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MONTHLY CHICKENS AND EGGS – FEBRUARY 2024

COLORADO

Colorado egg production during February 2024 totaled 111.1 million eggs, down 8 percent from January 2024 but up 188 percent from February 2023 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand in February 2024 was 4.45 million, down on half a percent from January 2024 but up 179 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,496 eggs, up 3 percent from last year.

UTAH

Utah egg production during February 2024 totaled 152.9 million eggs, down 13 percent from January 2024 but up 12 percent from February 2023 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand during February 2024 was 6.53 million, down 1 percent from January 2024 but up 11 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,343 eggs, up 1 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES

United States egg production totaled 8.62 billion during February 2024, up 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.39 billion table eggs, and 1.22 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.13 billion were broiler-type and 93.7 million were eggtype. The average number of layers during February 2024 totaled 377 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,288 eggs, up 6 percent from February 2023.

Total layers in the United States on March 1, 2024 totaled 377 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 377 million layers consisted of 311 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 62.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2024, averaged 79.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from March 1, 2023.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2024 totaled 55.7 million, up 7 percent from February 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 56.5 million on March 1, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 236 thousand during February 2024, up 3 percent from February 2023.

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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