



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 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 9, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.3 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 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 9, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through September 9, 2023 for the United States were 6.75 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					
	August 5, 2023	August 12, 2023	August 19, 2023	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,161	33,939	34,244	34,112	33,479	33,777
Arkansas	24,775	24,659	24,597	24,702	24,803	24,764
Delaware	5,718	5,578	5,721	5,627	5,722	5,753
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,164	35,400	35,579	35,714	35,730	35,263
Kentucky	6,746	6,612	6,564	6,755	6,701	6,529
Louisiana	2,928	3,517	3,517	3,517	3,548	3,059
Maryland	8,097	8,066	8,065	8,066	7,877	8,064
Mississippi	17,282	16,806	17,237	17,237	16,260	15,816
Missouri	9,708	9,565	9,769	9,679	9,714	9,573
North Carolina	24,162	24,161	24,101	24,384	23,190	23,237
Oklahoma	7,527	7,291	7,373	7,493	7,412	7,179
Pennsylvania	7,244	7,458	7,271	7,303	7,345	7,308
South Carolina	6,019	5,765	5,968	5,910	5,673	5,872
Texas	18,703	18,232	18,647	18,898	17,733	18,155
Virginia	5,785	5,803	5,789	5,789	5,785	5,774
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,124	13,334	13,287	13,644	12,841	13,030
Other States	12,385	12,472	12,527	12,394	12,508	12,451
United States	240,753	239,883	241,481	242,449	237,546	236,829

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

State	Week ending					
	August 5, 2023	August 12, 2023	August 19, 2023	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,684	24,341	25,018	25,035	23,931	24,112
Arkansas	21,175	22,612	20,640	20,205	20,258	20,068
Delaware	4,384	5,310	4,793	5,135	6,630	6,478
Florida	1,170	1,236	1,304	1,273	1,292	1,152
Georgia	27,397	27,933	26,544	26,423	27,889	28,008
Kentucky	5,454	5,427	5,776	5,351	5,144	5,440
Louisiana	2,887	2,856	2,526	2,525	2,947	2,892
Maryland	5,407	5,207	5,993	5,584	4,442	4,807
Mississippi	13,823	14,109	13,480	13,789	13,402	13,733
Missouri	6,339	5,524	5,966	6,132	5,921	6,203
North Carolina	18,611	19,104	19,655	19,417	19,694	19,524
Oklahoma	4,394	3,911	5,417	5,982	5,489	5,733
Pennsylvania	4,827	4,895	4,898	4,838	4,849	4,789
South Carolina	4,915	5,209	4,878	5,305	4,102	4,262
Texas	14,904	14,927	14,385	14,997	14,562	14,946
Virginia	6,211	5,386	5,067	5,454	5,551	5,177
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,534	11,056	11,542	11,553	11,966	12,347
Other States	9,782	9,646	9,630	9,440	9,700	9,680
United States	187,898	188,689	187,512	188,438	187,769	189,351

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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