



Chickens and Eggs

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November Egg Production Down 4 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.92 billion during November 2024, down 4 percent from last year. Production included 7.68 billion table eggs, and 1.24 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.15 billion were broiler-type and 90.3 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during November 2024 totaled 376 million, down 3 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,374 eggs, down 1 percent from November 2023.

Total layers in the United States on December 1, 2024 totaled 375 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 375 million layers consisted of 311 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2024, averaged 79.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from December 1, 2023.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2024 totaled 48.8 million, up 1 percent from November 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 50.1 million on December 1, 2024, down slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 191 thousand during November 2024, down 4 percent from November 2023.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Up 4 Percent

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2024 totaled 821 million, up 4 percent from November 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 746 million on December 1, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.26 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2024, up 1 percent from November 2023.

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Average Layers During the Month – United States: 2023-2024

Month	2023		2024	
	(1,000 layers)		(1,000 layers)	
December ¹		379,240		382,585
January		375,688		377,270
February		378,859		377,126
March		382,665		378,982
April		384,281		375,661
May		383,839		371,610
June		381,367		370,792
July		380,356		369,427
August		381,649		370,333
September		384,814		374,422
October		387,782		376,518
November		387,517		375,752

¹ December previous year.

Egg Production During the Month by Type – United States: 2023-2024

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
December ¹	9,245.3	9,427.7	7,966.2	8,133.2	1,279.1	1,294.5
January	9,047.8	9,259.5	7,777.6	7,959.2	1,270.2	1,300.3
February	8,209.8	8,624.6	7,044.8	7,406.4	1,165.0	1,218.2
March	9,233.0	9,304.4	7,926.9	8,003.6	1,306.1	1,300.8
April	9,014.3	8,937.6	7,744.3	7,681.2	1,270.0	1,256.4
May	9,294.8	9,131.6	7,977.0	7,839.1	1,317.8	1,292.5
June	8,951.2	8,816.8	7,676.1	7,566.6	1,275.1	1,250.2
July	9,281.9	9,044.8	7,971.9	7,750.2	1,310.0	1,294.6
August	9,336.5	9,083.0	8,031.4	7,776.3	1,305.1	1,306.7
September	9,117.9	8,864.6	7,852.7	7,598.0	1,265.2	1,266.6
October	9,543.0	9,202.9	8,236.0	7,906.3	1,307.0	1,296.6
November	9,250.5	8,919.5	7,992.1	7,678.3	1,258.4	1,241.2

¹ December previous year.

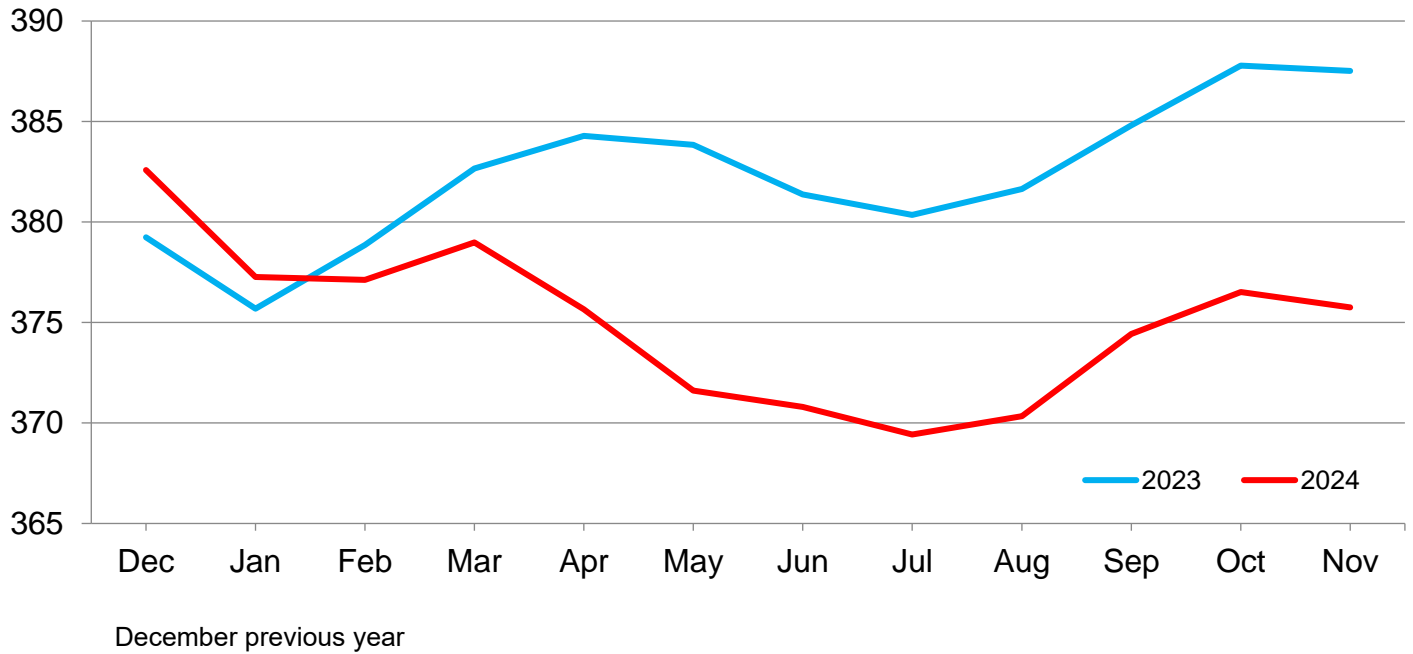
Egg Production During the Month in Dozens by Type – United States: 2023-2024

