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CHICKENS AND EGGS – 2023 SUMMARY

COLORADO

Number of layers in Colorado averaged 2.71 million in 2023, down 22 percent from 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2023 was 304 eggs, up 2 percent from 2022. Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2023, totaled 824.3 million eggs, down 21 percent from 2022. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2023 was 5.34 million birds, up 50 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2023 was \$20.28 million, up 39 percent from December 1, 2022. The average value decreased from \$4.10 per bird on December 1, 2022, to \$3.80 per bird on December 1, 2023.

UTAH

Number of layers in Utah averaged 6.13 million in 2023, compared with 5.69 million in 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2023 was 304 eggs, down 2 percent from 2022. Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2023 totaled 1.87 billion eggs, up 6 percent from 2022. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2023, was 8.28 million birds, up 6 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2023, was \$53.80 million, up 27 percent from December 1, 2022. The average value increased from \$5.40 per bird on December 1, 2022, to \$6.50 per bird on December 1, 2023.

UNITED STATES

Layers during 2023 averaged 382 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2023 was 286 eggs, down 1 percent from 2022.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2023 totaled 110 billion eggs, down slightly from 2022. Table egg production, at 94.2 billion eggs, was down slightly from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 15.3 billion eggs, was down 1 percent from 2022.

The total inventory of chickens on hand on December 1, 2023 (excluding commercial broilers) was 523 million birds, up 1 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2023 was \$3.76 billion, up 11 percent from December 1, 2022. The average value increased from \$6.56 per bird on December 1, 2022, to \$7.20 per bird on December 1, 2023.

For a full copy of the *Chicken and Eggs Annual report*, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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