



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 7, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.6 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 7, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through October 7, 2023 for the United States were 7.48 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					
	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,626	33,307	32,935	33,563	32,901	32,700
Arkansas .....	24,358	22,170	22,782	23,565	23,063	22,881
Delaware .....	5,722	5,753	5,274	5,581	5,347	5,300
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	35,659	35,363	35,479	34,671	34,431	34,857
Kentucky .....	6,812	6,259	6,103	6,688	6,464	6,772
Louisiana .....	3,548	3,245	3,517	3,408	3,391	3,578
Maryland .....	7,877	8,064	7,879	8,066	8,067	7,879
Mississippi .....	16,260	15,816	16,550	16,917	16,336	15,219
Missouri .....	7,767	8,681	8,613	8,798	8,793	8,740
North Carolina .....	22,827	22,557	22,535	23,262	23,157	23,000
Oklahoma .....	6,453	6,666	6,701	6,055	6,661	6,318
Pennsylvania .....	7,345	7,264	7,269	6,803	6,961	7,265
South Carolina .....	5,673	5,880	6,000	6,027	6,051	5,953
Texas .....	17,491	17,982	17,907	17,736	18,119	17,900
Virginia .....	5,871	5,865	5,847	5,867	5,782	5,655
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,987	13,521	12,430	13,212	12,502	12,956
Other States .....	12,508	12,403	11,557	11,410	12,293	11,856
United States .....	234,009	232,021	230,603	232,854	231,544	230,054

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

State	Week ending					
	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,943	23,949	24,290	23,684	23,783	23,362
Arkansas .....	20,258	19,634	20,598	20,655	19,052	20,802
Delaware .....	6,630	5,834	4,683	4,782	5,537	5,120
Florida .....	1,292	1,152	1,006	1,210	1,315	1,018
Georgia .....	27,889	27,958	27,641	28,255	27,692	28,140
Kentucky .....	5,144	5,300	5,201	4,963	5,062	4,358
Louisiana .....	2,947	2,892	2,830	2,839	2,637	3,031
Maryland .....	4,442	5,950	6,596	6,706	6,032	6,064
Mississippi .....	13,402	13,547	13,636	13,004	12,793	13,326
Missouri .....	5,921	5,497	5,163	6,031	6,007	5,111
North Carolina .....	19,694	19,150	19,062	18,460	18,636	18,148
Oklahoma .....	5,489	5,736	5,324	3,890	4,145	3,945
Pennsylvania .....	4,849	4,713	4,866	4,832	4,781	4,904
South Carolina .....	4,102	4,303	5,889	4,624	4,979	5,202
Texas .....	14,562	14,729	14,852	14,082	14,422	14,338
Virginia .....	5,551	4,853	5,068	4,728	4,461	4,393
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,966	12,255	11,814	11,786	11,556	11,170
Other States .....	9,700	9,678	9,818	9,876	9,556	9,314
United States .....	187,781	187,130	188,337	184,407	182,446	181,746

## 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.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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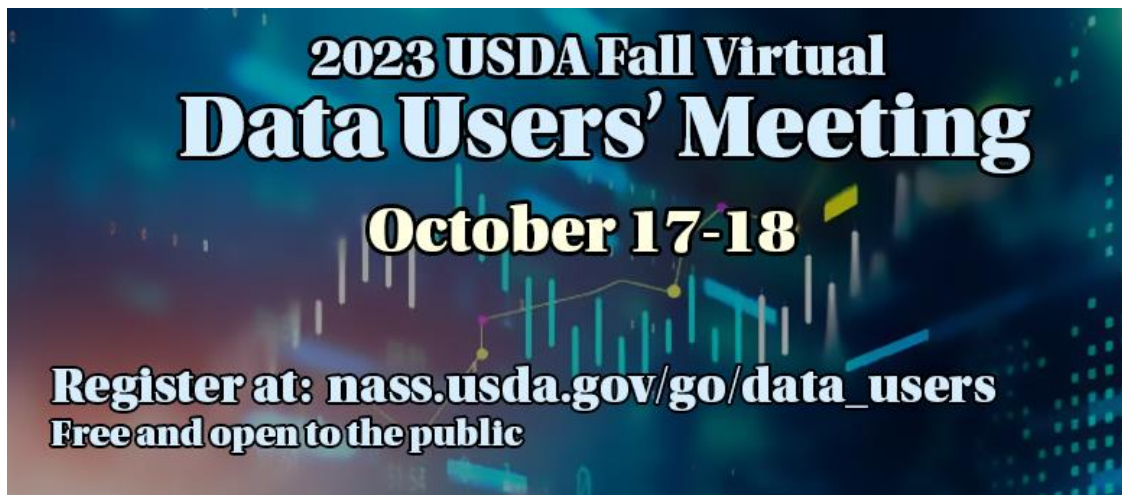
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**Virtual Meeting**  
**October 17 & 18, 2023**  
**12:00 – 3:00 pm ET**

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will hold a virtual meeting for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2023 Fall Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies – Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board – and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Representatives will provide agency updates, answer questions, and listen to concerns from data users.

**Abbreviated Agenda**

Day 1 – October 17

Agency Updates– *All agencies*

Focus on the 2022 Census of Agriculture - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

The Use of Weather Information In Producing the WASDE - *World Agricultural Outlook Board*

NASS Historical Revisions and Estimating Program Review - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

AMS Data Visualizations - *Agricultural Marketing Service*

Day 2 – October 18

Open Forum – *All agencies*

ERS Feed Grains Database: A comprehensive look at this valuable resource – *Economic Research Service*

Understanding Publicly Available Data from USDA-Risk Management Agency – *Risk Management Agency*

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