



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 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 30, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 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 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 30, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through December 30, 2023 for the United States were 9.67 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 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023	December 23, 2023	December 30, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,677	34,033	34,140	34,154	34,207	34,369
Arkansas	24,415	24,531	24,267	24,531	24,456	24,267
Delaware	5,118	5,107	4,900	4,917	5,062	4,815
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	36,254	36,033	35,578	35,958	36,022	35,837
Kentucky	6,826	6,974	6,504	6,799	6,941	6,777
Louisiana	3,344	3,594	3,594	3,563	3,502	3,532
Maryland	8,062	8,065	8,064	8,065	8,001	7,954
Mississippi	16,960	16,733	16,581	17,186	17,036	17,322
Missouri	8,734	8,844	8,827	8,746	8,585	8,547
North Carolina	24,959	25,110	24,348	25,316	25,139	25,126
Oklahoma	6,992	7,167	6,551	6,403	6,402	6,490
Pennsylvania	7,120	7,664	7,109	7,479	7,750	7,391
South Carolina	5,894	5,978	5,967	6,253	6,242	6,225
Texas	18,064	18,874	18,092	18,472	18,321	18,835
Virginia	5,799	5,951	5,919	5,835	5,838	5,836
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,056	14,745	13,035	13,587	13,602	13,443
Other States	11,956	12,039	11,936	12,064	12,098	12,010
United States	239,455	242,667	236,637	240,553	240,429	240,001

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

State	Week ending					
	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023	December 23, 2023	December 30, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,557	22,502	23,979	24,470	24,562	24,775
Arkansas	21,210	21,190	21,645	21,106	21,383	20,613
Delaware	5,625	3,322	4,528	4,519	4,845	4,494
Florida	1,074	1,076	1,149	1,153	1,158	1,275
Georgia	27,500	28,850	27,683	28,860	28,931	26,682
Kentucky	5,398	5,217	5,920	5,639	5,630	5,416
Louisiana	2,428	2,951	2,974	2,696	2,865	2,679
Maryland	5,002	5,081	5,864	5,910	5,854	5,560
Mississippi	13,465	13,429	13,493	13,494	13,384	13,220
Missouri	5,059	5,403	4,568	5,382	5,841	5,344
North Carolina	18,804	20,771	20,347	19,955	20,623	19,620
Oklahoma	3,692	4,843	4,641	4,539	3,874	4,311
Pennsylvania	4,356	4,900	4,571	4,922	5,183	4,643
South Carolina	5,172	5,076	5,099	4,611	4,212	5,409
Texas	13,480	14,202	14,324	14,571	15,112	14,082
Virginia	5,408	5,351	5,432	5,271	5,819	4,933
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,302	11,193	12,105	12,398	12,692	11,573
Other States	8,739	9,253	9,240	9,225	9,136	9,102
United States	179,271	184,610	187,562	188,721	191,104	183,731

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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