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MONTHLY CHICKENS AND EGGS – APRIL 2024

COLORADO

Colorado egg production during April 2024 totaled 110.6 million eggs, up 6 percent from March 2024 and up 116 percent from March 2023 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand in April 2024 was 4.41 million, down 1 percent from March 2024 but up 118 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,506 eggs, down 1 percent from last year.

UTAH

Utah egg production during April 2024 totaled 168.0 million eggs, down 4 percent from March 2024 but up 12 percent from March 2023 production, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average number of layers on hand during March 2024 was 6.86 million, down 3 percent from March 2024 but up 13 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers were 2,448 eggs, down 1 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES

United States egg production totaled 8.93 billion during April 2024, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.68 billion table eggs, and 1.26 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.16 billion were broiler-type and 97.5 million were egg □ type. The average number of layers during April 2024 totaled 375 million, down 2 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,381 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2023.

Total layers in the United States on May 1, 2024 totaled 371 million, down 4 percent from last year. The 371 million layers consisted of 305 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.86 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2024, averaged 79.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2023.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2024 totaled 57.7 million, up 4 percent from April 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 54.1 million on May 1, 2024, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 249 thousand during April 2024, up 6 percent from April 2023.

For the full copy of *Chicken and Eggs* report, please visit <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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