Month	Total eggs		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
December ¹	770,441.6	785,641.7	663,850.0	677,766.6	106,591.6	107,875.1
January	753,983.2	771,624.8	648,133.0	663,266.6	105,850.2	108,358.2
February	684,150.9	718,716.6	587,067.2	617,200.2	97,083.7	101,516.4
March	769,416.6	775,366.7	660,575.2	666,966.7	108,841.4	108,400.0
April	751,191.5	744,800.1	645,358.2	640,100.2	105,833.3	104,699.9
May	774,566.9	760,966.3	664,750.3	653,258.1	109,816.6	107,708.2
June	745,933.2	734,733.3	639,674.6	630,550.0	106,258.6	104,183.3
July	773,491.4	753,732.8	664,324.9	645,849.8	109,166.5	107,883.0
August	778,041.1	756,916.4	669,283.1	648,025.1	108,758.0	108,891.3
September	759,825.2	738,716.4	654,392.0	633,166.4	105,433.2	105,550.0
October	795,249.7	766,908.2	686,333.3	658,858.3	108,916.4	108,049.9
November	770,874.6	743,291.9	666,008.2	639,858.5	104,866.4	103,433.4

¹ December previous year.

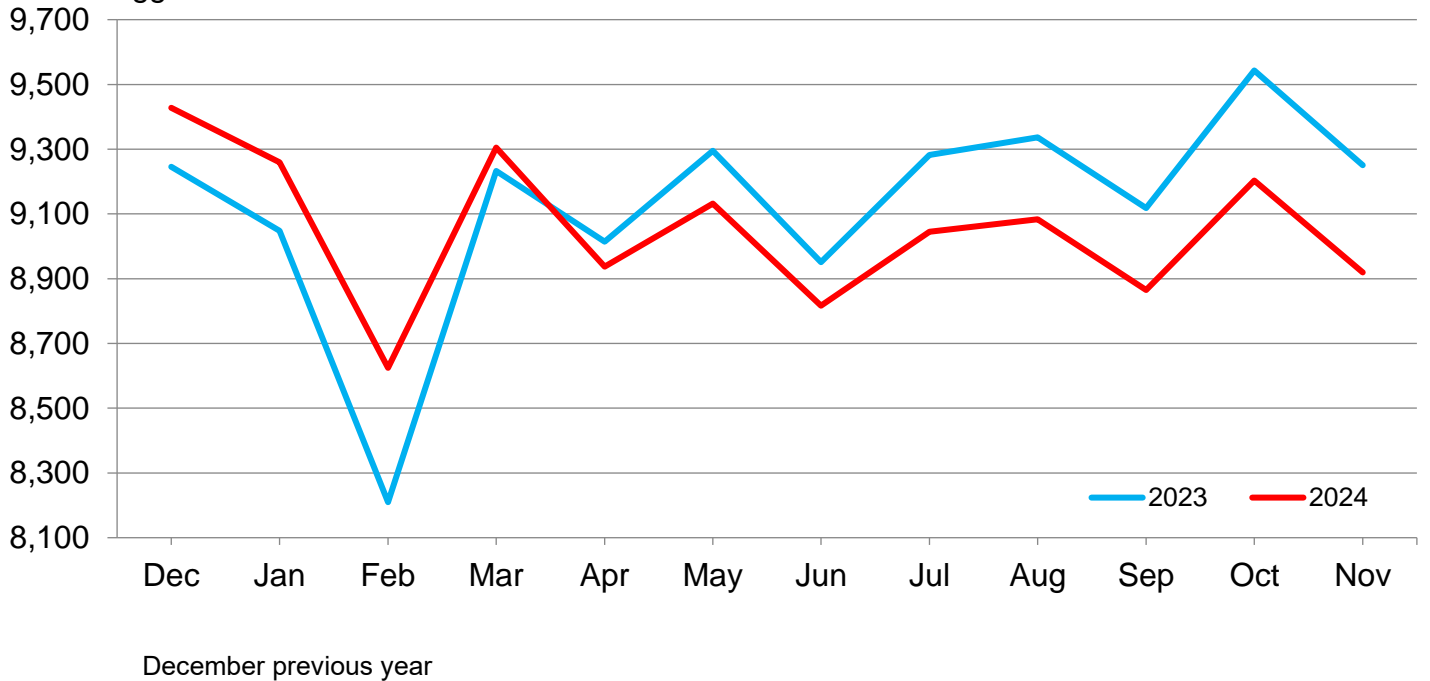
Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs



