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## CHICKENS AND EGGS – 2022 SUMMARY

### COLORADO

Number of layers in Colorado averaged 3.50 million in 2022, down 32 percent from 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2022 was 299 eggs, down 2 percent from 2021. Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2022 totaled 1.05 billion eggs, down 33 percent from 2021. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2022 was 3.56 million birds, down 43 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2022 was \$14.26 million, down 35 percent from December 1, 2021. The average value increased from \$3.50 per bird on December 1, 2021, to \$4.00 per bird on December 1, 2022.

### UTAH

Number of layers in Utah averaged 5.67 million in 2022, compared with 5.68 million in 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2022 was 309 eggs, up 1 percent from 2021. Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2022 totaled 1.75 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2021. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2022 was 7.54 million birds, down less than one half of one percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2022 was \$75.43 million, up 270 percent from December 1, 2021. The average value increased from \$2.70 per bird on December 1, 2021, to \$10.00 per bird on December 1, 2022.

### UNITED STATES

Layers during 2022 averaged 379 million, down 3 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2022 was 289 eggs, up 1 percent from 2021.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2022 totaled 110 billion eggs, down 2 percent from 2021. Table egg production, at 94.0 billion eggs, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 15.5 billion eggs, was up 2 percent from 2021.

The total inventory of chickens on hand on December 1, 2022 (excluding commercial broilers) was 513 million birds, down 2 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2022 was \$3.46 billion, up 18 percent from December 1, 2021. The average value increased from \$5.56 per bird on December 1, 2021, to \$6.74 per bird on December 1, 2022.

For a full copy of the *Chicken and Eggs Annual report*, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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