



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 3, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 3, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through February 3, 2024 for the United States were 932 million. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023 and 2024

State	Week ending					
	December 30, 2023	January 6, 2024	January 13, 2024	January 20, 2024	January 27, 2024	February 3, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,359	34,128	34,534	34,524	34,274	34,782
Arkansas	24,275	24,810	24,713	24,508	24,781	24,449
Delaware	4,815	5,023	5,165	5,222	5,495	5,440
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,496	35,184	35,635	36,143	35,612	36,308
Kentucky	6,903	6,942	7,027	6,768	6,779	6,785
Louisiana	3,532	3,532	3,516	3,396	3,594	3,562
Maryland	7,954	7,979	7,977	7,977	7,978	8,066
Mississippi	17,327	17,394	17,394	17,367	17,231	17,200
Missouri	8,483	8,496	8,062	8,584	8,593	8,161
North Carolina	25,130	24,885	25,124	24,947	24,644	24,969
Oklahoma	5,970	5,018	4,168	5,129	5,950	4,653
Pennsylvania	7,494	8,086	8,497	8,081	8,055	8,177
South Carolina	5,826	6,161	6,218	6,188	6,121	6,016
Texas	18,230	17,561	18,234	18,302	18,831	18,760
Virginia	5,836	5,824	5,797	5,756	5,701	5,578
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,868	13,048	13,647	13,325	13,216	13,211
Other States	11,961	12,181	12,329	12,028	11,997	12,241
United States	238,684	237,477	239,262	239,470	240,077	239,583

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2023 and 2024

State	Week ending					
	December 30, 2023	January 6, 2024	January 13, 2024	January 20, 2024	January 27, 2024	February 3, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,688	23,193	24,657	23,764	23,668	23,908
Arkansas	20,575	21,321	21,650	22,073	21,218	19,802
Delaware	4,494	4,561	4,414	4,955	5,304	5,648
Florida	1,275	1,354	1,320	881	1,239	1,229
Georgia	26,426	27,151	27,282	28,451	26,983	27,796
Kentucky	5,368	5,659	5,099	5,316	5,417	5,357
Louisiana	2,679	2,890	2,735	2,680	2,889	2,898
Maryland	5,558	4,901	5,460	4,886	5,562	5,115
Mississippi	13,424	14,116	14,153	14,116	14,277	14,286
Missouri	5,344	5,269	5,286	5,706	5,285	4,973
North Carolina	19,733	20,521	20,251	19,759	19,278	19,507
Oklahoma	4,311	3,814	2,766	2,144	3,281	3,534
Pennsylvania	4,643	4,944	4,854	4,983	5,567	5,557
South Carolina	5,365	5,183	4,826	4,407	5,045	4,785
Texas	14,084	14,642	14,784	14,481	13,751	14,568
Virginia	4,933	6,725	6,358	6,256	4,803	5,509
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,578	12,029	11,882	11,869	12,449	11,924
Other States	9,065	9,295	9,339	9,186	9,395	9,280
United States	183,543	187,568	187,116	185,913	185,411	185,676

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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