**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:
October-November 2023 and 2024**

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
Layers during October			
Total layers 1,000	387,782	376,518	97
Table egg type 1,000	321,434	311,707	97
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,348	64,811	98
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,662	61,173	98
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,686	3,638	99
Eggs per 100 layers during October			
Total layers number	2,461	2,444	99
Table egg type number	2,562	2,536	99
Hatching egg type number	1,970	2,001	102
Broiler-type hatching number	1,930	1,969	102
Egg-type hatching number	2,642	2,537	96
Eggs produced during October			
Total layers million	9,543.0	9,202.9	96
Table egg type million	8,236.0	7,906.3	96
Hatching egg type million	1,307.0	1,296.6	99
Broiler-type hatching million	1,209.6	1,204.3	100
Egg-type hatching million	97.4	92.3	95
Eggs produced during October			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	795,249.7	766,908.2	96
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	686,333.3	658,858.3	96
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	108,916.4	108,049.9	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	100,799.8	100,358.2	100
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	8,116.6	7,691.7	95
Layers on November 1			
Total layers 1,000	388,587	376,169	97
Table egg type 1,000	322,377	311,670	97
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,210	64,499	97
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,598	60,884	97
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,612	3,615	100
Eggs per 100 layers on November 1			
Total layers number	79.6	79.2	99
Table egg type number	82.9	82.2	99
Hatching egg type number	63.6	64.4	101
Broiler-type hatching number	62.3	63.5	102
Egg-type hatching number	84.4	80.1	95
Molted layers on November 1			
Being molted percent	1.6	2.3	144
Molt completed percent	10.6	10.3	97
Layers sold for slaughter during October 1,000	13,394.1	13,338.3	100
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during October 1,000	9,296.3	11,228.6	121
Pullets on November 1 1,000	131,024	131,517	100
Pullets added during October ¹ 1,000	27,156.8	27,148.0	100

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type and Molt – United States:
November-December 2023 and 2024**

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
Layers during November			
Total layers 1,000	387,517	375,752	97
Table egg type 1,000	321,150	311,278	97
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,367	64,474	97
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,679	60,774	97
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,688	3,700	100
Eggs per 100 layers during November			
Total layers number	2,387	2,374	99
Table egg type number	2,489	2,467	99
Hatching egg type number	1,896	1,925	102
Broiler-type hatching number	1,859	1,894	102
Egg-type hatching number	2,535	2,441	96
Eggs produced during November			
Total layers million	9,250.5	8,919.5	96
Table egg type million	7,992.1	7,678.3	96
Hatching egg type million	1,258.4	1,241.2	99
Broiler-type hatching million	1,164.9	1,150.9	99
Egg-type hatching million	93.5	90.3	97
Eggs produced during November			
Total layers 1,000 dozen	770,874.6	743,291.9	96
Table egg type 1,000 dozen	666,008.2	639,858.5	96
Hatching egg type 1,000 dozen	104,866.4	103,433.4	99
Broiler-type hatching 1,000 dozen	97,074.9	95,908.4	99
Egg-type hatching 1,000 dozen	7,791.5	7,525.0	97
Layers on December 1			
Total layers 1,000	386,408	375,296	97
Table egg type 1,000	319,906	310,870	97
Hatching egg type 1,000	66,502	64,426	97
Broiler-type hatching 1,000	62,747	60,651	97
Egg-type hatching 1,000	3,755	3,775	101
Eggs per 100 layers on December 1			
Total layers number	79.5	79.0	99
Table egg type number	82.9	82.2	99
Hatching egg type number	62.8	63.9	102
Broiler-type hatching number	61.5	62.7	102
Egg-type hatching number	84.7	82.5	97
Molted layers on December 1			
Being molted percent	1.8	2.3	128
Molt completed percent	10.0	10.1	101
Layers sold for slaughter during November 1,000	14,500.5	13,363.2	92
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during November 1,000	14,110.3	13,302.0	94
Pullets on December 1 1,000	128,488	129,161	101
Pullets added during November ¹ 1,000	25,502.9	25,878.6	101

