



Broiler Hatchery

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Special Note

Beginning with this publication, Other States will also include Florida and Louisiana.

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 248 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 4, 2025, up 4 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 4, 2025, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Week ending					
	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	December 28, 2024	January 4, 2025
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,506	35,044	35,791	35,377	35,092	35,319
Arkansas	26,154	25,655	25,874	25,996	26,044	26,090
Delaware	5,430	5,602	5,604	5,637	5,725	5,738
Florida	1,225	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,225	(NA)
Georgia	34,766	33,936	34,640	35,241	34,728	34,906
Kentucky	8,090	7,353	7,752	8,016	7,977	7,986
Louisiana	3,655	3,653	3,624	3,624	3,624	(NA)
Maryland	8,095	8,095	8,094	8,094	8,094	8,094
Mississippi	18,107	18,174	18,143	18,066	18,081	18,169
Missouri	9,201	9,201	9,112	9,114	9,114	9,097
North Carolina	26,216	25,931	26,068	26,112	26,362	26,190
Oklahoma	6,040	5,545	5,770	5,669	5,683	5,770
Pennsylvania	8,032	8,348	8,248	8,138	7,731	8,115
South Carolina	5,939	5,953	5,735	6,191	6,054	5,894
Texas	20,104	18,962	18,913	19,415	19,056	19,259
Virginia	6,091	5,362	5,719	5,668	5,685	5,691
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,583	15,061	15,019	15,040	15,564	15,202
Other States	11,995	11,912	11,915	11,918	11,620	16,655
United States	250,229	245,009	247,243	248,541	247,459	248,175

(NA) Not available

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Week ending					
	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024	December 28, 2024	January 4, 2025
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,321	24,405	24,659	25,076	25,633	26,141
Arkansas	21,079	21,414	22,097	21,373	21,617	22,163
Delaware	4,635	4,585	5,885	4,647	4,866	4,476
Florida	1,240	1,290	1,194	1,312	1,299	(NA)
Georgia	26,379	27,716	27,218	27,169	26,649	26,370
Kentucky	5,758	6,034	6,041	5,874	5,423	5,726
Louisiana	2,861	3,092	3,093	3,065	3,029	(NA)
Maryland	5,934	6,247	5,849	6,084	5,447	6,290
Mississippi	14,215	14,469	14,689	14,680	14,516	14,327
Missouri	5,896	5,734	5,655	6,296	6,569	5,444
North Carolina	20,535	21,050	20,079	20,973	20,251	20,529
Oklahoma	4,191	4,328	3,961	4,005	2,842	3,527
Pennsylvania	5,158	5,487	5,222	5,290	4,967	5,401
South Carolina	4,415	4,973	6,096	5,142	4,958	5,154
Texas	14,463	15,247	15,373	15,306	14,736	14,663
Virginia	5,181	4,812	4,503	5,644	5,468	5,174
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,001	14,043	13,320	13,269	13,307	13,090
Other States	9,072	9,250	9,374	9,387	9,248	13,415
United States	189,334	194,176	194,308	194,592	190,825	191,890

(NA) Not available

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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