



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 30, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.6 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 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 30, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through September 30, 2023 for the United States were 7.30 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					
	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,127	33,626	33,307	33,500	33,574	32,882
Arkansas	24,073	24,358	22,170	23,967	23,565	23,063
Delaware	5,627	5,722	5,753	5,274	5,581	5,556
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,643	35,659	35,363	35,597	34,671	34,431
Kentucky	6,866	6,812	6,259	6,769	6,688	6,464
Louisiana	3,517	3,408	3,245	3,517	3,578	3,578
Maryland	8,066	7,877	8,064	7,879	8,066	8,067
Mississippi	16,957	16,260	15,816	16,550	16,917	16,336
Missouri	8,863	8,868	8,681	8,741	8,798	8,793
North Carolina	23,970	22,827	22,681	22,652	23,262	23,157
Oklahoma	7,169	6,453	6,666	6,257	6,125	6,554
Pennsylvania	7,303	7,345	7,264	7,295	6,803	6,961
South Carolina	5,910	5,673	5,880	5,876	6,027	6,047
Texas	18,430	17,491	17,982	17,953	17,736	18,119
Virginia	5,864	5,871	5,865	5,831	5,867	5,782
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,748	13,014	13,497	13,220	13,235	13,038
Other States	12,383	12,508	12,403	11,995	11,332	12,210
United States	239,741	234,997	232,121	234,098	233,050	232,263

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

State	Week ending					
	August 26, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 16, 2023	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,032	23,943	23,949	24,290	23,684	23,783
Arkansas	20,205	20,258	19,634	20,598	20,635	19,038
Delaware	5,135	6,630	5,834	4,683	4,782	5,892
Florida	1,273	1,292	1,152	1,006	1,210	1,315
Georgia	26,423	27,889	27,958	27,641	28,258	27,760
Kentucky	5,351	5,144	5,300	5,201	4,927	5,009
Louisiana	2,525	2,947	2,892	2,830	2,839	2,652
Maryland	5,584	4,442	5,950	6,596	6,721	6,102
Mississippi	13,789	13,402	13,547	13,636	13,078	12,749
Missouri	6,132	5,921	5,497	5,163	6,031	6,007
North Carolina	19,417	19,694	19,150	19,062	18,434	18,647
Oklahoma	5,982	5,489	5,736	5,324	3,890	4,145
Pennsylvania	4,838	4,849	4,713	4,866	4,832	4,781
South Carolina	5,305	4,102	4,303	5,889	4,641	4,989
Texas	14,997	14,562	14,729	14,852	14,071	14,457
Virginia	5,454	5,551	4,853	5,068	4,728	4,461
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,553	11,966	12,255	11,814	11,786	11,500
Other States	9,440	9,700	9,678	9,818	9,876	9,556
United States	188,435	187,781	187,130	188,337	184,423	182,843

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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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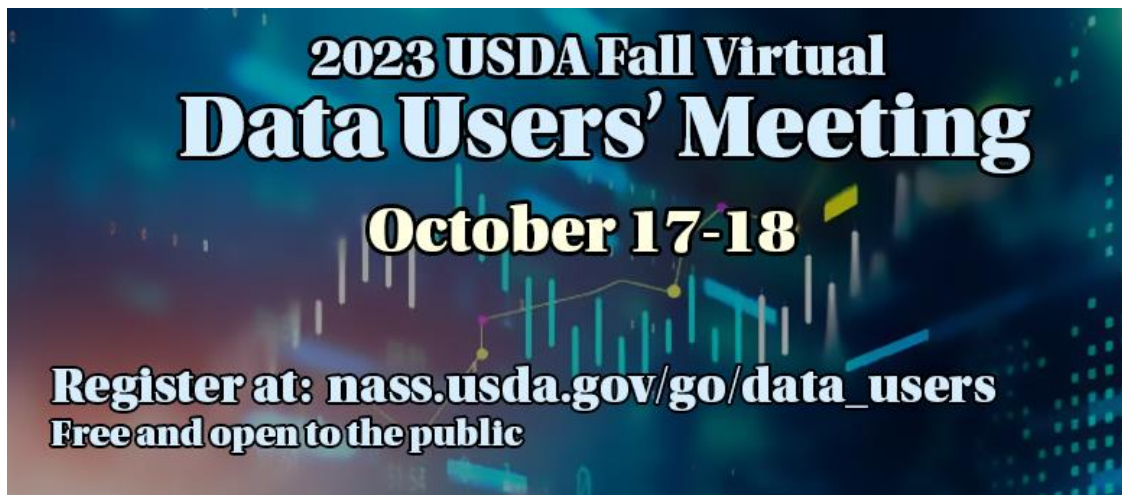
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Virtual Meeting
October 17 & 18, 2023
12:00 – 3:00 pm ET

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will hold a virtual meeting for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2023 Fall Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies – Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board – and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Representatives will provide agency updates, answer questions, and listen to concerns from data users.

Abbreviated Agenda

Day 1 – October 17

Agency Updates– *All agencies*

Focus on the 2022 Census of Agriculture - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

The Use of Weather Information In Producing the WASDE - *World Agricultural Outlook Board*

NASS Historical Revisions and Estimating Program Review - *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

AMS Data Visualizations - *Agricultural Marketing Service*

Day 2 – October 18

Open Forum – *All agencies*

ERS Feed Grains Database: A comprehensive look at this valuable resource – *Economic Research Service*

Understanding Publicly Available Data from USDA-Risk Management Agency – *Risk Management Agency*

For registration details or additional information about the Data Users' Meeting, see the meeting page on the NASS website (https://www.nass.usda.gov/go/data_users).