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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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September Egg Production Up 3 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.16 billion during September 2023, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.88 billion table eggs, and 1.28 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 94.5 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during September 2023 totaled 387 million, up 3 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,367 eggs, up slightly from September 2022.

Total layers in the United States on October 1, 2023 totaled 389 million, up 3 percent from last year. The 389 million layers consisted of 322 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2023, averaged 78.9 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from October 1, 2022.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: September 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	219.5	214.6	98	36.2	34.7	183.3	179.9
Georgia.....	423.2	422.4	100	229.4	227.8	193.8	194.6
South Carolina.....	82.5	80.3	97	60.1	56.9	22.4	23.4
United States	8,898.9	9,164.9	103	7,624.2	7,884.4	1,274.7	1,280.5

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

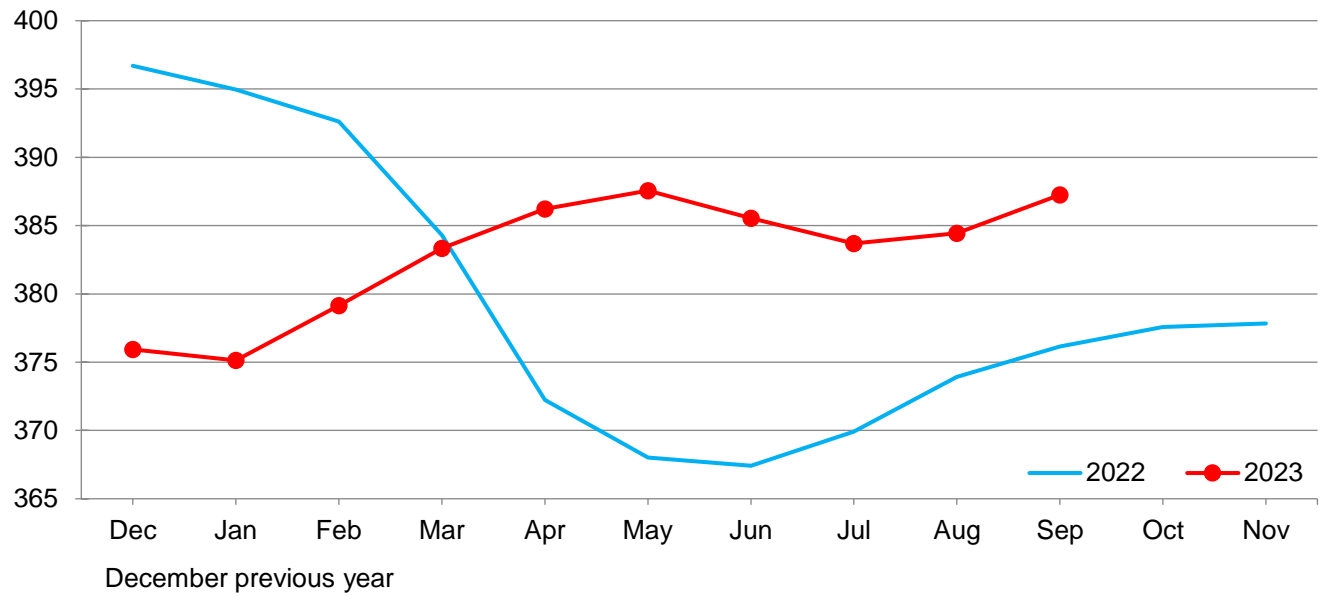
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During September 2022 and 2023

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	11,602	11,649	100	1,372	1,385	1,892	1,842
Georgia.....	19,955	19,914	100	9,625	9,507	2,121	2,121
South Carolina.....	3,632	3,659	101	2,370	2,330	2,271	2,195
United States	376,141	387,251	103	292,852	303,155	2,366	2,367

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Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

