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#### **MONTHLY CHICKENS AND EGGS – MARCH 2024**

#### **COLORADO**

Colorado egg production during March 2024 totaled 117.4 million eggs, up 6 percent from February 2024 and up 158 percent from March 2023 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand in March 2024 was 4.46 million, up less than one half a percent from February 2024 and up 157 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,633 eggs, up one half a percent from last year.

### UTAH

Utah egg production during March 2024 totaled 175.8 million eggs, up 10 percent from February 2024 and up 16 percent from March 2023 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand during March 2024 was 7.07 million, up 4 percent from February 2024 and up 18 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,486 eggs, down 2 percent from last year.

## **UNITED STATES**

United States egg production totaled 9.29 billion during March 2024, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.99 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.20 billion were broiler-type and 101 million were eggtype. The average number of layers during March 2024 totaled 379 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,455 eggs, up 2 percent from March 2023.

Total layers in the United States on April 1, 2024 totaled 379 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 379 million layers consisted of 313 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2024, averaged 79.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from April 1, 2023.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2024 totaled 56.5 million, down 4 percent from March 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 56.0 million on April 1, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 198 thousand during March 2024, down 1 percent from March 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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