¹ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 2023 and 2024

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,347	1,293	11,556	10,418	1,917	1,943
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	14,969	15,563	2,208	2,115
California	10,675	8,159	11,051	8,530	2,355	2,401
Colorado	3,709	1,513	4,197	2,001	2,599	2,329
Georgia	9,613	9,949	20,017	19,682	2,235	2,261
Illinois	6,137	5,148	6,686	5,754	2,438	2,534
Indiana	34,548	36,463	35,595	37,396	2,519	2,466
Iowa	43,769	42,712	45,604	44,572	2,604	2,610
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,474	5,456	2,117	2,187
Maryland	2,179	2,316	2,389	2,529	2,641	2,681
Michigan	16,193	10,641	16,502	11,237	2,549	2,426
Minnesota	7,390	6,041	7,840	6,527	2,559	2,569
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,568	5,631	2,186	2,191
Missouri	7,331	7,468	13,844	13,686	2,607	2,557
Nebraska	7,529	7,895	8,132	8,604	2,549	2,534
New York	5,101	5,192	5,680	5,691	2,593	2,588
North Carolina	7,361	7,666	16,018	16,146	2,243	2,290
Ohio	40,614	42,483	41,803	43,701	2,573	2,581
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,285	2,433	2,074	2,154
Oregon	2,317	2,391	2,427	2,501	2,616	2,567
Pennsylvania	24,519	23,878	27,519	27,190	2,538	2,604
South Carolina	2,277	2,603	3,582	3,879	2,345	2,240
South Dakota	1,826	1,939	1,881	1,994	2,775	2,623
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,923	21,767	2,419	2,252
Utah	6,332	7,020	6,372	7,060	2,600	2,452
Virginia	920	938	2,697	2,626	2,369	2,285
Washington	5,440	5,333	5,604	5,435	2,646	2,567
Wisconsin	6,853	6,647	7,924	7,803	2,646	2,680
Other States ¹	25,479	24,745	31,643	30,706	2,425	2,423
United States	305,784	295,995	387,782	376,518	2,461	2,444

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¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During November 2023 and 2024

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above		Total layers		Eggs per 100 for total layers	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)
Alabama	1,367	1,318	11,503	10,479	1,834	1,868
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,006	15,562	2,140	2,041
California	10,675	6,862	11,039	7,253	2,305	2,307
Colorado	3,910	1,405	4,398	1,893	2,619	2,335
Georgia	9,552	9,757	19,983	19,451	2,179	2,209
Illinois	6,319	5,523	6,870	6,142	2,214	2,439
Indiana	34,573	36,771	35,605	37,740	2,430	2,394
Iowa	42,601	44,127	44,418	45,976	2,530	2,485
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,458	5,504	2,122	2,153
Maryland	2,138	2,222	2,348	2,435	2,560	2,595
Michigan	16,369	10,800	16,654	11,376	2,412	2,371
Minnesota	6,989	6,217	7,453	6,703	2,457	2,477
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,734	5,582	2,133	2,078
Missouri	7,247	7,551	13,751	13,784	2,550	2,501
Nebraska	7,551	7,809	8,152	8,448	2,521	2,461
New York	5,147	5,359	5,726	5,857	2,492	2,479
North Carolina	7,412	7,697	16,170	16,156	2,150	2,246
Ohio	40,387	42,092	41,592	43,305	2,492	2,521
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,249	2,329	2,010	2,151
Oregon	2,370	2,334	2,480	2,444	2,423	2,492
Pennsylvania	24,886	23,990	27,919	27,272	2,472	2,521
South Carolina	2,254	2,621	3,551	3,911	2,261	2,212
South Dakota	1,957	1,977	2,012	2,032	2,679	2,510
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,794	21,903	2,391	2,241
Utah	6,440	6,205	6,480	6,245	2,610	2,455
Virginia	914	941	2,654	2,580	2,359	2,264
Washington	5,445	5,039	5,609	5,141	2,566	2,393
Wisconsin	6,915	6,795	7,976	7,949	2,538	2,598
Other States ¹	25,672	24,396	31,933	30,300	2,360	2,360
United States	305,476	295,566	387,517	375,752	2,387	2,374

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¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: October 2023 and 2024

