



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 16, 2023, up slightly 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 16, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through December 16, 2023 for the United States were 9.30 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 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,835	32,628	33,209	33,705	33,148	33,791
Arkansas .....	24,146	23,962	24,415	24,363	24,131	24,531
Delaware .....	4,873	4,897	4,618	5,107	5,087	4,917
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	35,733	36,481	35,858	35,891	35,878	35,624
Kentucky .....	6,962	6,658	6,947	6,960	6,560	6,799
Louisiana .....	3,593	3,578	3,594	3,594	3,594	3,563
Maryland .....	8,066	8,065	8,062	8,065	8,064	8,065
Mississippi .....	16,397	16,934	16,960	16,733	16,781	16,986
Missouri .....	8,815	8,433	8,734	8,844	8,469	8,746
North Carolina .....	24,078	25,104	24,959	24,868	24,162	25,316
Oklahoma .....	7,607	7,444	6,992	7,167	7,567	6,403
Pennsylvania .....	7,173	7,159	7,120	7,716	7,109	7,491
South Carolina .....	6,264	6,186	5,894	5,978	5,967	6,253
Texas .....	17,672	17,811	18,064	18,526	18,092	19,052
Virginia .....	5,609	5,783	5,799	6,251	6,119	6,235
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,933	13,760	14,318	14,435	14,534	13,878
Other States .....	12,039	12,159	11,956	12,067	11,931	12,084
United States .....	236,020	238,267	238,724	241,495	238,418	240,959

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

State	Week ending					
	November 11, 2023	November 18, 2023	November 25, 2023	December 2, 2023	December 9, 2023	December 16, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,574	22,806	21,557	22,502	23,979	24,067
Arkansas .....	18,483	20,877	21,210	21,180	21,785	21,089
Delaware .....	5,838	5,346	5,625	3,322	4,528	4,519
Florida .....	1,337	1,317	1,074	1,076	1,149	1,153
Georgia .....	26,631	27,323	27,500	28,850	27,683	28,494
Kentucky .....	4,436	5,438	5,398	5,217	5,920	5,647
Louisiana .....	2,652	3,051	2,428	2,951	2,974	2,696
Maryland .....	4,107	4,357	5,002	5,081	5,864	5,910
Mississippi .....	13,220	12,519	13,465	13,429	13,493	13,490
Missouri .....	4,847	5,978	5,059	5,403	4,568	5,377
North Carolina .....	17,944	20,009	18,804	20,771	20,347	19,942
Oklahoma .....	4,262	3,367	3,692	4,843	4,641	4,539
Pennsylvania .....	4,738	4,125	4,356	4,900	4,571	4,896
South Carolina .....	4,906	4,567	5,172	5,076	5,099	4,611
Texas .....	13,801	14,665	13,480	14,202	14,324	14,571
Virginia .....	5,769	5,762	5,408	5,351	5,432	5,217
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,253	10,951	11,302	11,817	12,062	12,387
Other States .....	9,283	9,364	8,739	9,253	9,240	9,228
United States .....	177,081	181,822	179,271	185,224	187,659	187,833

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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