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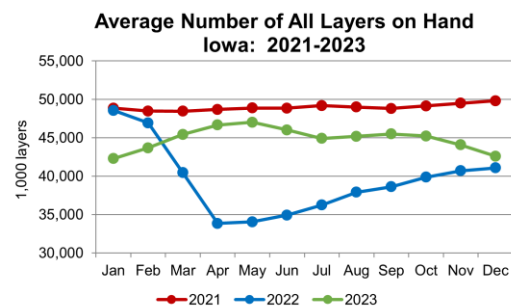
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Iowa **egg production** during December 2023 was 1.10 billion eggs, up 5 percent from the previous December, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand** during December 2023 was 42.6 million, up 4 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for December 2023 was 2,582, up 1 percent from a year ago.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During December 2022 and 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2022 (1,000 layers)	2023 (1,000 layers)	2022 (1,000 layers)	2023 (1,000 layers)	2022 (eggs)	2023 (eggs)	2022 (million eggs)	2023 (million eggs)	2022 (million eggs)	2023 (million eggs)
Alabama	1,397	1,383	11,288	11,533	1,914	1,868	216.0	215.4	38.4	37.8
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,718	15,733	2,159	2,199	339.4	345.9	(D)	(D)
California	11,761	9,128	12,358	9,740	2,407	2,397	297.4	233.5	(D)	(D)
Colorado	1,488	4,002	2,016	4,530	2,540	2,731	51.2	123.7	(D)	(D)
Georgia	9,886	9,372	20,335	19,874	2,213	2,260	450.0	449.1	252.4	250.1
Illinois	6,337	6,477	6,898	7,058	2,375	2,479	163.8	175.0	160.1	170.4
Indiana	35,684	34,751	37,021	35,996	2,537	2,502	939.2	900.6	921.1	885.3
Iowa	39,133	40,677	41,083	42,607	2,546	2,582	1,045.8	1,100.2	1,021.6	1,076.5
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,504	5,562	2,307	2,247	127.0	125.0	(D)	(D)
Maryland	2,034	1,994	2,231	2,206	2,689	2,684	60.0	59.2	58.6	57.7
Michigan	16,397	16,235	16,726	16,533	2,568	2,484	429.5	410.7	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	8,098	6,590	8,640	7,129	2,523	2,601	218.0	185.4	210.2	177.8
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,584	5,680	2,196	2,190	122.6	124.4	(D)	(D)
Missouri	7,306	7,286	13,732	13,574	2,576	2,581	353.8	350.3	310.5	309.7
Nebraska	6,214	7,608	6,795	8,223	2,371	2,612	161.1	214.8	150.2	203.3
New York	5,198	5,052	5,752	5,621	2,636	2,555	151.6	143.6	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,995	7,435	15,723	16,249	2,201	2,237	346.1	363.5	179.4	193.0
Ohio	35,580	38,541	36,930	39,837	2,458	2,554	907.6	1,017.4	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,486	2,334	2,043	2,095	50.8	48.9	(D)	(D)
Oregon	1,894	2,380	2,065	2,551	2,620	2,430	54.1	62.0	54.1	62.0
Pennsylvania	22,819	24,840	25,924	27,920	2,603	2,590	674.7	723.0	628.1	677.8
South Carolina	2,577	2,304	3,868	3,619	2,272	2,288	87.9	82.8	65.3	59.5
South Dakota	1,378	2,014	1,433	2,069	2,505	2,769	35.9	57.3	35.9	57.3
Texas	(D)	(D)	23,598	23,312	2,403	2,434	567.1	567.4	(D)	(D)
Utah	5,856	6,650	5,908	6,702	2,602	2,716	153.7	182.0	153.7	182.0
Virginia	888	891	2,694	2,773	2,365	2,398	63.7	66.5	33.8	35.3
Washington	5,953	5,363	6,117	5,527	2,668	2,661	163.2	147.1	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,641	6,752	5,753	7,808	2,560	2,681	147.3	209.3	141.3	204.4
Other States ¹	25,464	25,055	31,763	31,668	2,425	2,430	770.4	769.4	695.5	691.1
United States	292,446	299,481	375,943	383,968	2,434	2,462	9,148.9	9,453.4	7,859.7	8,143.3

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
Includes data for states not published in this table.

United States Chickens & Eggs

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 egg-type. 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.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2023 totaled 849 million, down 1 percent from December 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 718 million on January 1, 2024, down slightly from a year ago.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Average Layers During the Month – United States

