

Ohio

EGG FACTS

Eggs are an important part of Ohio's economy. Ohio is the second-largest egg producing state in the nation. Ohio's egg farmers produce more than 8 billion eggs annually, with an estimated annual retail value of more than \$574 million.

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Ohio has more than 30 million laying chickens and 10 million pullets, which are hens less than one year old.



Animal care is a top priority for egg farmers, who make sure chickens are comfortable, healthy and safe.



A hen's breed determines the shell color of eggs. Hens with white feathers and ear lobes lay white-shelled eggs and hens with red feathers and ear lobes lay brown-shelled eggs.

250
a year

The average American eats 250 eggs per year.



Ohio is one of only a few states that has an egg quality assurance program. The Ohio Egg Quality Assurance Program is a voluntary program that is intended to minimize the risk of Salmonella Enteritidis in eggs.



The color of the egg has no relationship to egg quality, flavor, nutritional value, cooking characteristics or shell thickness.

Learn more at OhioEggs.com and OhioPoultry.org.