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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 Up 5 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.62 billion during February 2024, up 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.39 billion table eggs, and 1.22 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.13 billion were broiler-type and 93.7 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during February 2024 totaled 377 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,288 eggs, up 6 percent from February 2023.

Total layers in the United States on March 1, 2024 totaled 377 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 377 million layers consisted of 311 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 62.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2024, averaged 79.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from March 1, 2023.

### Egg Production by Type – States and United States: February 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 .....	194.8	197.8	102	33.7	34.2	161.1	163.6
Georgia.....	404.3	398.7	99	226.5	213.7	177.8	185.0
South Carolina.....	83.0	73.8	89	62.5	52.1	20.5	21.7
United States .....	8,209.8	8,616.4	105	7,044.8	7,394.7	1,165.0	1,221.7

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

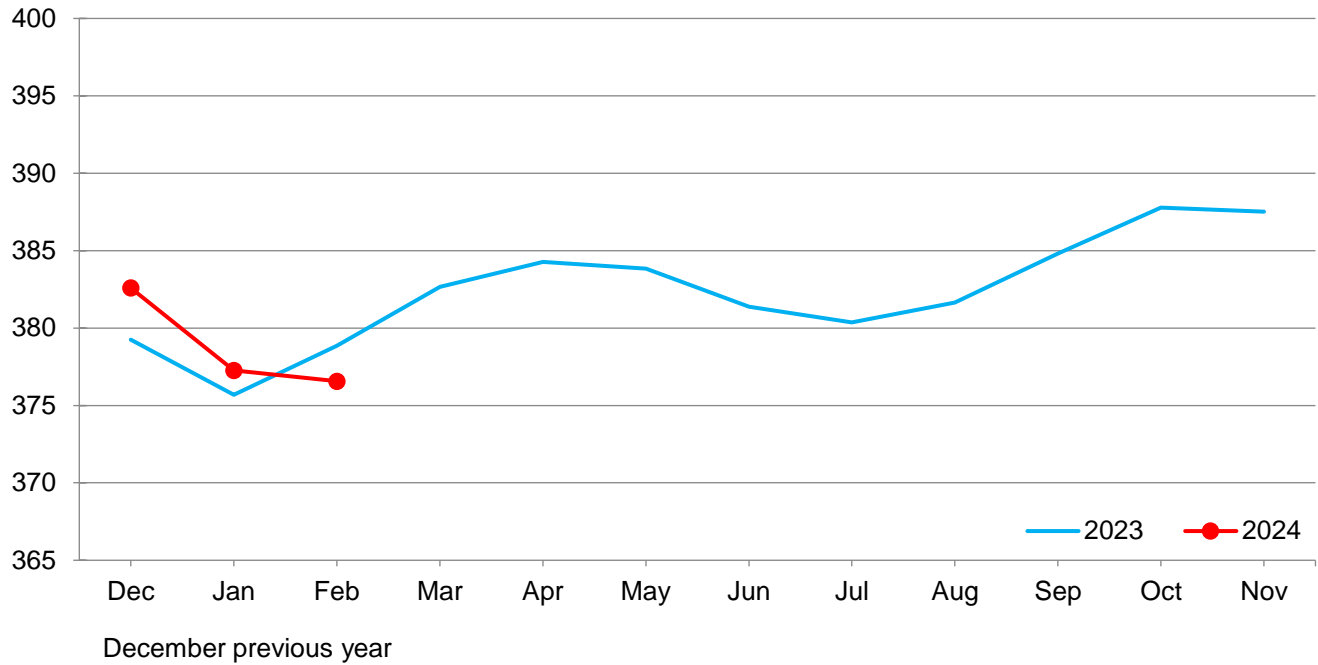
### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During February 2023 and 2024

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 .....	11,393	10,924	96	1,423	1,297	1,710	1,811
Georgia.....	20,058	19,957	99	9,797	9,686	2,016	1,998
South Carolina.....	3,994	3,569	89	2,710	2,255	2,078	2,068
United States .....	378,859	376,570	99	296,533	294,596	2,167	2,288

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## Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



## Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

