



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 244 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 6, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 6, 2024 for the United States were 2.62 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 2, 2024	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,160	33,951	35,130	34,976	35,073	34,594
Arkansas	25,465	25,392	24,774	25,418	25,196	25,540
Delaware	5,620	5,574	5,583	5,559	5,573	5,580
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	36,001	36,223	36,275	36,117	36,111	36,336
Kentucky	7,674	7,967	8,084	7,783	7,777	8,049
Louisiana	3,533	3,548	3,563	3,624	3,624	3,624
Maryland	8,050	8,063	8,064	8,061	8,065	8,061
Mississippi	17,458	17,405	17,396	17,337	17,279	17,403
Missouri	8,833	8,861	8,798	8,834	8,373	8,853
North Carolina	24,538	25,239	25,248	25,191	25,143	24,685
Oklahoma	6,254	6,309	6,055	6,199	6,260	6,038
Pennsylvania	8,003	7,876	7,803	7,447	7,773	7,788
South Carolina	6,085	5,970	6,331	6,233	6,146	6,048
Texas	19,311	19,391	19,476	19,185	19,186	19,260
Virginia	5,664	5,664	5,667	5,682	5,363	5,417
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,527	13,995	13,938	13,979	13,910	13,946
Other States	11,863	12,009	12,408	12,513	12,369	11,936
United States	244,264	244,662	245,818	245,363	244,446	244,383

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

State	Week ending					
	March 2, 2024	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,659	25,485	24,217	24,675	23,717	25,296
Arkansas	20,713	21,554	21,490	22,057	22,251	21,806
Delaware	5,539	4,574	5,070	4,830	4,798	5,366
Florida	1,243	1,330	1,414	1,401	1,390	1,249
Georgia	26,914	26,697	27,929	27,479	27,942	28,130
Kentucky	5,352	5,600	6,006	5,816	5,614	6,056
Louisiana	2,888	2,836	2,820	2,890	2,836	2,756
Maryland	6,389	6,558	6,352	5,984	5,692	6,302
Mississippi	13,462	13,781	13,638	13,434	13,272	13,558
Missouri	5,476	5,425	5,522	5,806	5,207	4,970
North Carolina	20,367	19,729	19,451	19,237	19,637	19,910
Oklahoma	3,883	3,170	3,646	3,679	3,979	3,620
Pennsylvania	4,998	4,965	4,791	4,694	4,777	4,898
South Carolina	4,268	5,399	4,842	4,944	4,811	4,749
Texas	14,489	14,520	14,591	14,743	14,430	14,768
Virginia	4,665	5,128	5,151	4,860	6,108	5,184
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,819	12,339	12,634	12,766	12,475	11,602
Other States	8,898	9,144	9,030	8,937	9,099	9,269
United States	187,022	188,234	188,594	188,232	188,035	189,489

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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