

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 9 billion eggs annually, with an estimated annual retail value of about \$479 million.





Ohio has more than 31 million hens



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.



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



The average American eats 287 eggs per year.



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



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.