



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 24, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.6 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 24, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through June 24, 2023 for the United States were 4.68 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					
	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	June 3, 2023	June 10, 2023	June 17, 2023	June 24, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,186	34,370	34,924	34,648	34,264	34,587
Arkansas	24,865	24,791	25,030	25,305	24,838	25,525
Delaware	5,445	5,435	5,437	5,436	5,437	5,438
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	36,329	36,127	36,428	35,895	35,906	35,543
Kentucky	6,743	6,858	6,827	6,304	6,413	6,860
Louisiana	3,502	3,500	3,139	3,500	3,502	3,501
Maryland	8,090	8,090	8,088	8,090	8,092	8,090
Mississippi	16,812	16,917	16,707	16,700	16,813	16,359
Missouri	10,100	10,100	10,000	10,100	10,052	9,999
North Carolina	25,292	25,301	25,368	25,314	24,964	25,105
Oklahoma	7,633	7,640	7,805	7,784	7,433	7,156
Pennsylvania	6,849	7,079	7,115	7,166	7,071	7,214
South Carolina	5,635	5,567	5,742	6,056	5,820	5,670
Texas	18,733	18,988	18,656	18,339	18,103	18,933
Virginia	5,910	6,348	5,909	5,910	6,121	5,895
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,536	13,439	13,349	13,592	13,959	13,724
Other States	12,787	12,286	12,714	12,809	12,960	12,831
United States	243,672	244,061	244,463	244,173	242,973	243,655

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

State	Week ending					
	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	June 3, 2023	June 10, 2023	June 17, 2023	June 24, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,788	23,984	23,373	23,645	24,622	24,472
Arkansas	20,994	22,449	21,320	20,831	22,368	21,128
Delaware	5,210	4,595	4,895	5,008	5,362	4,819
Florida	1,273	1,155	1,260	1,261	1,306	1,293
Georgia	27,192	27,652	27,952	28,332	28,355	28,483
Kentucky	5,662	5,728	5,730	5,817	5,515	5,871
Louisiana	3,006	2,971	2,749	2,926	3,006	2,640
Maryland	5,084	5,345	5,708	5,612	4,671	5,353
Mississippi	12,830	13,395	12,795	13,219	13,275	13,224
Missouri	6,433	6,697	6,980	6,162	6,204	6,006
North Carolina	19,481	19,303	19,205	19,086	19,727	20,030
Oklahoma	5,211	3,582	4,339	5,363	4,121	5,568
Pennsylvania	4,429	4,291	4,583	4,502	4,608	4,597
South Carolina	4,466	4,417	4,757	5,531	5,265	4,604
Texas	14,850	14,865	15,058	14,771	15,119	14,550
Virginia	5,668	5,871	5,702	5,720	6,183	5,879
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,967	12,142	11,360	12,092	11,137	11,302
Other States	9,727	9,233	9,733	9,383	9,088	9,386
United States	187,271	187,675	187,499	189,261	189,932	189,205

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.

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