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MONTHLY CHICKENS AND EGGS – DECEMBER 2023

COLORADO

Colorado egg production during December 2023 totaled 123.7 million eggs, up 6 percent from November 2023 and up 142 percent from December 2022 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand in December 2023 was 4.53 million, up 2 percent from November 2023 and up 125 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,731 eggs, up 8 percent from last year.

UTAH

Utah egg production during December 2023 totaled 182.0 million eggs, up 7 percent from November 2023 and up 18 percent from December 2022 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand during December 2023 was 6.70 million, up 3 percent from November 2023 and up 31 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,716 eggs, up 4 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES

United States egg production totaled 9.45 billion during December 2023, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 8.14 billion table eggs, and 1.31 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 97.0 million were eggtype. The total number of layers during December 2023 averaged 384 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,462 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2022.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2024 totaled 379 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 379 million layers consisted of 312 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2024, averaged 79.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2023.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2023 totaled 48.4 million, down slightly from December 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.0 million on January 1, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 219 thousand during December 2023, up 1 percent from December 2022.

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

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