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This report contains the results from the **Monthly Chicken and Egg Report**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

December Egg Production Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Egg production in Arkansas totaled 346 million eggs during December 2023, up 4 percent from the previous month and up 2 percent from December 2022. The number of layers during December 2023 averaged 15.7 million, up slightly from the previous month and up slightly from this time last year. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,199 eggs, up 3 percent from the previous month and up 2 percent from a year ago.

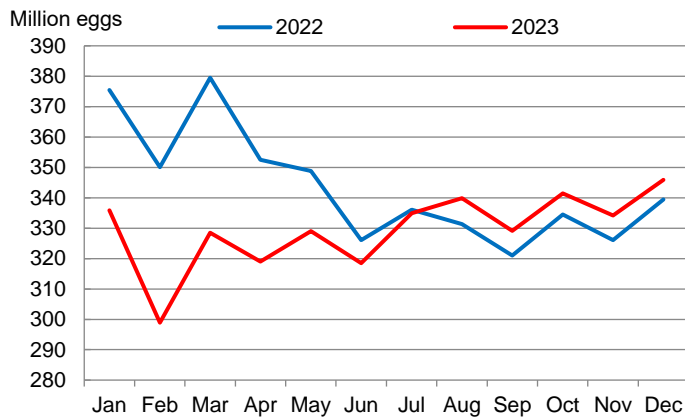
United States egg production totaled 9.45 billion during December 2023, up 3 percent from last year. The average number of layers during December 2023 totaled 384 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,462 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2022.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down Slightly

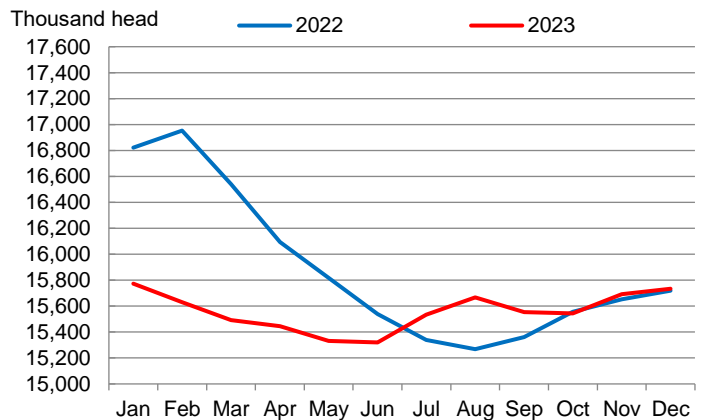
Broiler-type chicks hatched in Arkansas during December 2023 totaled 86.1 million, down slightly from December 2022.

Broiler-type chicks hatched in United States during December 2023 totaled 849 million, down 1 percent from December 2022.

Monthly Egg Production
Arkansas: 2022 and 2023



Average Layers During the Month
Arkansas: 2022 and 2023



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced - Arkansas, Surrounding States, and United States: During December 2022 and 2023

| State | All layers | | Eggs per 100 for all layers | | Total egg production | | Total egg production by dozen | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 |
| | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (eggs) | (eggs) | (million eggs) | million eggs) | (1,000 dozen eggs) | (1,000 dozen eggs) |
| Alabama | 11,288 | 11,533 | 1,914 | 1,868 | 216.0 | 215.4 | 18,000.0 | 17,950.0 |
| Arkansas | 15,718 | 15,733 | 2,159 | 2,199 | 339.4 | 345.9 | 28,283.4 | 28,825.1 |
| Mississippi | 5,584 | 5,680 | 2,196 | 2,190 | 122.6 | 124.4 | 10,216.6 | 10,366.7 |
| Missouri | 13,732 | 13,574 | 2,576 | 2,581 | 353.8 | 350.3 | 29,483.4 | 29,191.7 |
| Oklahoma | 2,486 | 2,334 | 2,043 | 2,095 | 50.8 | 48.9 | 4,233.4 | 4,075.0 |
| Texas | 23,598 | 23,312 | 2,403 | 2,434 | 567.1 | 567.4 | 47,258.3 | 47,283.3 |
| United States | 375,943 | 383,968 | 2,434 | 2,462 | 9,148.9 | 9,453.4 | 762,408.2 | 787,783.6 |

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched - Arkansas, Surrounding States, and United States: December 2022 and 2023

| State | During December | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | Percent of previous year |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (percent) |
| Alabama | 124,777 | 121,597 | 97 |
| Arkansas | 86,214 | 86,099 | 100 |
| Louisiana | 12,197 | 11,899 | 98 |
| Mississippi | 60,137 | 60,646 | 101 |
| Missouri | 35,708 | 31,393 | 88 |
| Oklahoma | 25,561 | 23,715 | 93 |
| Texas | 64,398 | 65,397 | 102 |
| United States | 853,712 | 849,400 | 99 |