



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 November 11, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.5 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 11, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through November 11, 2023 for the United States were 8.37 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					
	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,667	32,487	32,177	32,250	31,545	31,459
Arkansas	22,615	21,386	21,106	23,070	21,746	22,326
Delaware	5,300	5,279	5,297	5,154	5,355	5,090
Florida	914	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,188	34,371	34,961	34,466	33,497	34,306
Kentucky	6,344	6,349	6,014	6,391	5,959	6,059
Louisiana	3,578	3,563	3,517	3,563	2,928	3,593
Maryland	7,879	7,698	8,071	8,065	8,065	8,066
Mississippi	15,219	15,089	16,354	15,470	16,612	16,397
Missouri	8,740	8,773	7,993	8,328	8,398	8,740
North Carolina	21,922	22,380	22,230	24,074	23,604	23,715
Oklahoma	5,876	5,873	6,353	6,279	5,991	7,721
Pennsylvania	7,270	7,221	7,157	6,769	6,998	7,238
South Carolina	5,919	5,926	6,093	6,213	5,982	6,264
Texas	16,877	16,388	16,656	18,463	16,972	18,035
Virginia	5,655	5,594	5,735	5,765	5,360	5,579
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,316	13,678	12,707	13,583	12,274	12,387
Other States	11,737	12,005	12,181	12,057	11,384	11,967
United States	227,016	225,285	225,827	231,185	223,895	230,167

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

State	Week ending					
	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,607	23,936	23,217	23,322	23,505	23,390
Arkansas	21,257	20,372	20,443	19,015	18,934	18,483
Delaware	5,120	4,457	4,080	5,697	4,505	5,903
Florida	1,018	1,281	0	1,085	1,207	1,337
Georgia	28,516	26,968	26,780	26,455	26,543	26,631
Kentucky	4,867	5,376	5,195	5,077	5,022	4,985
Louisiana	3,031	3,028	2,814	2,709	2,410	2,385
Maryland	5,456	6,070	5,524	4,840	5,708	4,223
Mississippi	13,387	13,453	13,230	12,052	12,096	13,220
Missouri	5,293	5,395	5,331	5,273	5,315	4,847
North Carolina	18,317	19,363	18,935	18,495	18,139	17,944
Oklahoma	3,312	3,926	4,441	4,526	3,584	4,262
Pennsylvania	4,904	4,402	4,408	4,736	4,621	4,786
South Carolina	4,865	4,452	4,398	4,916	4,698	4,908
Texas	14,339	14,916	14,409	13,609	13,430	13,801
Virginia	5,054	5,686	5,795	4,931	5,392	5,699
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,877	10,739	10,133	11,735	12,005	11,394
Other States	9,236	8,746	9,779	9,176	9,409	9,293
United States	182,456	182,566	178,912	177,649	176,523	177,491

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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