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January Egg Production Up 2 Percent

United States egg production totaled 9.27 billion during January 2024, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.98 billion table eggs, and 1.29 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 98.3 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2024 averaged 377 million, up slightly from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,458 eggs, up 2 percent from January 2023.

All layers in the United States on February 1, 2024 totaled 376 million, up slightly from last year. The 376 million layers consisted of 309 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 62.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.79 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2024, averaged 79.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from February 1, 2023.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: January 2023 and 2024

State	Total production			Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	208.9	212.7	102	36.7	37.2	172.2	175.5
Georgia.....	447.0	444.3	99	255.8	248.6	191.2	195.7
South Carolina.....	94.5	81.7	86	71.7	58.5	22.8	23.2
United States	9,047.8	9,273.9	102	7,777.6	7,980.9	1,270.2	1,293.0

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Chickens and Eggs](#), February 2024

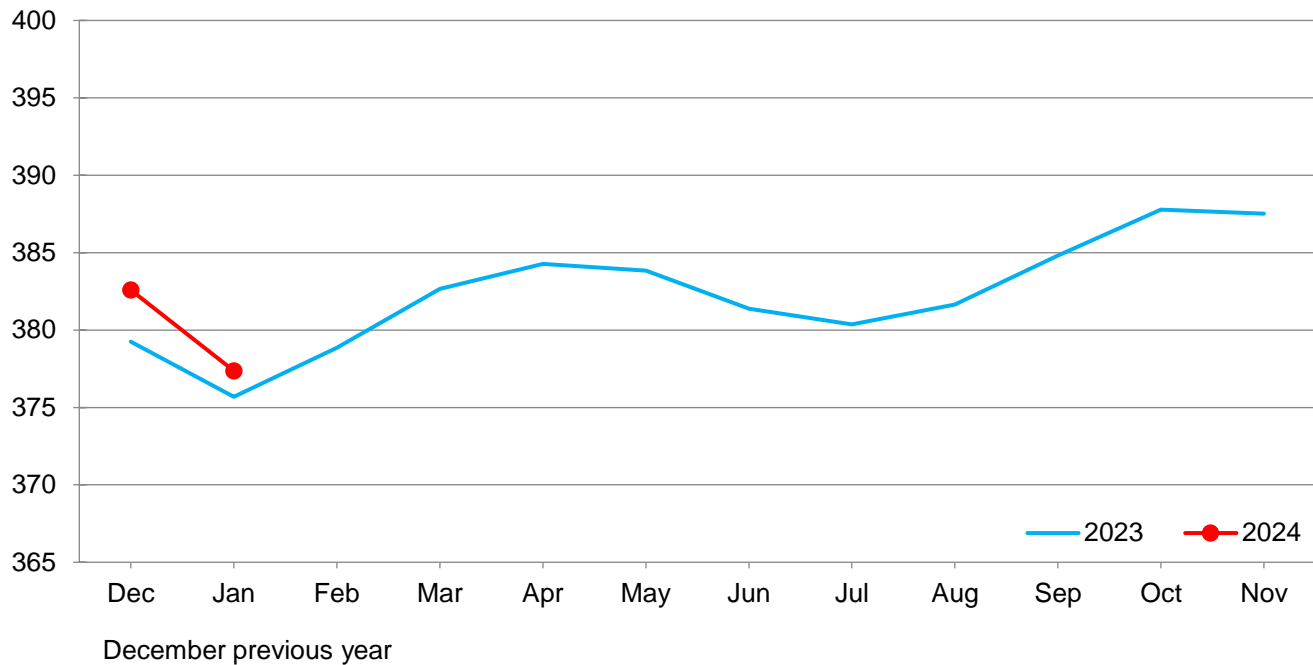
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During January 2023 and 2024

State	Total layers			Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	11,033	11,357	103	1,388	1,362	1,893	1,873
Georgia.....	19,972	19,881	100	9,914	9,444	2,238	2,235
South Carolina.....	4,016	3,562	89	2,730	2,268	2,353	2,294
United States	375,688	377,366	100	294,267	294,610	2,408	2,458

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Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

