



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 23, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.4 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 23, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through December 23, 2023 for the United States were 9.49 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					
	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023	December 23, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,628	33,677	34,033	33,148	34,154	33,818
Arkansas .....	23,962	24,415	24,531	24,131	24,531	24,569
Delaware .....	4,897	5,118	5,107	5,087	4,917	5,062
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	36,481	36,254	36,033	35,578	35,958	35,906
Kentucky .....	6,658	6,826	6,991	6,560	6,799	6,936
Louisiana .....	3,578	3,594	3,594	3,594	3,563	3,370
Maryland .....	8,065	8,062	8,065	8,064	8,065	8,005
Mississippi .....	16,934	16,960	16,733	16,581	17,186	17,036
Missouri .....	8,433	8,734	8,844	8,469	8,746	8,585
North Carolina .....	25,104	24,959	25,110	24,162	25,316	25,205
Oklahoma .....	7,444	6,992	7,167	6,567	6,403	6,402
Pennsylvania .....	7,159	7,120	7,664	7,109	7,479	7,536
South Carolina .....	6,186	5,894	5,978	5,967	6,253	6,243
Texas .....	17,811	18,064	18,874	18,092	18,472	18,377
Virginia .....	5,783	5,799	5,951	5,919	5,835	5,838
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,810	14,056	14,745	13,035	13,587	13,651
Other States .....	12,159	11,956	12,067	11,931	12,064	12,092
United States .....	238,317	239,705	242,712	235,219	240,553	239,856

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

State	Week ending					
	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023	December 23, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,806	21,557	22,502	23,979	24,470	24,740
Arkansas .....	20,877	21,210	21,190	21,645	21,106	21,583
Delaware .....	5,346	5,625	3,322	4,528	4,519	5,150
Florida .....	1,317	1,074	1,076	1,149	1,153	1,158
Georgia .....	27,323	27,500	28,850	27,683	28,860	28,688
Kentucky .....	5,438	5,398	5,217	5,920	5,639	5,787
Louisiana .....	3,051	2,428	2,951	2,974	2,696	2,708
Maryland .....	4,357	5,002	5,081	5,864	5,910	5,436
Mississippi .....	12,519	13,465	13,429	13,493	13,494	13,394
Missouri .....	5,978	5,059	5,403	4,568	5,382	5,828
North Carolina .....	20,009	18,804	20,771	20,347	19,955	20,424
Oklahoma .....	3,367	3,692	4,843	4,641	4,539	3,772
Pennsylvania .....	4,125	4,356	4,900	4,571	4,922	5,151
South Carolina .....	4,567	5,172	5,076	5,099	4,611	4,647
Texas .....	14,665	13,480	14,202	14,324	14,571	15,108
Virginia .....	5,762	5,408	5,351	5,432	5,271	5,620
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,951	11,302	11,817	12,105	12,398	12,661
Other States .....	9,364	8,739	9,253	9,240	9,225	9,133
United States .....	181,822	179,271	185,234	187,562	188,721	190,988

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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