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	221.5	202.4	36.9	34.0	184.6	168.4
Arkansas	330.5	329.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	260.3	204.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	109.1	46.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	447.3	445.0	247.3	252.1	200.0	192.9
Illinois	163.0	145.8	159.1	140.6	3.9	5.2
Indiana	896.7	922.2	880.8	908.5	15.9	13.7
Iowa	1,187.4	1,163.4	1,163.0	1,139.7	24.4	23.7
Kentucky	115.9	119.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	63.1	67.8	61.7	66.2	1.4	1.6
Michigan	420.7	272.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	200.6	167.7	192.7	160.2	7.9	7.5
Mississippi	121.7	123.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	360.9	350.0	318.6	312.4	42.3	37.6
Nebraska	207.3	218.0	195.5	203.2	11.8	14.8
New York	147.3	147.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	359.3	369.8	191.4	204.2	167.9	165.6
Ohio	1,075.5	1,128.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	47.4	52.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	63.5	64.2	63.5	64.2	-	-
Pennsylvania	698.4	708.0	655.7	660.3	42.7	47.7
South Carolina	84.0	86.9	60.3	64.2	23.7	22.7
South Dakota	52.2	52.3	52.2	52.3	-	-
Texas	554.5	490.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	165.7	173.1	165.7	173.1	-	-
Virginia	63.9	60.0	31.9	30.8	32.0	29.2
Washington	148.3	139.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	209.7	209.1	204.1	203.3	5.6	5.8
Other States ¹	767.3	744.0	689.9	662.7	77.4	81.3
United States	9,543.0	9,202.9	8,236.0	7,906.3	1,307.0	1,296.6

- Represents zero.

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¹ Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: November 2023 and 2024

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	211.0	195.8	36.6	33.0	174.4	162.8
Arkansas	321.2	317.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	254.4	167.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	115.2	44.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	435.4	429.6	243.4	245.2	192.0	184.4
Illinois	152.1	149.8	148.3	144.5	3.8	5.3
Indiana	865.3	903.5	850.9	889.9	14.4	13.6
Iowa	1,123.7	1,142.6	1,100.1	1,120.0	23.6	22.6
Kentucky	115.8	118.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	60.1	63.2	58.7	61.6	1.4	1.6
Michigan	401.7	269.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	183.1	166.0	175.7	158.9	7.4	7.1
Mississippi	122.3	116.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	350.6	344.8	310.3	308.0	40.3	36.8
Nebraska	205.5	207.9	194.1	194.8	11.4	13.1
New York	142.7	145.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	347.6	362.8	183.7	202.7	163.9	160.1
Ohio	1,036.5	1,091.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	45.2	50.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	60.1	60.9	60.1	60.9	-	-
Pennsylvania	690.1	687.5	647.5	641.8	42.6	45.7
South Carolina	80.3	86.5	57.6	64.0	22.7	22.5
South Dakota	53.9	51.0	53.9	51.0	-	-
Texas	545.1	490.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	169.1	153.3	169.1	153.3	-	-
Virginia	62.6	58.4	32.9	31.8	29.7	26.6
Washington	143.9	123.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	202.4	206.5	197.2	200.9	5.2	5.6
Other States ¹	753.6	715.1	678.4	637.5	75.2	77.6
United States	9,250.5	8,919.5	7,992.1	7,678.3	1,258.4	1,241.2

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Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: October 2023 and 2024

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama	18,458.3	16,866.6	3,075.0	2,833.3	15,383.3	14,033.3
Arkansas	27,541.6	27,425.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	21,691.7	17,066.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	9,091.7	3,883.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	37,275.1	37,083.4	20,608.4	21,008.4	16,666.7	16,075.0
Illinois	13,583.3	12,149.9	13,258.3	11,716.6	325.0	433.3
Indiana	74,725.0	76,850.0	73,400.0	75,708.3	1,325.0	1,141.7
Iowa	98,950.0	96,950.0	96,916.7	94,975.0	2,033.3	1,975.0
Kentucky	9,658.3	9,941.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	5,258.3	5,649.9	5,141.7	5,516.6	116.6	133.3
Michigan	35,058.4	22,716.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,716.6	13,975.0	16,058.3	13,350.0	658.3	625.0
Mississippi	10,141.7	10,283.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	30,075.0	29,166.6	26,550.0	26,033.3	3,525.0	3,133.3
Nebraska	17,275.0	18,166.8	16,291.7	16,933.4	983.3	1,233.4
New York	12,274.9	12,275.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	29,941.7	30,816.7	15,950.0	17,016.7	13,991.7	13,800.0
Ohio	89,625.1	94,000.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,950.0	4,366.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	5,291.7	5,350.0	5,291.7	5,350.0	-	-
Pennsylvania	58,199.9	59,000.0	54,641.6	55,025.0	3,558.3	3,975.0
South Carolina	7,000.0	7,241.7	5,025.0	5,350.0	1,975.0	1,891.7
South Dakota	4,350.0	4,358.4	4,350.0	4,358.4	-	-
Texas	46,208.3	40,849.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	13,808.3	14,425.0	13,808.3	14,425.0	-	-
Virginia	5,325.0	4,999.9	2,658.3	2,566.6	2,666.7	2,433.3
Washington	12,358.3	11,625.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	17,474.9	17,425.0	17,008.3	16,941.7	466.6	483.3
Other States ¹	63,941.6	61,999.9	57,491.6	55,225.0	6,450.0	6,774.9
United States	795,249.7	766,908.2	686,333.3	658,858.3	108,916.4	108,049.9

