



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 2, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 2, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through December 2, 2023 for the United States were 8.92 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 28, 2023	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	31,846	31,284	31,930	32,104	32,933	32,541
Arkansas .....	23,613	23,436	24,146	23,645	23,912	24,363
Delaware .....	5,154	5,355	4,873	4,897	5,118	5,107
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,656	33,874	35,320	35,394	35,558	34,691
Kentucky .....	6,667	6,609	6,059	6,504	6,979	6,781
Louisiana .....	3,563	2,928	3,593	3,578	3,594	3,594
Maryland .....	8,065	8,065	8,066	8,065	8,062	8,065
Mississippi .....	15,470	16,612	16,397	16,934	16,960	16,733
Missouri .....	8,630	8,208	8,815	8,812	8,448	8,844
North Carolina .....	24,424	24,052	24,078	24,454	24,838	24,868
Oklahoma .....	6,719	6,430	7,607	7,444	6,992	7,167
Pennsylvania .....	6,705	6,933	7,173	7,211	7,225	7,501
South Carolina .....	6,213	5,982	6,264	6,186	5,894	5,978
Texas .....	18,463	16,851	17,672	18,301	18,519	18,526
Virginia .....	5,765	5,360	5,609	5,783	5,768	6,251
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,583	12,320	12,233	13,745	13,968	14,499
Other States .....	11,975	11,480	12,039	12,159	12,110	12,067
United States .....	232,736	227,004	233,099	236,441	238,103	238,801

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

State	Week ending					
	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,311	23,486	23,574	22,806	21,549	21,415
Arkansas .....	19,015	18,934	18,483	20,877	21,210	21,180
Delaware .....	5,697	4,505	5,838	5,346	5,625	5,013
Florida .....	1,085	1,207	1,337	1,317	1,074	1,076
Georgia .....	26,152	26,543	26,631	27,323	27,500	27,875
Kentucky .....	5,077	5,022	5,001	5,581	5,468	5,076
Louisiana .....	2,874	2,677	2,652	3,051	2,428	2,951
Maryland .....	4,840	5,708	4,107	4,357	5,002	5,081
Mississippi .....	12,052	12,096	13,220	12,519	13,465	13,429
Missouri .....	5,273	5,315	4,847	5,978	5,059	5,403
North Carolina .....	18,495	18,139	17,944	20,009	18,804	20,771
Oklahoma .....	4,526	3,584	4,262	3,367	3,692	4,843
Pennsylvania .....	4,736	4,621	4,738	4,125	4,365	4,737
South Carolina .....	4,916	4,698	4,906	4,567	5,231	5,087
Texas .....	13,609	13,430	13,801	14,665	13,480	14,202
Virginia .....	4,931	5,392	5,769	5,762	5,362	5,349
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,735	12,005	11,253	10,951	11,302	11,185
Other States .....	9,176	9,409	9,283	9,364	8,735	9,223
United States .....	177,500	176,771	177,646	181,965	179,351	183,896

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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