



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 28, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.3 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 28, 2023, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through October 28, 2023 for the United States were 8.02 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 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,968	31,958	32,516	32,260	32,230	32,246
Arkansas .....	23,061	23,430	22,730	23,072	22,789	23,470
Delaware .....	5,581	5,347	5,300	5,279	5,247	5,154
Florida .....	1,225	0	914	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,234	34,431	35,070	34,794	35,117	34,454
Kentucky .....	6,496	6,734	6,455	6,745	6,696	6,291
Louisiana .....	3,578	3,578	3,578	3,563	3,517	3,563
Maryland .....	8,066	8,067	7,879	7,698	8,071	8,065
Mississippi .....	16,917	16,336	15,219	15,089	16,354	15,982
Missouri .....	8,803	8,517	8,455	8,735	8,081	8,328
North Carolina .....	23,745	23,008	21,922	22,335	22,041	23,590
Oklahoma .....	6,634	6,676	5,876	6,342	6,326	6,221
Pennsylvania .....	6,622	6,961	7,309	7,260	7,260	6,759
South Carolina .....	6,027	6,051	5,919	5,926	6,232	6,232
Texas .....	17,857	17,862	16,861	16,388	16,671	18,177
Virginia .....	5,842	5,352	5,655	5,564	5,735	5,765
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,442	11,712	13,256	13,678	13,317	13,349
Other States .....	11,411	12,294	11,737	12,005	12,210	11,902
United States .....	231,509	228,314	226,651	227,958	229,119	230,773

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

State	Week ending					
	September 23, 2023	September 30, 2023	October 7, 2023	October 14, 2023	October 21, 2023	October 28, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,684	23,783	23,497	23,786	23,241	23,272
Arkansas .....	20,655	19,052	20,807	20,353	20,067	18,852
Delaware .....	4,782	5,537	5,120	4,457	4,080	5,697
Florida .....	1,210	1,315	1,018	1,281	0	1,085
Georgia .....	28,255	27,692	28,516	26,968	26,726	26,455
Kentucky .....	4,963	5,062	4,411	4,746	4,740	4,687
Louisiana .....	2,839	2,785	3,031	3,028	2,814	2,709
Maryland .....	6,706	6,032	6,118	6,621	6,102	5,448
Mississippi .....	13,004	12,793	13,387	13,453	13,152	12,153
Missouri .....	6,031	6,007	5,111	5,011	5,331	5,273
North Carolina .....	18,460	18,636	18,317	19,363	19,020	18,354
Oklahoma .....	3,890	4,145	3,945	4,629	4,797	4,710
Pennsylvania .....	4,832	4,781	4,904	4,402	4,408	4,686
South Carolina .....	4,634	4,979	4,865	4,452	4,401	4,955
Texas .....	14,082	14,422	14,339	14,616	14,459	13,732
Virginia .....	4,728	4,461	4,392	5,136	5,152	4,292
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,786	11,556	11,237	11,079	10,433	12,107
Other States .....	9,876	9,556	9,332	9,036	9,796	9,270
United States .....	184,417	182,594	182,347	182,417	178,719	177,737

## 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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