



# Iowa Ag News – Chickens & Eggs

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The average number of all layers on hand in Iowa during 2024 was 43.8 million, down 2 percent from the previous year, according to the *Chickens and Eggs – 2024 Summary* from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Eggs per layer for 2024 was 307, up 2 percent from 2023.

Egg production during 2024 was 13.4 billion eggs, up slightly from the previous year.

Total inventory of all chickens (excluding commercial broilers) on December 1, 2024, was 57.2 million birds, up 4 percent from the previous year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2024, was 229 million dollars, up 12 percent from December 1, 2023.

## Average Layers on Hand and Egg Production – Iowa and United States: 2020-2024

[Annual estimates cover the period of December 1 the previous year through November 30.]

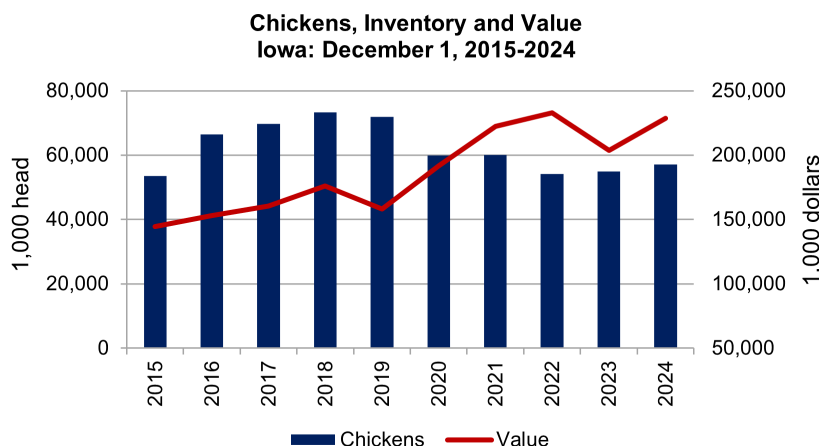
Year	Average layers	Eggs per layer <sup>1</sup>	Eggs produced by type		
			Total	Table eggs	Hatching eggs
	(1,000 layers)		(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
<b>Iowa</b>					
2020 .....	51,943	299	15,549.8	15,272.8	277.0
2021 .....	48,877	306	14,980.2	14,702.4	277.8
2022 .....	40,856	304	12,406.3	12,152.2	254.1
2023 .....	44,462	302	13,428.9	13,157.7	271.2
2024 .....	43,791	307	13,437.6	13,152.8	284.8
<b>United States</b>					
2020 .....	392,804	286	112,259.6	97,592.3	14,667.3
2021 .....	391,050	288	112,704.6	97,555.9	15,148.7
2022 .....	379,900	289	109,949.0	94,432.6	15,516.4
2023 .....	382,791	286	109,619.5	94,189.9	15,429.6
2024 .....	374,706	290	108,514.9	93,141.7	15,373.2

<sup>1</sup> Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

## Chicken Inventory – Iowa and United States: 2020-2024

Year	Chickens on farms, December 1		
	All chickens <sup>1</sup>	Value of all chickens <sup>1</sup>	Total layers
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 head)
<b>Iowa</b>			
2020 .....	59,856	191,539	48,196
2021 .....	60,133	222,492	49,741
2022 .....	54,136	232,785	42,692
2023 .....	55,005	203,519	43,433
2024 .....	57,188	228,752	46,313
<b>United States</b>			
2020 .....	522,266	2,714,441	393,397
2021 .....	526,518	2,995,942	396,054
2022 .....	517,331	3,395,113	383,017
2023 .....	524,384	3,833,863	387,002
2024 .....	513,594	4,134,125	376,893

<sup>1</sup> Excluding commercial broilers.



## United States Chickens & Eggs

Layers during 2024 averaged 375 million, down 2 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2024 was 290 eggs, up 1 percent from 2023.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2024, totaled 109 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 2023. Table egg production, at 93.1 billion eggs, was down 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 15.4 billion eggs, was down slightly from 2023.

The total inventory of chickens on hand on December 1, 2024, (excluding commercial broilers) was 514 million birds, down 2 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2024, was \$4.13 billion, up 8 percent from December 1, 2023. The average value increased from \$7.31 per bird on December 1, 2023, to \$8.05 per bird on December 1, 2024.

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

**Chickens, Inventory and Value  
United States: December 1, 2015-2024**

