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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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### April Egg Production Up 1 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.01 billion during April 2023, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.71 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 103 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during April 2023 totaled 386 million, up 4 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,336 eggs, down 2 percent from April 2022.

Total layers in the United States on May 1, 2023 totaled 387 million, up 5 percent from last year. The 387 million layers consisted of 317 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 65.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.00 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2023, averaged 77.8 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from May 1, 2022.

### Egg Production by Type – States and United States: April 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 .....	217.0	224.5	103	37.4	35.4	179.6	189.1
Georgia.....	436.1	437.9	100	240.3	239.3	195.8	198.6
South Carolina.....	79.2	81.0	102	56.5	58.8	22.7	22.2
United States .....	8,894.6	9,008.2	101	7,608.1	7,712.7	1,286.5	1,295.5

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

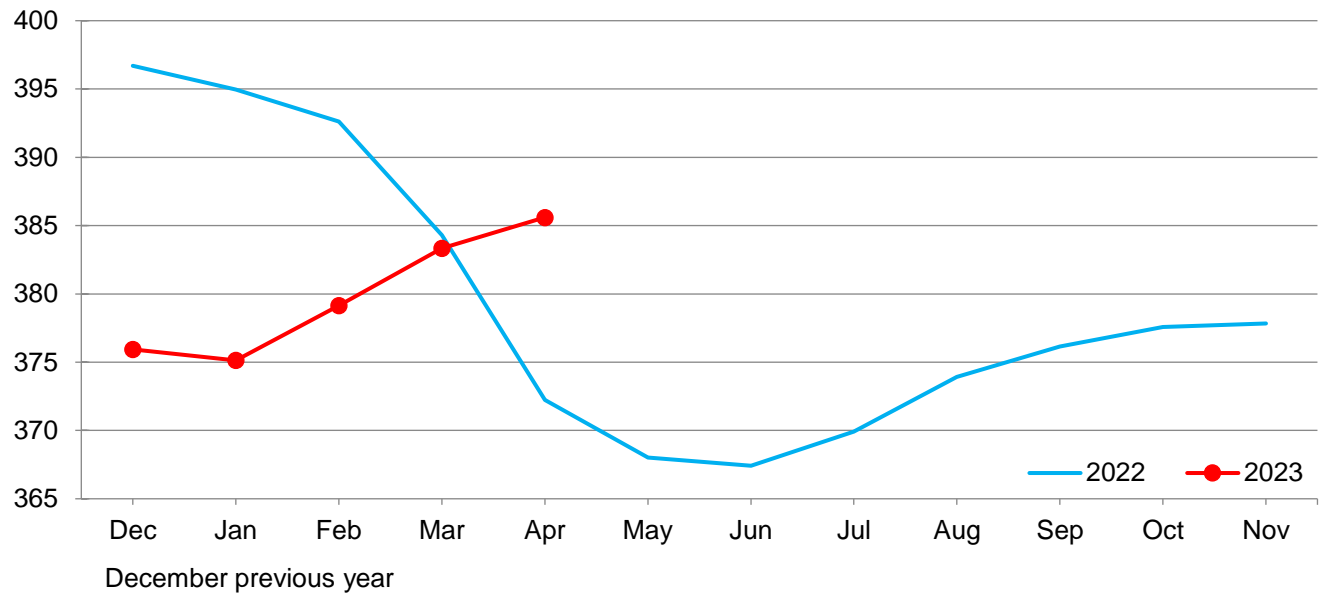
### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During April 2022 and 2023

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 .....	11,297	12,426	110	1,430	1,368	1,921	1,807
Georgia.....	20,128	20,590	102	9,667	9,779	2,167	2,127
South Carolina.....	3,658	3,710	101	2,375	2,405	2,165	2,183
United States .....	372,228	385,597	104	288,333	299,138	2,390	2,336

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

