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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 234 million, down 10 percent from November's production, and down 21 percent from December 2022. The all layers during the month totaled 9.74 million, down 14 percent from last month, and down 21 percent from December 2022. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,397, compared to 2,305 a month earlier, and 2,407 in December 2022.

U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

United States egg production totaled 9.45 billion during December 2023, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 8.14 billion table eggs, and 1.31 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 97.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2023 averaged 384 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,462 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2022.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2024 totaled 379 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 379 million layers consisted of 312 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2024, averaged 79.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2023.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2023 totaled 48.4 million, down slightly from December 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.0 million on January 1, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 219 thousand during December 2023, up 1 percent from December 2022.

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2023 totaled 849 million, down 1 percent from December 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 718 million on January 1, 2024, down slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2023, down 4 percent from December 2022.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2024 in the United States totaled 24.8 million, down 9 percent from January 1, 2023. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the December 1, 2023 total of 25.3 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during December 2023 in the United States totaled 21.5 million, down 6 percent from December 2022. Poults hatched were down 1 percent from the November 2023 total of 21.7 million poults.

The 19.7 million net poults placed during December 2023 in the United States were down 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net poult placements were down 1 percent from the November 2023 total of 19.9 million

Layer on Hand & Egg Production During December, Molted as Percent of All Layers as of January 1 – States & United States

State	All layers		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Layers being molted		Layers with molt completed	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2023	2024	2023	2024
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Alabama.....	11,288	11,533	1,914	1,868	216.0	215.4	0.5	0.5	4.0	4.5
Arkansas.....	15,718	15,733	2,159	2,199	339.4	345.9	3.0	1.0	6.5	11.0
California.....	12,358	9,740	2,407	2,397	297.4	233.5	-	1.5	4.0	2.0
Georgia.....	20,335	19,874	2,213	2,260	450.0	449.1	1.0	0.5	5.0	14.0
Indiana.....	37,021	35,996	2,537	2,502	939.2	900.6	-	1.5	7.5	5.5
Iowa.....	41,083	42,607	2,546	2,582	1,045.8	1,100.2	0.5	0.5	8.0	8.0
North Carolina.....	15,723	16,249	2,201	2,237	346.1	363.5	-	1.0	4.0	6.0
Ohio.....	36,930	39,837	2,458	2,554	907.6	1,017.4	2.5	1.5	8.5	4.0
Pennsylvania.....	25,924	27,920	2,603	2,590	674.7	723.0	1.0	1.0	2.5	1.0
Texas.....	23,598	23,312	2,403	2,434	567.1	567.4	2.5	2.5	51.0	48.0
United States.....	375,943	383,968	2,434	2,462	9,148.9	9,453.4	1.1	1.8	10.8	10.3

- Represents zero.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched by Month – United States: 2022-2023

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	2022		2023		Percent of previous year
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>		
January.....		49,048		50,748	103
February.....		51,796		52,009	100
March.....		60,099		58,971	98
April.....		50,636		55,713	110
May.....		57,802		58,888	102
June.....		56,816		58,209	102
July.....		49,915		50,433	101
August.....		55,991		52,677	94
September.....		53,242		51,036	96
October.....		50,330		51,082	101
November.....		46,565		48,468	104
December.....		48,438		48,415	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched – States and United States: December 2022 and 2023

State	2022	2023	Percent of previous year
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Alabama	124,777	121,597	97
Arkansas.....	86,214	86,099	100
Delaware	19,344	17,846	92
Florida	4,291	4,183	97
Georgia.....	125,160	126,658	101
Kentucky.....	22,667	23,747	105
Louisiana	12,197	11,899	98
Maryland.....	28,746	28,241	98
Mississippi	60,137	60,646	101
Missouri.....	35,708	31,393	88
North Carolina.....	88,252	89,665	102
Oklahoma	25,561	23,715	93
Pennsylvania	24,617	26,640	108
South Carolina.....	20,610	20,973	102
Texas.....	64,398	65,397	102
Virginia	20,051	20,072	100
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	46,345	48,334	104
Other States ¹	44,637	42,295	95
United States	853,712	849,400	99

¹ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Turkey Eggs in Incubators and Poults Hatched by Month – United States: 2022 - 2024

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Month	Eggs in incubators first of month		Percent of previous year	Poults hatched entire month		Percent of previous year
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>
September	27,508	26,636	97	22,254	21,571	97
October.....	26,648	27,010	101	22,454	22,665	101
November.....	26,479	25,537	96	22,615	21,668	96
December.....	26,595	25,346	95	22,853	21,484	94
January.....	27,284	24,820	91	23,399		
February.....	27,608			21,700		
March.....	26,757			23,619		
April.....	26,389			21,115		
May.....	27,625			23,576		
June.....	27,455			23,976		
July.....	26,984			22,627		
August.....	27,208			23,451		

Net Poults Placements by Month – United States: 2022-2024

[Includes imports and excludes exports. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Total all breeds		Percent of previous year	Cumulative total		Percent of previous year
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>
September.....	19,760	19,091	97	19,760	19,091	97
October.....	20,472	20,645	101	40,232	39,736	99
November.....	20,802	19,934	96	61,034	59,670	98
December.....	20,955	19,704	94	81,989	79,374	97
January.....	21,582			103,571		
February.....	19,871			123,442		
March.....	21,912			145,354		
April.....	19,919			165,273		
May.....	22,295			187,568		
June.....	23,095			210,663		
July.....	22,447			233,110		
August.....	22,429			255,539		