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## **SOUTH DAKOTA CHICKEN AND EGGS**

SIoux FALLS, SD, February 26, 2015 -- South Dakota's layer numbers during 2014 averaged 2.63 million, down 4 percent from the year earlier, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2014 was 286 eggs, down 4 percent from 2013.

South Dakota egg production during the year ending November 30, 2014 totaled 752 million eggs, down 8 percent from 2013.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2014 (excluding commercial broilers) was 3.43 million birds, up 5 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens in South Dakota on December 1, 2014 was \$7.89 million, down 27 percent from December 1, 2013. The average value decreased from \$3.30 per bird on December 1, 2013, to \$2.30 per bird on December 1, 2014.

Access the National publication for this release at:

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