



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 28, 2024, up 4 percent 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 28, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through December 28, 2024 for the United States were 9.84 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	November 23, 2024	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	December 28, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,016	35,506	34,833	34,717	35,573	35,436
Arkansas .....	26,030	26,154	25,655	25,906	25,996	26,044
Delaware .....	5,250	5,430	5,442	5,436	5,437	5,472
Florida .....	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,945	34,911	34,028	34,625	35,204	34,895
Kentucky .....	7,878	8,090	7,353	7,806	8,016	7,977
Louisiana .....	3,655	3,655	3,653	3,624	3,624	3,624
Maryland .....	8,094	8,095	8,095	8,094	8,094	8,094
Mississippi .....	18,142	18,107	18,174	18,081	18,066	18,081
Missouri .....	9,271	9,201	9,201	9,143	9,114	9,114
North Carolina .....	26,264	26,216	25,931	26,172	26,112	26,362
Oklahoma .....	5,965	6,182	5,199	5,770	6,022	6,061
Pennsylvania .....	8,068	8,032	8,348	8,248	8,138	7,731
South Carolina .....	6,110	5,939	5,733	5,735	6,089	6,280
Texas .....	19,500	20,104	18,625	19,307	19,536	19,569
Virginia .....	5,727	6,091	5,362	5,719	5,668	5,685
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,526	15,583	15,061	15,676	15,896	15,841
Other States .....	12,091	11,995	11,912	11,915	11,849	11,713
United States .....	248,755	250,516	243,827	247,196	249,659	249,204

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

State	Week ending					
	November 23, 2024	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	December 28, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,100	24,321	24,405	24,659	25,076	25,615
Arkansas .....	21,382	21,079	21,414	22,097	21,403	21,647
Delaware .....	4,221	4,315	4,199	5,481	4,223	4,393
Florida .....	1,397	1,240	1,290	1,194	1,310	1,304
Georgia .....	26,959	26,379	27,716	27,218	27,041	26,652
Kentucky .....	5,834	5,758	6,034	6,041	5,874	5,423
Louisiana .....	2,931	2,861	3,092	3,093	3,065	3,029
Maryland .....	5,982	6,193	6,491	6,094	6,242	5,687
Mississippi .....	13,026	14,215	14,469	14,689	14,608	14,532
Missouri .....	5,298	5,896	5,734	5,655	6,296	6,569
North Carolina .....	20,443	20,535	21,050	20,079	20,795	20,535
Oklahoma .....	3,306	4,191	4,328	3,961	4,005	2,842
Pennsylvania .....	5,032	5,158	5,487	5,222	5,290	4,967
South Carolina .....	4,202	4,415	4,973	6,096	5,142	4,978
Texas .....	15,565	14,463	15,247	15,373	15,288	14,405
Virginia .....	5,234	5,181	4,812	4,503	5,644	5,468
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	14,118	14,001	14,043	13,320	13,832	13,330
Other States .....	9,065	9,072	9,250	9,374	9,387	9,248
United States .....	188,095	189,273	194,034	194,149	194,521	190,624

## 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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