



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 244 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 3, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 3, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through June 3, 2023 for the United States were 4.11 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	April 29, 2023	May 6, 2023	May 13, 2023	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	June 3, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,228	34,295	33,775	34,186	33,814	34,900
Arkansas	25,139	25,001	24,878	24,865	24,791	25,030
Delaware	5,440	5,430	5,433	5,445	5,435	5,437
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,506	36,143	36,070	36,023	35,579	36,035
Kentucky	6,787	6,727	6,610	6,222	6,337	6,306
Louisiana	3,531	3,548	3,500	3,502	3,500	3,439
Maryland	8,081	8,092	8,089	8,090	8,090	8,088
Mississippi	16,301	16,815	15,978	16,559	16,917	16,707
Missouri	10,129	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,000
North Carolina	24,809	25,231	24,615	25,292	25,301	25,368
Oklahoma	7,668	7,585	7,591	7,633	7,437	7,514
Pennsylvania	6,763	6,625	6,966	6,849	6,800	7,096
South Carolina	5,533	5,555	5,653	5,635	5,567	5,760
Texas	18,773	19,019	19,014	18,733	18,498	18,656
Virginia	5,879	5,879	5,895	5,910	5,910	5,909
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,474	12,992	13,279	13,536	13,669	13,858
Other States	12,965	12,330	12,922	12,787	12,286	12,682
United States	242,231	242,592	241,593	242,592	241,256	244,010

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

State	Week ending					
	April 29, 2023	May 6, 2023	May 13, 2023	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	June 3, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,539	24,254	24,000	23,842	24,029	23,475
Arkansas	22,188	20,971	21,078	21,188	22,313	21,036
Delaware	4,614	5,149	5,126	5,210	4,595	4,895
Florida	1,283	1,283	1,189	1,273	1,155	1,260
Georgia	27,582	26,894	26,642	27,192	27,652	27,906
Kentucky	5,147	5,585	5,683	5,552	5,992	5,866
Louisiana	3,035	2,990	3,020	3,006	2,971	2,749
Maryland	6,365	6,033	5,332	5,017	5,379	5,702
Mississippi	12,792	12,832	13,070	12,830	13,412	12,768
Missouri	5,750	6,557	6,619	6,234	6,324	6,980
North Carolina	18,645	19,071	19,259	19,481	19,531	19,123
Oklahoma	4,618	4,716	4,752	5,216	4,091	4,589
Pennsylvania	4,547	4,318	4,376	4,429	4,295	4,568
South Carolina	4,598	4,775	4,426	4,466	4,173	4,471
Texas	14,382	14,461	14,418	14,850	14,865	15,105
Virginia	5,040	4,947	5,676	5,735	5,837	5,701
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,830	11,487	12,700	12,185	12,083	11,476
Other States	9,029	9,026	9,468	9,566	8,986	9,557
United States	185,984	185,349	186,834	187,272	187,683	187,227

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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