

Ohio

## EGG FACTS

Eggs are an important part of Ohio's economy. Ohio is one of the largest egg producing state in the nation. Ohio's egg farmers produce about 10 billion eggs annually, with an estimated annual retail value of about \$523 million.

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Ohio has more than 30 million hens.



The average American eats 287 eggs per year.



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.



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



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



Ohio is one of 10 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.

Learn more at [OhioEggs.com](http://OhioEggs.com) and [OhioPoultry.org](http://OhioPoultry.org).