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Egg Production in Dozens by Type – States and United States: November 2023 and 2024

[Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals]

State	Total production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)	(1,000 dozen eggs)
Alabama	17,583.3	16,316.7	3,050.0	2,750.0	14,533.3	13,566.7
Arkansas	26,766.7	26,466.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	21,200.0	13,941.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	9,600.1	3,683.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	36,283.4	35,799.9	20,283.4	20,433.3	16,000.0	15,366.6
Illinois	12,674.9	12,483.3	12,358.3	12,041.6	316.6	441.7
Indiana	72,108.3	75,291.6	70,908.3	74,158.3	1,200.0	1,133.3
Iowa	93,641.6	95,216.7	91,675.0	93,333.4	1,966.6	1,883.3
Kentucky	9,650.0	9,875.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	5,008.3	5,266.6	4,891.7	5,133.3	116.6	133.3
Michigan	33,475.0	22,475.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	15,258.3	13,833.4	14,641.7	13,241.7	616.6	591.7
Mississippi	10,191.6	9,666.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	29,216.6	28,733.4	25,858.3	25,666.7	3,358.3	3,066.7
Nebraska	17,125.0	17,325.1	16,175.0	16,233.4	950.0	1,091.7
New York	11,891.6	12,100.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	28,966.7	30,233.3	15,308.4	16,891.6	13,658.3	13,341.7
Ohio	86,375.0	90,983.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	3,766.7	4,175.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	5,008.3	5,075.0	5,008.3	5,075.0	-	-
Pennsylvania	57,508.4	57,291.7	53,958.4	53,483.3	3,550.0	3,808.4
South Carolina	6,691.7	7,208.3	4,800.0	5,333.3	1,891.7	1,875.0
South Dakota	4,491.7	4,250.0	4,491.7	4,250.0	-	-
Texas	45,425.1	40,908.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	14,091.6	12,775.0	14,091.6	12,775.0	-	-
Virginia	5,216.6	4,866.7	2,741.6	2,650.0	2,475.0	2,216.7
Washington	11,991.7	10,250.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	16,866.6	17,208.3	16,433.3	16,741.7	433.3	466.6
Other States ¹	62,799.8	59,591.9	56,533.1	53,125.2	6,266.7	6,466.7
United States	770,874.6	743,291.9	666,008.2	639,858.5	104,866.4	103,433.4

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Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month by Month – United States: 2023-2024

Month	Being molted		Molt completed	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
January	1.4	1.7	11.5	9.8
February	2.0	2.1	10.6	9.4
March	2.5	1.9	10.0	9.3
April	2.3	1.8	10.6	9.2
May	2.3	2.4	10.6	8.8
June	2.2	1.9	10.3	9.0
July	1.7	1.7	11.3	9.3
August	2.1	2.5	10.6	9.2
September	2.2	1.8	10.6	9.8
October	2.2	2.5	10.2	9.7
November	1.6	2.3	10.6	10.3
December	1.8	2.3	10.0	10.1

Total Layers Molted First Day of the Month – States and United States: November 1 and December 1, 2023-2024

State	Being molted				Molt completed			
	November 1		December 1		November 1		December 1	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	0.5	2.5	0.5	2.5	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.5
Arkansas	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	12.0
California	-	0.5	0.5	2.5	2.0	5.0	1.5	5.0
Colorado	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	5.5	3.0	5.0	2.0
Georgia	1.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	14.0	11.5	14.0	11.5
Illinois	12.0	5.0	10.5	4.0	14.5	14.5	16.0	14.0
Indiana	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Iowa	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.5	6.0	7.5	6.5	6.5
Kentucky	3.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	10.5	25.0	10.5	24.5
Maryland	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	1.5	0.5	1.5
Michigan	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	3.0	11.5	3.0	8.5
Minnesota	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	3.0	7.0	5.5
Mississippi	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	13.5	14.5	13.5	14.5
Missouri	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	6.5
Nebraska	4.0	1.5	3.5	1.5	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
New York	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5
North Carolina	1.5	4.0	0.5	4.0	8.0	6.5	5.0	6.0
Ohio	0.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	7.0	7.0	6.0	7.0
Oklahoma	3.5	3.5	2.0	3.5	22.0	11.0	19.0	13.5
Oregon	-	2.0	-	2.0	3.5	1.0	3.5	1.0
Pennsylvania	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	1.5	3.0
South Carolina	-	3.5	-	3.0	2.0	8.0	2.0	8.5
South Dakota	2.0	0.5	-	0.5	3.5	2.5	1.5	2.0
Texas	2.5	7.5	2.5	6.5	50.5	39.0	46.0	39.0
Utah	3.5	2.5	3.0	2.0	26.5	13.0	24.0	12.0
Virginia	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington	1.0	2.0	-	1.0	10.5	4.0	6.5	3.5
Wisconsin	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	4.0	5.5	4.0	5.0
Other States ¹	2.8	4.2	2.9	4.9	22.2	22.4	21.8	22.6
United States	1.6	2.3	1.8	2.3	10.6	10.3	10.0	10.1

