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## **MONTHLY CHICKENS AND EGGS - MARCH 2023**

#### **COLORADO**

Colorado egg production during March 2023 was 47.9 million eggs, up 21 percent from February 2023 but down 62 percent from March 2022 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand in March 2023 was 1.78 million, up 9 percent from February 2023 but down 65 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,697 eggs, up 9 percent from last year.

#### **UTAH**

Utah egg production during March 2023 was 152.7 million eggs, up 11 percent from February 2023 but down 9 percent from March 2022 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand during March 2023 was 6.02 million, up 2 percent from February 2023 but down 9 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,539 eggs, down slightly from last year.

### **UNITED STATES**

United States egg production totaled 9.21 billion during March 2023, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.88 billion table eggs, and 1.33 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.23 billion were broiler-type and 106 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during March 2023 totaled 383 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,408 eggs, down 2 percent from March 2022.

Total layers in the United States on April 1, 2023 totaled 383 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 383 million layers consisted of 314 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 64.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 4.00 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2023, averaged 77.9 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from April 1, 2022.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2023 totaled 59.0 million, down 2 percent from March 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 55.5 million on April 1, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 201 thousand during March 2023, up 1 percent from March 2022.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2023 totaled 846 million, up slightly from March 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 722 million on April 1, 2023, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.99 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2023, down 3 percent from March 2022.

For the full copy of *Chicken and Eggs* report, please visit <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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