



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 4 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 9, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.4 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 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 9, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through December 9, 2023 for the United States were 9.10 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 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	31,284	31,930	32,104	32,933	32,541	31,984
Arkansas .....	23,436	24,146	23,962	23,912	24,363	24,131
Delaware .....	5,355	4,873	4,897	5,118	5,107	5,087
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	33,874	35,320	35,394	35,558	34,691	33,598
Kentucky .....	6,609	6,059	6,104	6,979	6,781	6,625
Louisiana .....	2,928	3,593	3,578	3,594	3,594	3,594
Maryland .....	8,065	8,066	8,065	8,062	8,065	8,064
Mississippi .....	16,612	16,397	16,934	16,960	16,733	16,733
Missouri .....	8,208	8,815	8,433	8,448	8,844	8,469
North Carolina .....	24,052	24,078	24,604	24,838	24,868	24,162
Oklahoma .....	6,430	7,607	7,444	6,992	7,167	6,567
Pennsylvania .....	6,933	7,173	7,159	7,225	7,239	7,128
South Carolina .....	5,982	6,264	6,186	5,894	5,978	5,967
Texas .....	16,851	17,672	17,311	18,519	18,526	17,032
Virginia .....	5,360	5,609	5,783	5,768	6,251	5,419
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,320	12,233	13,760	13,968	14,435	13,336
Other States .....	11,480	12,039	12,159	12,110	12,067	11,931
United States .....	227,004	233,099	235,102	238,103	238,475	231,052

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

State	Week ending					
	November 4, 2023	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,486	23,574	22,806	21,549	21,418	22,930
Arkansas .....	18,934	18,483	20,877	21,210	21,180	21,785
Delaware .....	4,505	5,838	5,346	5,625	3,322	4,528
Florida .....	1,207	1,337	1,317	1,074	1,076	1,149
Georgia .....	26,543	26,631	27,323	27,500	27,875	26,444
Kentucky .....	5,022	5,001	5,581	5,468	5,076	5,095
Louisiana .....	2,677	2,652	3,051	2,428	2,951	2,974
Maryland .....	5,708	4,107	4,357	5,002	5,081	5,864
Mississippi .....	12,096	13,220	12,519	13,465	13,429	13,509
Missouri .....	5,315	4,847	5,978	5,059	5,403	4,568
North Carolina .....	18,139	17,944	20,009	18,804	20,771	20,351
Oklahoma .....	3,584	4,262	3,367	3,692	4,843	4,641
Pennsylvania .....	4,621	4,738	4,125	4,365	4,908	4,578
South Carolina .....	4,698	4,906	4,567	5,231	5,062	5,052
Texas .....	13,430	13,801	14,665	13,480	14,202	14,373
Virginia .....	5,392	5,769	5,762	5,362	5,352	5,428
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,005	11,253	10,951	11,302	11,197	12,071
Other States .....	9,409	9,283	9,364	8,735	9,230	9,237
United States .....	176,771	177,646	181,965	179,351	182,376	184,577

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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