



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 January 27, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.6 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 27, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through January 27, 2024 for the United States were 746 million. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 23, 2023	December 30, 2023	January 6, 2024	January 13, 2024	January 20, 2024	January 27, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,307	34,359	34,128	34,262	34,524	34,274
Arkansas	24,058	24,275	24,810	24,189	24,508	24,781
Delaware	5,062	4,815	5,023	5,165	5,222	5,448
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	36,128	35,496	35,184	35,740	36,143	35,616
Kentucky	6,911	6,903	6,942	6,900	6,768	6,842
Louisiana	3,502	3,532	3,532	3,516	3,396	3,594
Maryland	7,800	7,954	7,979	7,977	7,977	7,977
Mississippi	17,065	17,327	17,394	17,393	17,367	17,231
Missouri	8,709	8,483	8,496	8,590	8,584	8,593
North Carolina	25,139	25,130	24,885	25,228	24,947	24,990
Oklahoma	6,077	5,970	6,272	6,134	6,003	5,950
Pennsylvania	7,750	7,494	8,086	7,939	8,090	8,055
South Carolina	6,214	5,826	6,161	6,218	6,188	6,121
Texas	18,276	18,230	17,561	18,068	18,302	18,831
Virginia	5,838	5,836	5,824	5,797	5,756	5,701
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,501	13,868	13,048	13,841	13,325	13,434
Other States	12,037	11,891	12,111	12,259	11,958	11,927
United States	239,599	238,614	238,661	240,441	240,283	240,590

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

State	Week ending					
	December 23, 2023	December 30, 2023	January 6, 2024	January 13, 2024	January 20, 2024	January 27, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,510	24,688	23,193	24,657	23,764	23,668
Arkansas	21,415	20,575	21,321	21,650	22,073	21,418
Delaware	4,845	4,494	4,561	4,414	4,955	4,916
Florida	1,158	1,275	1,354	1,320	881	1,239
Georgia	28,750	26,426	27,151	27,282	28,451	26,932
Kentucky	5,687	5,368	5,659	5,099	5,316	5,448
Louisiana	2,865	2,679	2,890	2,735	2,680	2,889
Maryland	5,805	5,558	4,901	5,460	4,886	5,701
Mississippi	13,337	13,424	14,116	14,153	14,116	14,277
Missouri	5,841	5,344	5,269	5,286	5,706	5,285
North Carolina	20,576	19,708	20,496	20,226	19,734	19,364
Oklahoma	3,874	4,311	3,814	2,766	2,144	3,594
Pennsylvania	5,183	4,643	4,944	4,854	4,969	5,522
South Carolina	4,204	5,365	5,183	4,826	4,375	4,884
Texas	15,218	14,084	14,642	14,784	14,481	13,751
Virginia	5,819	4,933	6,725	6,358	6,256	4,990
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,692	11,578	12,029	11,882	11,870	12,480
Other States	9,136	9,065	9,295	9,339	9,200	9,423
United States	190,915	183,518	187,543	187,091	185,857	185,781

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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