



# Iowa Ag News – Chickens & Eggs

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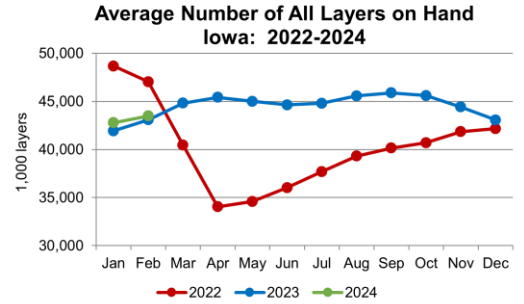
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Iowa **egg production** during February 2024 was 1.06 billion eggs, up 7 percent from the previous February, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand** during February 2024 was 43.5 million, up 1 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for February was 2,428, up 6 percent from a year ago.



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

[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	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,423	1,297	11,393	10,924	1,710	1,811	194.8	197.8	33.7	34.2
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,282	15,218	1,909	2,006	291.7	305.3	(D)	(D)
California	11,685	7,349	12,078	7,739	2,087	2,210	252.1	171.0	(D)	(D)
Colorado	1,108	3,964	1,596	4,452	2,419	2,496	38.6	111.1	(D)	(D)
Georgia	9,797	9,686	20,058	19,957	2,016	1,998	404.3	398.7	226.5	213.7
Illinois	6,296	6,570	6,853	7,178	2,151	2,317	147.4	166.3	143.9	161.2
Indiana	36,433	34,463	37,482	35,644	2,219	2,292	831.9	817.1	817.9	799.7
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>41,288</b>	<b>41,636</b>	<b>43,071</b>	<b>43,484</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>983.3</b>	<b>1,055.6</b>	<b>962.5</b>	<b>1,033.7</b>
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,543	5,276	2,006	2,087	111.2	110.1	(D)	(D)
Maryland	2,326	1,982	2,529	2,199	2,436	2,501	61.6	55.0	60.3	53.6
Michigan	16,235	16,186	16,569	16,512	2,296	2,354	380.5	388.7	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	7,855	6,550	8,353	7,050	2,192	2,362	183.1	166.5	175.8	159.2
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,359	5,515	1,946	2,042	104.3	112.6	(D)	(D)
Missouri	7,407	7,486	14,034	13,930	2,244	2,432	314.9	338.8	275.4	300.9
Nebraska	5,843	7,665	6,493	8,320	2,176	2,310	141.3	192.2	130.3	180.1
New York	5,189	5,150	5,760	5,685	2,342	2,415	134.9	137.3	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,084	7,346	15,829	16,294	2,020	2,096	319.7	341.6	170.3	181.8
Ohio	37,471	37,392	38,708	38,606	2,254	2,422	872.5	935.1	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,276	2,380	1,819	2,029	41.4	48.3	(D)	(D)
Oregon	1,905	2,095	2,015	2,205	2,462	2,522	49.6	55.6	49.6	55.6
Pennsylvania	22,756	24,147	25,941	27,241	2,286	2,384	593.0	649.3	549.6	605.2
South Carolina	2,710	2,255	3,994	3,569	2,078	2,068	83.0	73.8	62.5	52.1
South Dakota	1,141	1,975	1,196	2,030	2,291	2,522	27.4	51.2	27.4	51.2
Texas	(D)	(D)	23,465	22,745	2,011	2,257	471.9	513.3	(D)	(D)
Utah	5,829	6,485	5,869	6,525	2,329	2,343	136.7	152.9	136.7	152.9
Virginia	881	931	2,660	2,455	2,124	2,281	56.5	56.0	28.2	30.2
Washington	5,560	5,282	5,724	5,384	2,358	2,507	135.0	135.0	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5,969	6,333	7,075	7,493	2,353	2,430	166.5	182.1	161.5	177.2
Other States <sup>1</sup>	25,607	24,264	31,654	30,560	2,150	2,284	680.7	698.1	611.1	620.0
<b>United States</b>	<b>296,533</b>	<b>294,596</b>	<b>378,859</b>	<b>376,570</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>2,288</b>	<b>8,209.8</b>	<b>8,616.4</b>	<b>7,044.8</b>	<b>7,394.7</b>

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
<sup>1</sup> Includes data for states not published in this table.

## United States Chickens & Eggs

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 egg-type. 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.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2024 totaled 789 million, up 3 percent from February 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 731 million on March 1, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

### Average Layers During the Month – United States

