



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 18, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 18, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through November 18, 2023 for the United States were 8.56 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,487	32,177	31,846	31,545	31,930	32,017
Arkansas	21,386	21,106	23,613	21,746	22,326	23,645
Delaware	5,279	5,297	5,154	5,355	4,873	5,060
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,349	1,225
Georgia	34,371	34,961	34,656	33,997	35,320	36,077
Kentucky	6,349	6,014	6,667	5,959	6,059	6,504
Louisiana	3,563	3,517	3,563	2,928	3,593	3,578
Maryland	7,698	8,071	8,065	8,065	8,066	8,065
Mississippi	15,089	16,354	15,470	16,612	16,397	16,934
Missouri	8,773	7,993	8,630	8,398	8,740	8,812
North Carolina	22,380	22,230	24,424	23,604	23,715	24,454
Oklahoma	5,873	6,353	6,719	5,991	7,721	7,707
Pennsylvania	7,221	7,157	6,705	6,998	7,173	7,227
South Carolina	5,926	6,093	6,213	5,982	6,264	6,168
Texas	16,388	16,656	18,463	16,972	18,035	18,301
Virginia	5,594	5,735	5,765	5,360	5,579	5,783
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,678	12,707	13,583	12,274	12,933	13,356
Other States	12,005	12,181	11,975	11,384	11,967	12,078
United States	225,285	225,827	232,736	224,395	232,040	236,991

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,936	23,217	23,311	23,486	23,574	22,865
Arkansas	20,372	20,443	19,015	18,934	18,483	20,870
Delaware	4,457	4,080	5,697	4,505	5,838	5,264
Florida	1,281	0	1,085	1,207	1,337	1,317
Georgia	26,968	26,780	26,152	26,543	26,631	27,474
Kentucky	5,376	5,195	5,077	5,022	5,001	5,679
Louisiana	3,028	2,814	2,874	2,677	2,652	3,051
Maryland	6,070	5,524	4,840	5,708	4,107	4,400
Mississippi	13,453	13,230	12,052	12,096	13,220	12,481
Missouri	5,395	5,331	5,273	5,315	4,847	5,978
North Carolina	19,363	18,935	18,495	18,139	17,944	19,887
Oklahoma	3,926	4,441	4,526	3,584	4,262	3,367
Pennsylvania	4,402	4,408	4,736	4,621	4,738	4,192
South Carolina	4,452	4,398	4,916	4,698	4,906	4,579
Texas	14,916	14,409	13,609	13,430	13,801	14,725
Virginia	5,686	5,795	4,931	5,392	5,769	5,696
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,739	10,133	11,735	12,005	11,253	11,130
Other States	8,746	9,779	9,176	9,409	9,283	9,360
United States	182,566	178,912	177,500	176,771	177,646	182,315

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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