



# News Release

## December Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 43.2 million during December, up 9 percent from a year ago, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Egg production totaled 1.11 billion eggs, up 9 percent from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,565 eggs per 100 layers.

United States egg production totaled 9.12 billion during December 2024, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.83 billion table eggs, and 1.29 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 95.9 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2024 averaged 373 million, down 3 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,448 eggs, down 1 percent from December 2023.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2025 totaled 369 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 369 million layers consisted of 304 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.91 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2025, averaged 78.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from January 1, 2024.

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2025 in the United States totaled 24.7 million, down 1 percent from January 1, 2024. Turkey poults hatched during December 2024 in the United States totaled 20.7 million, down 4 percent from December 2023. The 19.1 million net poults placed during December 2024 in the United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier.

### Egg and Hatchery Production – Ohio and United States: December 2023 and 2024

Commodity	Ohio		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
All layers .....thousand	39,730	43,178	382,585	372,590
Eggs per hundred layers ..... number	2,569	2,565	2,464	2,448
Eggs produced ..... million	1,020.7	1,107.6	9,427.7	9,120.2
Turkey eggs incubating, Jan 1 <sup>1</sup> .....thousand	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	24,945	24,693
Turkey poults hatched, Dec .....thousand	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	21,671	20,733

<sup>1</sup> Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1 are for 2024 and 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Only U.S. estimates are published due to the limited number of hatcheries involved.

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