



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 17, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 17, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through June 17, 2023 for the United States were 4.49 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 13, 2023	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	June 3, 2023	June 10, 2023	June 17, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,775	34,186	34,370	34,924	34,648	34,264
Arkansas	24,878	24,865	24,791	25,030	25,309	24,806
Delaware	5,433	5,445	5,435	5,437	5,436	5,437
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	36,070	36,329	36,127	36,124	35,895	35,848
Kentucky	6,610	6,743	6,858	6,506	6,349	6,363
Louisiana	3,500	3,502	3,500	3,139	3,500	3,502
Maryland	8,089	8,090	8,090	8,088	8,090	8,092
Mississippi	15,978	16,812	16,917	16,707	16,700	16,813
Missouri	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,000	10,100	10,052
North Carolina	24,615	25,292	25,301	25,368	25,316	24,879
Oklahoma	7,591	7,633	7,640	7,745	7,784	7,433
Pennsylvania	6,966	6,849	6,979	7,115	7,166	7,071
South Carolina	5,653	5,635	5,567	5,742	6,056	5,820
Texas	19,014	18,733	18,988	18,656	18,591	18,444
Virginia	5,895	5,910	6,348	5,909	5,910	6,121
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,289	13,306	13,669	13,349	13,322	13,369
Other States	12,922	12,787	12,286	12,714	12,809	12,960
United States	241,603	243,442	244,191	243,778	244,206	242,499

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

State	Week ending					
	May 13, 2023	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	June 3, 2023	June 10, 2023	June 17, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,962	23,788	23,984	23,373	23,645	24,622
Arkansas	21,877	20,994	22,449	21,320	20,831	22,368
Delaware	5,126	5,210	4,595	4,895	5,008	5,362
Florida	1,189	1,273	1,155	1,260	1,261	1,306
Georgia	26,642	27,192	27,652	27,952	28,332	28,325
Kentucky	5,746	5,662	5,728	5,730	5,817	5,515
Louisiana	3,020	3,006	2,971	2,749	2,926	2,939
Maryland	5,384	5,084	5,345	5,708	5,612	4,671
Mississippi	13,070	12,830	13,395	12,795	13,219	13,275
Missouri	6,619	6,433	6,697	6,980	6,162	6,204
North Carolina	19,259	19,481	19,303	19,205	19,036	19,718
Oklahoma	3,952	5,211	3,582	4,339	5,363	4,121
Pennsylvania	4,376	4,429	4,291	4,583	4,502	4,608
South Carolina	4,426	4,466	4,417	4,757	5,531	5,265
Texas	14,418	14,850	14,865	15,058	14,764	15,119
Virginia	5,624	5,668	5,871	5,702	5,720	6,183
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,566	11,967	12,142	11,360	11,894	11,201
Other States	9,577	9,727	9,233	9,733	9,383	9,088
United States	186,833	187,271	187,675	187,499	189,006	189,890

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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