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## **MONTHLY CHICKENS AND EGGS – DECEMBER 2021**

### COLORADO

Colorado egg production during December 2021 was 124.7 million eggs, up 4 percent from November 2021 but down 13 percent from December 2020 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand in December 2021 was 4.88 million, down 1 percent from November 2021 and down 13 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,557 eggs, down less than one-half percent from last year.

#### UTAH

Utah egg production during December 2021 was 166.5 million eggs, up 9 percent from November 2021 and up 25 percent from December 2020 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand during December 2021 was 6.22 million, up 1 percent from November 2021 and up 21 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,679 eggs, up 4 percent from last year.

### UNITED STATES

United States egg production totaled 9.66 billion during December 2021, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 8.38 billion table eggs, and 1.28 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 78.2 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2021 averaged 392 million, up slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,464 eggs, up slightly from December 2020.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2022 totaled 392 million, down slightly from last year. The 392 million layers consisted of 326 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 62.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.03 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2022, averaged 79.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2021.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2021 totaled 47.3 million, down 9 percent from December 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 46.5 million on January 1, 2022, down 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 214 thousand during December 2021, down 54 percent from December 2020.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2021 totaled 846 million, down slightly from December 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 712 million on January 1, 2022, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.79 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2021, up 13 percent from December 2020.

For a full copy of the *Chicken and Eggs* report, please visit <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>. For state specific questions, please contact:

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