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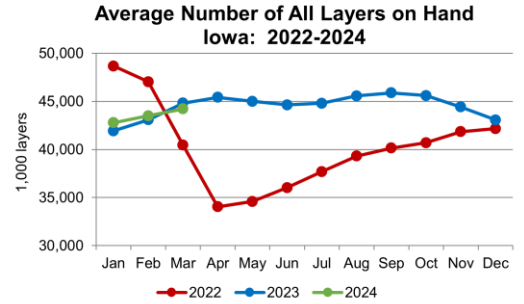
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Iowa **egg production** during March 2024 was 1.15 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the previous March, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand** during March 2024 was 44.2 million, down 1 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for March was 2,599, up 2 percent from a year ago.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During March 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	1,381	1,251	11,649	10,853	1,906	1,933	222.0	209.8	36.9	35.1
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	15,291	15,224	2,122	2,164	324.5	329.4	(D)	(D)
California	11,168	7,688	11,547	8,085	2,376	2,349	274.3	189.9	(D)	(D)
Colorado	1,248	3,970	1,736	4,458	2,621	2,633	45.5	117.4	(D)	(D)
Georgia	9,869	9,781	20,264	20,133	2,211	2,156	448.0	434.1	249.2	235.9
Illinois	6,215	6,498	6,779	7,081	2,396	2,498	162.4	176.9	158.4	171.9
Indiana	36,316	35,394	37,422	36,326	2,456	2,528	918.9	918.5	902.6	905.4
Iowa	43,011	42,335	44,804	44,216	2,552	2,599	1,143.3	1,149.3	1,120.2	1,124.5
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,515	5,166	2,209	2,228	121.8	115.1	(D)	(D)
Maryland	2,317	2,072	2,520	2,289	2,675	2,674	67.4	61.2	65.9	59.5
Michigan	16,563	16,202	16,897	16,523	2,581	2,561	436.1	423.1	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	7,568	6,600	8,042	7,114	2,455	2,505	197.4	178.2	190.0	170.4
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,508	5,534	2,164	2,197	119.2	121.6	(D)	(D)
Missouri	7,392	7,490	13,982	13,864	2,477	2,600	346.3	360.4	304.2	321.4
Nebraska	6,294	7,618	6,898	8,275	2,514	2,493	173.4	206.3	160.8	192.8
New York	5,177	5,093	5,739	5,596	2,589	2,613	148.6	146.2	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,049	7,374	15,784	16,098	2,237	2,248	353.1	361.9	186.8	195.8
Ohio	38,435	37,741	39,658	38,967	2,530	2,543	1,003.2	990.8	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,252	2,252	1,949	2,114	43.9	47.6	(D)	(D)
Oregon	1,951	2,071	2,061	2,181	2,741	2,733	56.5	59.6	56.5	59.6
Pennsylvania	22,760	23,554	25,845	26,798	2,528	2,581	653.4	691.6	607.9	641.0
South Carolina	2,495	2,270	3,789	3,585	2,254	2,223	85.4	79.7	62.7	56.5
South Dakota	1,175	2,002	1,230	2,057	2,333	2,684	28.7	55.2	28.7	55.2
Texas	(D)	(D)	23,683	22,607	2,277	2,369	539.3	535.5	(D)	(D)
Utah	5,963	7,032	6,003	7,072	2,529	2,486	151.8	175.8	151.8	175.8
Virginia	792	874	2,635	2,502	2,345	2,458	61.8	61.5	28.8	31.9
Washington	5,533	5,360	5,697	5,462	2,607	2,671	148.5	145.9	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6,527	6,643	7,645	7,808	2,598	2,650	198.6	206.9	192.9	201.1
Other States ¹	25,648	24,179	31,790	30,407	2,390	2,449	759.7	744.7	680.5	661.3
United States	299,438	297,133	382,665	378,533	2,413	2,455	9,233.0	9,294.1	7,926.9	7,994.2

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

United States Chickens & Eggs

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 egg-type. 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.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2024 totaled 854 million, up 1 percent from March 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 735 million on April 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.

Average Layers During the Month – United States

