



# 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 224 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 4, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.1 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 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 4, 2023, down 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through November 4, 2023 for the United States were 8.20 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 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	31,901	32,667	32,487	32,415	32,250	31,685
Arkansas .....	23,430	22,615	21,386	21,861	23,070	21,746
Delaware .....	5,347	5,300	5,279	5,247	5,154	5,355
Florida .....	0	914	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,431	35,188	34,471	34,972	34,566	33,497
Kentucky .....	6,734	6,344	6,349	6,596	6,291	5,959
Louisiana .....	3,578	3,578	3,563	3,517	3,563	2,928
Maryland .....	8,067	7,879	7,698	8,071	8,065	8,065
Mississippi .....	16,336	15,219	15,089	16,354	15,470	16,612
Missouri .....	8,793	8,740	8,773	7,763	8,328	8,398
North Carolina .....	23,054	21,922	22,380	22,041	24,074	23,604
Oklahoma .....	6,676	5,876	5,873	6,371	6,279	5,991
Pennsylvania .....	6,961	7,270	7,221	7,260	6,769	7,127
South Carolina .....	6,051	5,919	5,926	6,093	6,213	5,982
Texas .....	17,862	16,877	16,388	16,414	18,463	16,972
Virginia .....	5,382	5,655	5,594	5,735	5,765	5,360
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,712	13,316	13,678	13,339	13,583	12,568
Other States .....	12,294	11,737	12,102	12,270	12,057	11,384
United States .....	228,609	227,016	225,482	227,544	231,185	224,458

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

State	Week ending					
	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023	November 4, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,783	23,607	23,936	23,217	23,322	23,547
Arkansas .....	19,357	21,257	20,372	20,443	19,015	18,934
Delaware .....	5,537	5,120	4,457	4,080	5,697	4,505
Florida .....	1,315	1,018	1,281	0	1,085	1,207
Georgia .....	27,692	28,516	26,968	26,780	26,455	26,543
Kentucky .....	5,257	4,867	5,376	5,195	5,077	5,022
Louisiana .....	2,785	3,031	3,028	2,814	2,709	2,410
Maryland .....	5,450	5,456	6,070	5,524	4,840	5,708
Mississippi .....	12,793	13,387	13,453	13,230	12,052	12,096
Missouri .....	6,007	5,293	5,395	5,331	5,273	5,315
North Carolina .....	18,636	18,317	19,363	18,935	18,495	18,139
Oklahoma .....	3,840	3,312	3,926	4,441	4,526	3,584
Pennsylvania .....	4,781	4,904	4,402	4,408	4,736	4,657
South Carolina .....	4,979	4,865	4,452	4,398	4,916	4,695
Texas .....	14,422	14,339	14,916	14,409	13,609	13,430
Virginia .....	5,043	5,054	5,686	5,795	4,931	5,392
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,406	10,877	10,739	10,133	11,735	12,078
Other States .....	9,510	9,236	8,746	9,779	9,176	9,502
United States .....	182,593	182,456	182,566	178,912	177,649	176,764

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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