



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 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 16, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through September 16, 2023 for the United States were 6.93 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 12, 2023	August 19, 2023	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,939	34,051	34,127	33,479	33,549	33,848
Arkansas	24,530	24,122	24,073	24,803	23,016	23,767
Delaware	5,578	5,721	5,627	5,722	5,753	5,607
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,400	35,503	35,643	35,730	35,359	35,597
Kentucky	6,612	6,625	6,866	6,701	6,589	6,769
Louisiana	3,517	3,517	3,517	3,548	3,059	3,331
Maryland	8,066	8,065	8,066	7,877	8,064	7,879
Mississippi	16,806	16,988	16,957	16,260	15,847	16,344
Missouri	9,565	8,813	8,863	9,714	8,678	8,740
North Carolina	24,161	23,739	23,970	23,190	22,175	22,652
Oklahoma	7,291	7,049	7,169	7,412	6,736	6,757
Pennsylvania	7,458	7,185	7,303	7,345	7,195	7,329
South Carolina	5,765	5,968	5,910	5,673	5,880	5,876
Texas	18,080	18,435	18,430	17,733	17,746	17,853
Virginia	5,803	5,849	5,864	5,785	5,835	5,831
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,334	13,076	13,748	12,841	13,351	13,328
Other States	12,472	12,500	12,383	12,508	12,380	11,995
United States	239,602	238,431	239,741	237,546	232,437	234,728

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

State	Week ending					
	August 12, 2023	August 19, 2023	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,341	25,018	25,035	23,931	23,945	24,291
Arkansas	22,612	20,640	20,205	20,258	19,634	20,634
Delaware	5,310	4,793	5,135	6,630	5,834	4,250
Florida	1,236	1,304	1,273	1,292	1,152	1,006
Georgia	27,933	26,544	26,423	27,889	27,958	27,641
Kentucky	5,427	5,776	5,351	5,144	5,300	5,201
Louisiana	2,856	2,526	2,525	2,947	2,892	2,830
Maryland	5,207	5,993	5,584	4,442	5,950	6,871
Mississippi	14,109	13,480	13,789	13,402	13,547	13,627
Missouri	5,524	5,966	6,132	5,921	5,497	5,163
North Carolina	19,104	19,655	19,417	19,694	19,150	19,062
Oklahoma	3,911	5,417	5,982	5,489	5,736	5,324
Pennsylvania	4,895	4,898	4,838	4,849	4,716	4,863
South Carolina	5,209	4,878	5,305	4,102	4,279	5,861
Texas	14,927	14,385	14,997	14,562	14,729	14,852
Virginia	5,386	5,067	5,454	5,551	4,847	5,069
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,056	11,542	11,553	11,966	12,255	11,862
Other States	9,646	9,630	9,440	9,700	9,680	9,840
United States	188,689	187,512	188,438	187,769	187,101	188,247

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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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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