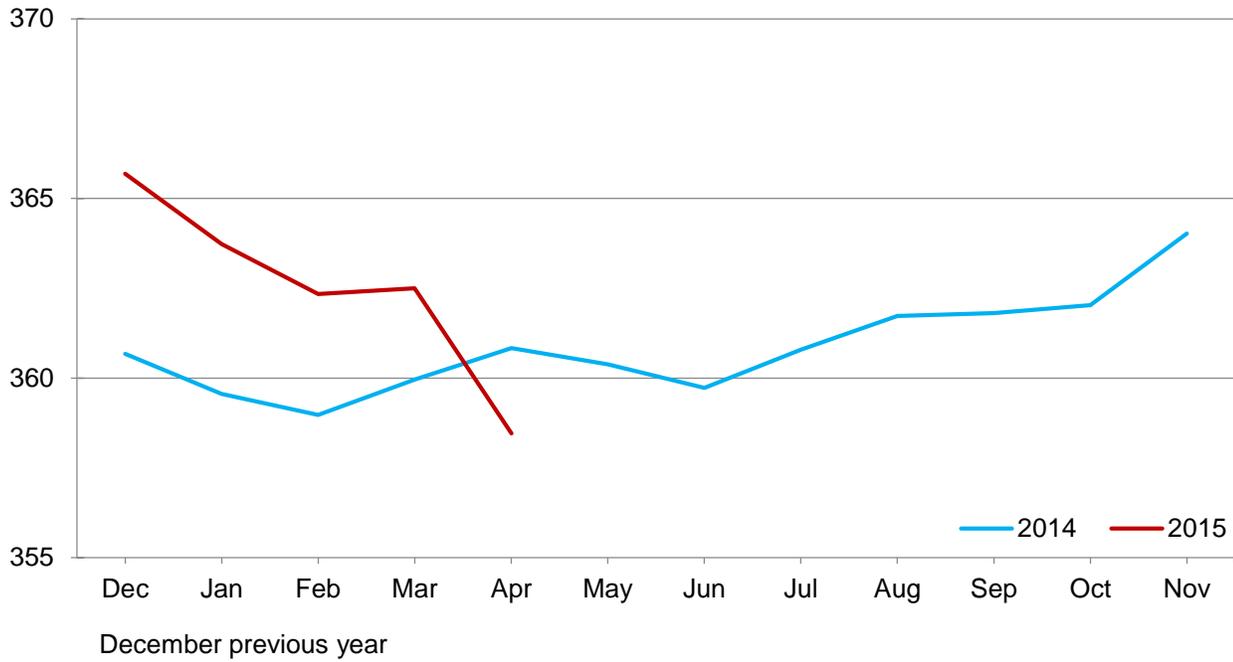
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced — States and United States: During April 2014 and 2015

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	1,470	1,415	96	9,434	9,551	101	1,855	1,864	100
Florida	8,106	8,688	107	8,488	9,052	107	2,344	2,254	96
Georgia	9,655	9,785	101	18,474	18,860	102	2,127	2,089	98
South Carolina	2,993	3,089	103	4,254	4,417	104	2,163	2,151	99
United States	296,253	291,949	99	360,826	358,455	99	2,274	2,291	101

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Average Layers During the Month — United States

Million layers



All Egg Production During the Month — United States

Million eggs

