



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 229 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 14, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.7 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 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 14, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through October 14, 2023 for the United States were 7.66 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					
	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,307	32,935	32,968	32,901	32,205	32,260
Arkansas	22,170	22,782	23,061	22,863	22,781	22,877
Delaware	5,753	5,274	5,581	5,347	5,300	5,434
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	0	914	1,225
Georgia	35,363	35,479	34,234	34,431	34,880	34,431
Kentucky	6,259	6,103	6,496	6,464	6,772	6,745
Louisiana	3,245	3,517	3,578	3,578	3,578	3,577
Maryland	8,064	7,879	8,066	8,067	7,879	7,698
Mississippi	15,816	16,550	16,917	16,336	15,219	15,089
Missouri	8,681	8,613	8,803	8,793	8,740	8,835
North Carolina	22,557	22,785	23,745	23,157	21,922	22,335
Oklahoma	6,666	6,701	6,634	6,661	6,344	6,342
Pennsylvania	7,264	7,269	6,622	6,961	7,309	7,083
South Carolina	5,880	6,000	6,027	6,051	5,919	5,926
Texas	17,982	17,907	17,857	18,119	17,900	18,000
Virginia	5,865	5,847	5,842	5,782	5,655	5,564
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,521	12,404	12,442	12,502	13,401	13,130
Other States	12,403	11,545	11,411	12,293	11,958	12,005
United States	232,021	230,815	231,509	230,306	228,676	228,556

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

State	Week ending					
	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,949	24,290	23,684	23,783	23,357	23,799
Arkansas	19,634	20,598	20,655	19,052	20,807	20,353
Delaware	5,834	4,683	4,782	5,537	5,120	5,083
Florida	1,152	1,006	1,210	1,315	1,018	1,281
Georgia	27,958	27,641	28,255	27,692	28,516	27,187
Kentucky	5,300	5,201	4,963	5,062	4,411	4,746
Louisiana	2,892	2,830	2,839	2,785	3,031	2,993
Maryland	5,950	6,596	6,706	6,032	6,118	6,185
Mississippi	13,547	13,636	13,004	12,793	13,387	13,453
Missouri	5,497	5,163	6,031	6,007	5,111	5,011
North Carolina	19,150	19,062	18,460	18,636	18,317	19,363
Oklahoma	5,736	5,324	3,890	4,145	3,945	4,629
Pennsylvania	4,713	4,866	4,832	4,781	4,904	4,393
South Carolina	4,303	5,889	4,634	4,979	4,865	4,469
Texas	14,729	14,852	14,082	14,422	14,339	14,616
Virginia	4,853	5,068	4,728	4,461	4,392	5,136
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,255	11,814	11,786	11,556	11,237	11,054
Other States	9,678	9,816	9,876	9,556	9,332	9,055
United States	187,130	188,335	184,417	182,594	182,207	182,806

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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