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WEST VIRGINIA 2023 CHICKENS AND EGGS SUMMARY

Charleston, West Virginia - Layers during 2023 averaged 1.23 million, down 6 percent from the 2022 average of 1.31 million. The average annual production per layer was 238 eggs, up 4 eggs per layer from 2022. Pullets for 2023 totaled 722,000, down 6 percent from the 2022 total of 766,000. Other chickens totaled 134,000 in 2023, up 24 percent from the 2022 total of 108,000.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2023 totaled 293.9 million eggs. This was 4 percent down from the 2022 production of 306.2 million eggs.

The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2023 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.106 million head, up slightly from the 2022 total of 2.105 million.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2023 was \$23.2 million, up 17 percent from the December 1, 2022 value of \$19.8 million. The average value of \$11.00 per head on December 1, 2023, was up \$1.60 per head from the 2022 value of \$9.40 per head.

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.