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February Egg Production Up 1 Percent

United States egg production totaled 7.79 billion during February 2016, including an extra day due to leap year; up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.73 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 84 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2016 averaged 356 million, down 3 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,190 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2015.

All layers in the United States on March 1, 2016 totaled 358 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 358 million layers consisted of 299 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2016, averaged 76.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from March 1, 2015.

Egg Production by Type — States and United States: February 2015 and 2016

State	Total production			Table eggs			Hatching eggs		
	2015	2016	Percent of previous year	2015	2016	Percent of previous year	2015	2016	Percent of previous year
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	161	170	106	33	37	112	128	133	104
Florida	189	198	105	185	194	105	4	4	100
Georgia.....	367	396	108	212	232	109	155	164	106
South Carolina.....	92	93	101	71	71	100	21	22	105
United States	7,688	7,790	101	6,685	6,726	101	1,004	1,064	106

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Chickens and Eggs*, March 2016

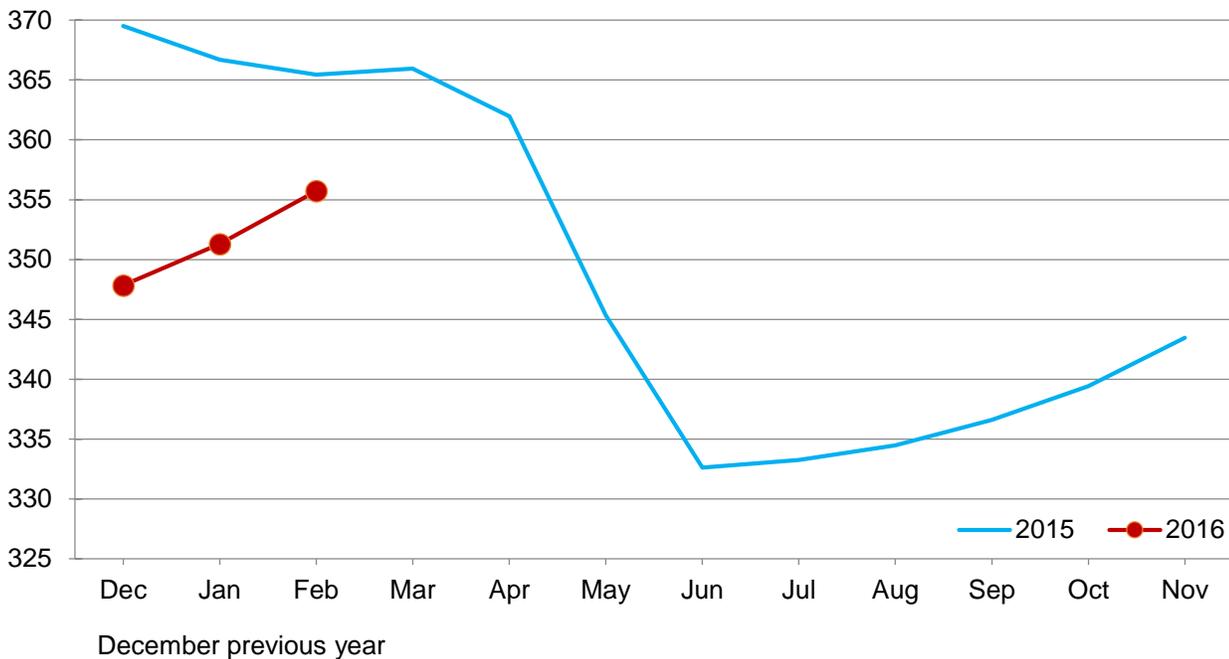
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced — States and United States: During February 2015 and 2016

State	Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above			All layers			Eggs per 100 for all layers		
	2015	2016	Percent of previous year	2015	2016	Percent of previous year	2015	2016	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	1,475	1,562	106	9,108	9,329	102	1,768	1,822	103
Florida	8,681	8,592	99	9,061	8,960	99	2,086	2,210	106
Georgia.....	9,890	10,040	102	18,777	19,167	102	1,955	2,066	106
South Carolina.....	3,173	3,127	99	4,456	4,398	99	2,065	2,115	102
United States	298,542	287,674	96	365,440	355,727	97	2,104	2,190	104

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Chicken and Eggs Report*, March 2016

Average Layers During the Month — United States

Million layers



All Egg Production During the Month — United States

Million eggs

