



# 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 21, 2023, down 3 percent 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 Down 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 21, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through October 21, 2023 for the United States were 7.84 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 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,935	32,968	31,958	32,516	32,260	32,230
Arkansas .....	22,782	23,061	23,430	22,781	23,072	23,393
Delaware .....	5,274	5,581	5,347	5,300	5,279	5,247
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	0	914	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	35,479	34,234	34,431	34,880	34,694	35,017
Kentucky .....	6,103	6,496	6,734	6,772	6,745	6,696
Louisiana .....	3,517	3,578	3,578	3,578	3,563	3,517
Maryland .....	7,879	8,066	8,067	7,879	7,698	8,071
Mississippi .....	16,550	16,917	16,336	15,219	15,089	16,354
Missouri .....	8,613	8,803	8,517	8,740	8,835	8,081
North Carolina .....	22,785	23,745	23,008	21,922	22,335	22,041
Oklahoma .....	6,701	6,634	6,676	6,344	6,342	6,326
Pennsylvania .....	7,269	6,622	6,961	7,309	7,239	7,323
South Carolina .....	6,000	6,027	6,051	5,919	5,926	6,118
Texas .....	17,907	17,857	17,862	16,665	16,388	16,671
Virginia .....	5,847	5,842	5,352	5,655	5,564	5,735
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,404	12,442	11,712	13,401	13,678	13,246
Other States .....	11,545	11,411	12,294	11,958	12,005	12,210
United States .....	230,815	231,509	228,314	227,752	227,937	229,501

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

State	Week ending					
	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,290	23,684	23,783	23,497	23,786	23,259
Arkansas .....	20,598	20,655	19,052	20,807	20,353	20,067
Delaware .....	4,683	4,782	5,537	5,120	4,457	4,080
Florida .....	1,006	1,210	1,315	1,018	1,281	0
Georgia .....	27,641	28,255	27,692	28,516	26,968	26,726
Kentucky .....	5,201	4,963	5,062	4,411	4,746	4,740
Louisiana .....	2,830	2,839	2,785	3,031	3,028	2,814
Maryland .....	6,596	6,706	6,032	6,118	6,621	6,102
Mississippi .....	13,636	13,004	12,793	13,387	13,453	13,152
Missouri .....	5,163	6,031	6,007	5,111	5,011	5,331
North Carolina .....	19,062	18,460	18,636	18,317	19,363	19,109
Oklahoma .....	5,324	3,890	4,145	3,945	4,629	4,797
Pennsylvania .....	4,866	4,832	4,781	4,904	4,393	4,473
South Carolina .....	5,889	4,634	4,979	4,865	4,469	4,363
Texas .....	14,852	14,082	14,422	14,339	14,616	14,459
Virginia .....	5,068	4,728	4,461	4,392	5,136	5,240
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,814	11,786	11,556	11,237	11,079	10,352
Other States .....	9,816	9,876	9,556	9,332	9,055	9,818
United States .....	188,335	184,417	182,594	182,347	182,444	178,882

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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