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

Hatchery Production – United States: 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
Egg-type			
Eggs in incubators on December 1	50,232	50,087	100
Chicks hatched during November	48,468	48,766	101
Chicks hatched January through November	589,467	610,228	104
Pullets hatched during November for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	199	191	96
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,695	2,736	102
Broiler-type			
Eggs in incubators on December 1	719,818	746,014	104
Chicks hatched during November	789,700	820,865	104
Chicks hatched January through November	9,079,198	9,256,242	102
Pullets hatched during November for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	8,207	8,263	101
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	72,769	76,223	105

¹ 2024 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2023 through April 2024.

² 2024 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2023 through April 2024.

Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2023-2024

Month	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	47,397	49,087	104
February	50,524	52,490	104
March	54,338	56,378	104
April	55,509	55,417	100
May	55,316	54,357	98
June	55,576	56,709	102
July	49,550	53,046	107
August	48,943	54,679	112
September	49,972	52,046	104
October	50,376	52,219	104
November	46,863	49,252	105
December	50,232	50,087	100

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	50,776	53,237	105	50,776	53,237	105
February	52,233	54,920	105	103,009	108,157	105
March	58,764	56,618	96	161,773	164,775	102
April	55,737	57,551	103	217,510	222,326	102
May	59,081	58,762	99	276,591	281,088	102
June	58,377	56,880	97	334,968	337,968	101
July	50,918	57,715	113	385,886	395,683	103
August	52,791	56,976	108	438,677	452,659	103
September	51,149	53,157	104	489,826	505,816	103
October	51,173	55,646	109	540,999	561,462	104
November	48,468	48,766	101	589,467	610,228	104
December	48,753			638,220		

Intended Placements of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total – United States: 2023-2025

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2024 as percent of 2023	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-18 months earlier ¹	
	2023	2024		2024	2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
January	197	206	105	2,667	2,753
February	230	236	103	2,697	2,757
March	201	198	99	2,703	2,765
April	234	249	106	2,710	2,771
May	260	257	99	2,708	2,767
June	199	219	110	2,707	2,759
July	196	200	102	2,709	
August	255	263	103	2,718	
September	270	276	102	2,724	
October	249	245	98	2,721	
November	199	191	96	2,736	
December	219			2,733	
Annual total	2,709				

¹ For November 2024, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched May 2023 through April 2024. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators on the First of the Month – United States: 2023-2024

Month	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(percent)
January	719,047	717,762	100
February	718,941	720,254	100
March	723,237	731,745	101
April	724,738	738,053	102
May	725,627	737,569	102
June	730,868	738,090	101
July	723,632	735,952	102
August	724,529	745,918	103
September	715,277	741,852	104
October	691,799	720,439	104
November	684,281	722,187	106
December	719,818	746,014	104

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: November 2023 and 2024

State	During November			January-November		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	111,250	116,756	105	1,308,620	1,328,734	102
Arkansas	78,457	85,791	109	918,115	962,387	105
Delaware	17,930	17,032	95	206,436	201,550	98
Florida	4,180	3,923	94	43,849	44,020	100
Georgia	118,149	112,012	95	1,334,549	1,339,262	100
Kentucky	21,813	26,630	122	249,421	291,810	117
Louisiana	11,055	11,883	107	127,700	133,734	105
Maryland	27,695	26,970	97	309,851	299,900	97
Mississippi	56,583	59,217	105	648,152	670,046	103
Missouri	29,719	30,798	104	361,093	341,055	94
North Carolina	81,692	86,479	106	931,462	960,936	103
Oklahoma	21,921	16,986	77	266,481	219,517	82
Pennsylvania	24,159	27,292	113	268,617	304,548	113
South Carolina	20,604	20,289	98	216,388	222,801	103
Texas	60,322	65,865	109	690,526	727,031	105
Virginia	19,115	19,382	101	227,712	213,673	94
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	43,891	53,640	122	494,578	542,678	110
Other States ¹	41,165	39,920	97	475,648	452,560	95
United States	789,700	820,865	104	9,079,198	9,256,242	102

