



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 243 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 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 Up 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through March 9, 2024 for the United States were 1.86 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	February 3, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 17, 2024	February 24, 2024	March 2, 2024	March 9, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,979	34,899	35,122	35,128	35,260	34,318
Arkansas .....	24,678	24,606	24,990	25,325	25,193	25,096
Delaware .....	5,483	5,566	5,618	5,538	5,620	5,574
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	36,225	36,050	36,228	36,183	36,001	36,237
Kentucky .....	6,853	6,788	7,138	8,134	7,732	8,062
Louisiana .....	3,562	3,557	3,503	3,471	3,533	3,548
Maryland .....	8,065	8,066	8,066	8,061	8,050	8,063
Mississippi .....	17,200	17,262	17,412	17,469	17,458	17,296
Missouri .....	8,656	8,692	8,535	8,797	8,833	8,705
North Carolina .....	25,283	25,195	25,074	24,948	24,223	24,937
Oklahoma .....	5,396	5,467	5,698	5,366	5,338	5,125
Pennsylvania .....	7,421	7,702	7,822	7,594	7,932	7,930
South Carolina .....	6,016	6,290	6,252	6,088	6,082	5,970
Texas .....	19,764	19,268	19,352	19,282	19,311	19,376
Virginia .....	5,578	5,594	5,667	5,667	5,664	5,664
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,862	13,994	13,592	13,910	13,623	13,649
Other States .....	11,840	11,893	12,036	11,859	11,863	11,909
United States .....	242,086	242,114	243,330	244,045	242,941	242,684

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

State	Week ending					
	February 3, 2024	February 10, 2024	February 17, 2024	February 24, 2024	March 2, 2024	March 9, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,605	24,273	24,080	24,471	24,659	25,746
Arkansas .....	20,162	20,989	20,455	19,927	20,713	21,554
Delaware .....	6,003	4,520	5,226	4,632	5,539	4,574
Florida .....	1,229	962	1,105	1,317	1,243	1,330
Georgia .....	27,785	28,488	27,940	28,018	26,914	26,390
Kentucky .....	5,400	5,328	5,342	5,376	5,352	5,600
Louisiana .....	2,898	2,751	2,979	2,930	2,888	2,836
Maryland .....	4,603	6,219	6,152	5,874	6,389	6,558
Mississippi .....	13,588	13,385	13,431	13,369	13,462	13,781
Missouri .....	5,202	4,928	5,236	5,491	5,476	5,425
North Carolina .....	19,551	19,515	19,516	19,794	20,367	19,729
Oklahoma .....	3,834	3,885	3,773	4,329	3,883	3,170
Pennsylvania .....	4,963	4,939	5,062	4,569	4,999	4,966
South Carolina .....	4,707	4,835	4,475	4,586	4,265	5,370
Texas .....	14,548	14,377	14,928	14,660	14,489	14,520
Virginia .....	5,681	5,550	4,939	5,288	4,669	5,132
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,937	11,425	11,355	12,280	12,839	12,347
Other States .....	9,300	9,090	9,077	8,874	8,901	9,133
United States .....	185,996	185,459	185,071	185,785	187,047	188,161

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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