



# Wisconsin Ag News – Chickens & Eggs

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The average number of all layers on hand in Wisconsin during 2024 was 7.76 million, down slightly 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 313, up 1 percent from 2023.

Egg production during 2024 was 2.43 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Total inventory of all chickens (excluding commercial broilers) on December 1, 2024, was 10.3 million birds, up 4 percent from the previous year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2024, was 69.1 million dollars, up 11 percent from December 1, 2023.

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

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

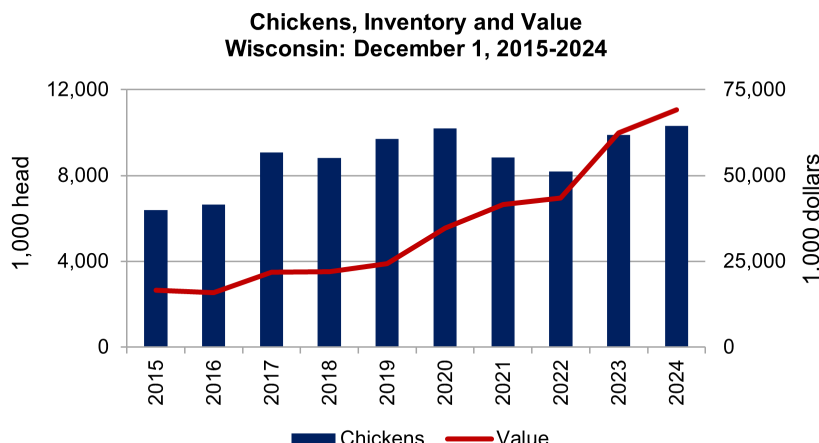
Year	Average layers (1,000 layers)	Eggs per layer <sup>1</sup>	Eggs produced by type		
			Total (million eggs)	Table eggs (million eggs)	Hatching eggs (million eggs)
<b>Wisconsin</b>					
2020 .....	7,647	298	2,275.1	(D)	(D)
2021 .....	7,356	297	2,182.0	(D)	(D)
2022 .....	6,228	304	1,894.4	(D)	(D)
2023 .....	7,771	311	2,413.0	(D)	(D)
2024 .....	7,757	313	2,428.5	(D)	(D)
<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

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
<sup>1</sup> Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

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

Year	Chickens on farms, December 1		
	All chickens <sup>1</sup> (1,000 head)	Value of all chickens <sup>1</sup> (1,000 dollars)	Total layers (1,000 head)
<b>Wisconsin</b>			
2020 .....	10,193	34,656	8,008
2021 .....	8,830	41,501	7,236
2022 .....	8,191	43,412	6,969
2023 .....	9,902	62,383	7,999
2024 .....	10,317	69,124	8,016
<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**