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Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2023-2024

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
January	845,295	844,298	100	846,059	844,298	100
February	763,358	788,774	103	1,608,653	1,633,072	102
March	846,834	854,181	101	2,455,487	2,487,253	101
April	819,250	833,753	102	3,274,737	3,321,006	101
May	848,804	859,653	101	4,123,541	4,180,659	101
June	830,427	833,371	100	4,953,968	5,014,030	101
July	848,539	862,319	102	5,802,507	5,876,349	101
August	853,148	874,595	103	6,655,655	6,750,944	101
September	816,558	839,698	103	7,472,213	7,590,642	102
October	817,285	844,735	103	8,289,498	8,435,377	102
November	789,700	820,865	104	9,079,198	9,256,242	102
December	849,463			9,920,549		

Intended Placements of Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply Flocks by Month and Total: 2023-2025

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Pullet chicks hatched		2024 as percent of 2023	Cumulative potential placements relative to current supply flocks 7-15 months earlier ¹	
	2023	2024		2024	2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
United States placements					
January	8,010	7,436	93	75,299	77,087
February	7,706	8,197	106	76,516	76,843
March	8,991	9,419	105	77,096	77,337
April	8,117	8,152	100	76,848	77,528
May	8,643	8,232	95	76,849	78,150
June	9,710	9,784	101	77,350	78,216
July	8,519	7,767	91	78,008	
August	8,242	8,701	106	77,327	
September	8,910	9,840	110	76,881	
October	8,011	8,058	101	76,590	
November	8,207	8,263	101	76,223	
December	9,649			76,213	
Annual total	102,715				
Total placements ²					
January	9,320	8,968	96		
February	9,298	9,620	103		
March	10,625	11,042	104		
April	9,776	9,823	100		
May	10,040	10,115	101		
June	11,427	11,439	100		
July	9,887	9,714	98		
August	9,993	10,373	104		
September	10,515	11,896	113		
October	9,426	9,670	103		
November	9,489	10,153	107		
December	11,061				
Annual total	120,857				

¹ For November 2024, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched August 2023 through April 2024.

² United States production of intended placements worldwide.

Terms and Definitions of Chickens and Eggs Estimates

Total Layers includes both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

Intended Placements are reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per case of 30 dozen eggs.

Molted Layers is the same data series as the previously published Forced Molt Layers. Nomenclature changed as of January 2015.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Primary data for the *Chickens and Eggs* report are from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for layer and egg estimates from each known contractor and independent producer who has at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 500 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Data for egg-type hatchery estimates are collected monthly from all egg-type hatcheries that hatch at least 50,000 chicks a year.

Estimating Procedures: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

For chicken hatcheries, chicks hatched consist of all chicks of domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. Eggs set are eggs in incubators for the purpose of hatching. The relationship of egg-type chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings are carefully monitored. The disposition of egg-type chicks hatched prior to placement into the laying flock can vary significantly, which can make comparisons to changes in layer inventory inconsistent over time. Broiler chicks placed are specifically for meat production. Intended placement data reported by leading breeders include pullet chicks expected from eggs sold the preceding month. The breeders in this report account for a large percentage of replacement pullets for hatchery supply flocks. Production of replacement pullets by these breeders indicates the number of pullets available to hatchery supply layer flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the laying flocks. "Hatchery Supply Flocks" include all generations of layers which could lay eggs to supply a hatchery. This includes the generations of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, pedigree, etc. Also included are research flocks, vaccine flocks, and specific pathogen-free flocks. The broiler cumulative potential placements are a moving total of the intended placements 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months earlier represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

Revision Policy: The previous month's estimates are subject to revision if late reports or corrected data indicates a different level. Additionally, revisions after the monthly report will be made at the end of the marketing year and published in the annual reports of *Chickens and Eggs Summary* and *Hatchery Production Summary*. Estimates will also be reviewed for chickens and eggs after data from the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Estimates are based on a census of all known contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets, or operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for total layers over the past 24 months is 0.6 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 376 million layers by more than 0.6 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.0 percent.

Reliability of Layer and Egg Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
Total layers	(percent) 0.6	(percent) 1.0	(1,000) 1,530	(1,000) 54	(1,000) 5,209	(number) 9	(number) 15
Eggs	0.6	1.0	(million) 37	(million) 2	(million) 130	11	13

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