



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 13, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.9 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 Up 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 13, 2024 for the United States were 2.81 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2024

State	Week ending					
	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024	April 13, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,951	35,297	35,037	35,073	34,791	35,055
Arkansas .....	25,202	24,488	25,569	25,196	25,284	25,727
Delaware .....	5,574	5,583	5,559	5,573	5,489	5,544
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	36,223	36,290	36,248	36,111	36,366	36,103
Kentucky .....	7,967	8,085	8,141	7,777	8,105	8,128
Louisiana .....	3,548	3,563	3,624	3,624	3,624	3,655
Maryland .....	8,063	8,064	8,061	8,065	8,061	8,063
Mississippi .....	17,405	17,552	17,685	17,279	17,320	17,523
Missouri .....	8,861	8,957	8,944	8,373	8,981	8,990
North Carolina .....	25,239	25,257	25,191	25,143	24,690	25,742
Oklahoma .....	6,309	6,424	6,048	6,260	5,970	5,700
Pennsylvania .....	7,876	7,829	7,447	7,773	7,937	7,969
South Carolina .....	5,970	6,331	6,233	6,146	6,048	6,312
Texas .....	19,391	19,346	19,185	19,186	19,275	19,284
Virginia .....	5,664	5,698	5,508	5,363	5,417	5,734
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,995	14,040	14,008	13,910	13,990	13,900
Other States .....	12,009	12,408	12,513	12,369	11,936	12,267
United States .....	244,472	246,437	246,226	244,446	244,509	246,921

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2024

State	Week ending					
	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024	March 23, 2024	March 30, 2024	April 6, 2024	April 13, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	25,485	24,217	24,675	23,717	25,495	24,162
Arkansas .....	21,554	21,490	22,057	22,144	21,690	20,329
Delaware .....	4,574	5,070	4,830	5,017	5,719	5,191
Florida .....	1,330	1,414	1,401	1,390	1,253	1,239
Georgia .....	26,697	27,929	27,479	27,942	28,168	28,167
Kentucky .....	5,600	6,006	5,816	5,614	6,070	5,996
Louisiana .....	2,836	2,820	2,890	2,836	2,756	2,880
Maryland .....	6,558	6,352	5,984	5,383	5,796	5,437
Mississippi .....	13,781	13,638	13,434	13,272	13,681	13,491
Missouri .....	5,425	5,522	5,806	5,207	5,122	5,529
North Carolina .....	19,729	19,451	19,237	19,637	19,916	19,707
Oklahoma .....	3,170	3,646	3,679	3,979	3,833	5,039
Pennsylvania .....	4,965	4,791	4,694	4,777	4,999	4,736
South Carolina .....	5,399	4,842	4,944	4,811	4,722	5,122
Texas .....	14,520	14,591	14,743	14,430	14,798	14,886
Virginia .....	5,128	5,151	4,860	6,108	5,310	5,258
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,339	12,634	12,766	12,474	11,597	13,207
Other States .....	9,144	9,030	8,937	9,099	9,272	9,393
United States .....	188,234	188,594	188,232	187,837	190,197	189,769

## 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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