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Chickens and Eggs



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February Egg Production Down 4 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.60 billion during February 2021, down 4 percent from last year. Production included 7.44 billion table eggs, and 1.16 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.08 billion were broiler-type and 76.9 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during February 2021 totaled 394 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,183 eggs, down 3 percent from February 2020.

Total layers in the United States on March 1, 2021 totaled 394 million, down slightly from last year. The 394 million layers consisted of 327 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.30 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2021, averaged 77.8 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2020.

Egg Production by Type – States and United States: February 2020 and 2021

State	Total production			Table eggs			Hatching eggs		
	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	191.6	187.1	98	33.7	32.6	97	157.9	154.5	98
Georgia	395.0	391.7	99	211.4	215.4	102	183.6	176.3	96
South Carolina ..	84.1	74.5	89	62.1	53.4	86	22.0	21.1	96
United States ...	8,946.0	8,603.7	96	7,793.0	7,444.2	96	1,153.0	1,159.5	101

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Chickens and Eggs](#), March 2021

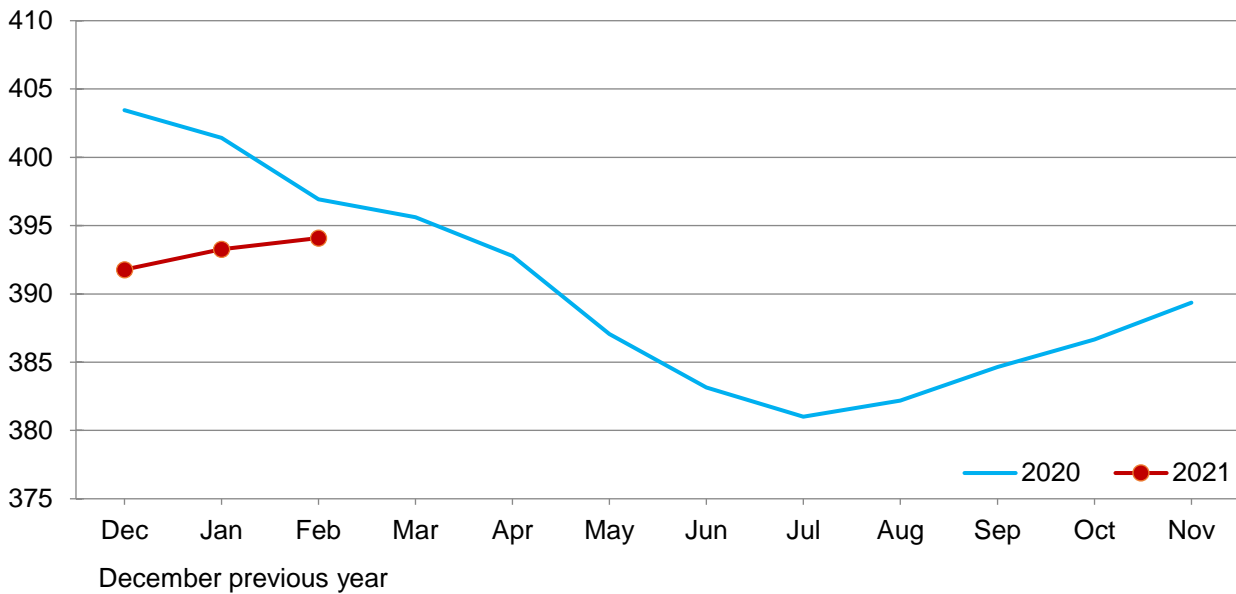
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During February 2020 and 2021

State	Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above			Total layers			Eggs per 100 for total layers		
	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(percent)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	1,432	1,450	101	10,635	10,807	102	1,802	1,731	96
Georgia	9,327	9,527	102	19,796	20,190	102	1,995	1,940	97
South Carolina ..	2,667	2,425	91	3,990	3,732	94	2,108	1,996	95
United States ...	316,929	310,996	98	396,916	394,089	99	2,254	2,183	97

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Average Layers During the Month – United States

Million layers



Total Egg Production During the Month – United States

Million eggs

