



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 245 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 24, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through February 24, 2024 for the United States were 1.49 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2024

State	Week ending					
	January 20, 2024	January 27, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 17, 2024	February 24, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,788	34,787	34,979	34,899	35,091	35,056
Arkansas	24,930	24,808	24,507	24,606	24,969	25,325
Delaware	5,409	5,495	5,483	5,566	5,618	5,515
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,803	35,892	36,225	36,050	36,244	36,249
Kentucky	6,778	6,795	6,853	6,788	7,153	7,905
Louisiana	3,396	3,594	3,562	3,557	3,503	3,471
Maryland	8,065	8,066	8,065	8,066	8,066	8,066
Mississippi	17,367	17,231	17,200	17,262	17,412	17,469
Missouri	8,552	8,456	8,656	8,586	8,607	8,797
North Carolina	24,767	24,583	25,283	25,195	24,893	25,333
Oklahoma	5,189	5,490	5,396	5,467	5,668	5,575
Pennsylvania	7,797	8,016	7,421	7,702	7,796	7,681
South Carolina	6,188	6,121	6,016	6,290	6,252	6,163
Texas	18,316	18,951	19,764	18,860	19,397	19,445
Virginia	5,756	5,701	5,578	5,594	5,667	5,667
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,275	12,783	13,862	14,103	13,732	13,482
Other States	11,628	11,525	12,240	11,893	12,336	12,180
United States	239,229	239,519	242,315	241,709	243,629	244,604

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2024

State	Week ending					
	January 20, 2024	January 27, 2024	February 3, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 17, 2024	February 24, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,456	24,358	24,605	24,273	24,080	24,498
Arkansas	22,073	21,218	20,162	20,989	20,455	19,706
Delaware	4,955	5,304	6,003	4,520	5,226	5,229
Florida	881	1,239	1,229	962	1,105	1,327
Georgia	28,451	26,983	27,785	28,488	27,940	27,990
Kentucky	5,316	5,417	5,400	5,328	5,342	5,459
Louisiana	2,680	2,889	2,898	2,751	2,979	2,930
Maryland	4,886	5,562	4,603	6,219	6,152	5,487
Mississippi	13,424	13,588	13,588	13,385	13,431	13,327
Missouri	5,706	5,285	5,202	4,928	5,236	5,491
North Carolina	19,759	19,278	19,551	19,515	19,516	19,807
Oklahoma	2,144	3,281	3,834	3,885	3,773	4,329
Pennsylvania	4,983	5,567	4,963	4,939	5,062	4,638
South Carolina	4,407	5,045	4,707	4,835	4,475	4,695
Texas	14,481	13,751	14,548	14,377	14,928	15,322
Virginia	6,256	4,803	5,681	5,550	4,939	5,214
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,869	12,449	11,937	11,425	11,355	12,124
Other States	9,186	9,395	9,300	9,090	9,077	9,145
United States	185,913	185,412	185,996	185,459	185,071	186,718

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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