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Chickens and Eggs**



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This report contains the results from the **Monthly Chickens and Eggs Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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February Egg Production Down 5 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.23 billion during February 2023, down 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.03 billion table eggs, and 1.19 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.10 billion were broiler-type and 94.0 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during February 2023 totaled 379 million, down 3 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,171 eggs, down 2 percent from February 2022.

Total layers in the United States on March 1, 2023 totaled 382 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 382 million layers consisted of 313 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 64.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.01 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2023, averaged 77.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from March 1, 2022.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: February 2022 and 2023

State	Total production			Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	191.3	200.9	105	30.7	33.7	160.6	167.2
Georgia.....	391.1	411.7	105	210.6	226.5	180.5	185.2
South Carolina.....	72.2	82.2	114	51.8	61.7	20.4	20.5
United States.....	8,684.3	8,225.3	95	7,477.1	7,033.0	1,207.2	1,192.3

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Chickens and Eggs](#), March 2023

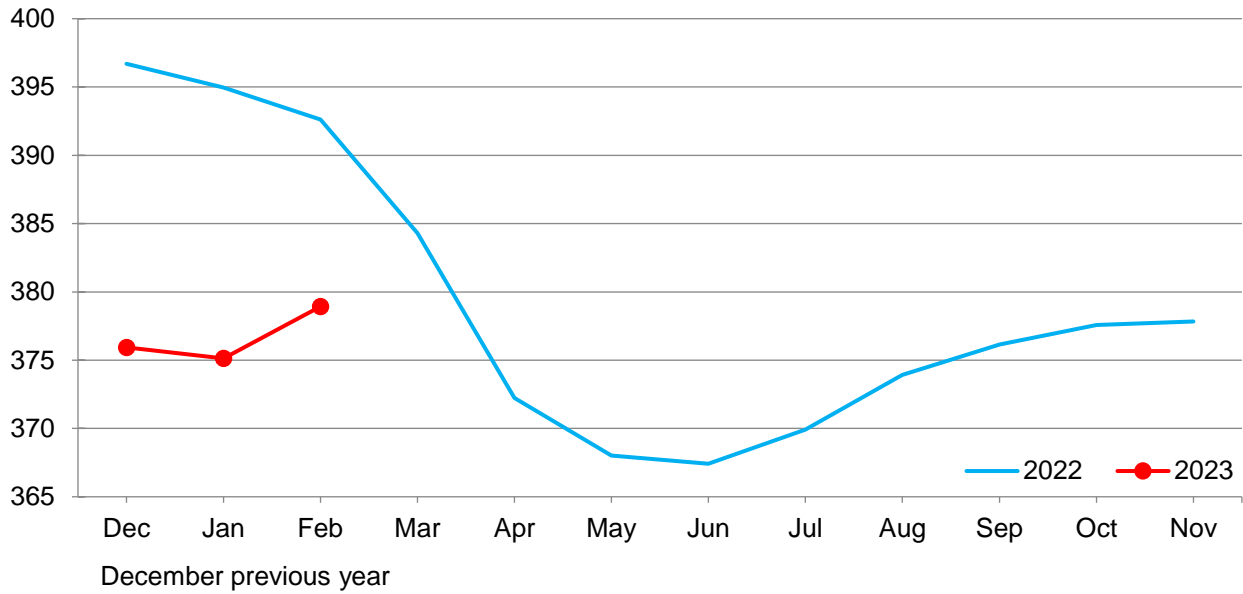
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During February 2022 and 2023

State	Total layers			Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	10,802	11,743	109	1,375	1,423	1,771	1,711
Georgia.....	19,765	20,548	104	9,207	9,797	1,979	2,004
South Carolina.....	3,655	3,953	108	2,413	2,660	1,975	2,079
United States.....	392,621	378,931	97	308,788	293,932	2,212	2,171

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Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

