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ANNUAL SOUTH DAKOTA CHICKEN AND EGGS

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. February 22, 2022 - South Dakota's layer numbers during 2021 averaged 2.11 million, down 21% from the year earlier, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2021 was 316 eggs, up 1% from 2020.

South Dakota egg production during the year ending November 30, 2021 totaled 664 million eggs, down 20% from 2020.

Total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2021 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.45 million birds, down 25% from last year.

The total value of all chickens in South Dakota on December 1, 2021 was \$13.5 million, down 25% from December 1, 2020. The average value was \$5.50 per bird on December 1, 2021, unchanged from December 1, 2020.

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