



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 5, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 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 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through October 5, 2024 for the United States were 7.57 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,338	35,210	34,253	35,034	35,156	32,875
Arkansas	25,454	25,249	23,554	25,366	25,588	24,318
Delaware	5,475	4,956	4,916	4,662	5,085	4,949
Florida	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,395	35,299	33,528	34,678	34,622	33,672
Kentucky	8,003	7,876	7,758	7,952	7,450	6,834
Louisiana	3,655	3,655	3,313	3,655	3,590	3,484
Maryland	8,093	7,965	7,909	8,044	8,047	7,872
Mississippi	17,660	17,157	16,294	16,797	17,322	18,233
Missouri	8,996	9,008	9,074	8,872	8,874	9,114
North Carolina	24,831	24,691	24,620	24,472	25,212	24,785
Oklahoma	6,284	6,079	5,832	6,173	6,150	6,108
Pennsylvania	7,794	7,701	7,626	7,726	7,582	7,275
South Carolina	6,279	5,818	5,684	5,874	6,286	5,941
Texas	19,017	18,784	17,683	18,511	18,897	19,117
Virginia	5,550	5,397	5,558	5,612	5,609	5,436
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,841	15,688	15,572	15,500	16,108	15,794
Other States	11,952	11,811	11,785	11,544	11,438	11,170
United States	246,842	243,568	236,184	241,697	244,241	238,202

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

State	Week ending					
	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,784	24,802	24,326	24,630	24,969	23,897
Arkansas	21,464	20,567	21,815	22,004	20,514	18,956
Delaware	4,958	4,813	4,783	5,597	5,105	5,197
Florida	1,367	1,338	1,325	1,398	1,461	1,161
Georgia	27,855	28,156	28,914	28,249	27,666	26,366
Kentucky	6,029	6,188	6,022	6,037	5,971	5,932
Louisiana	2,980	3,072	3,116	2,906	3,050	2,776
Maryland	5,911	6,130	6,081	5,820	5,622	5,183
Mississippi	13,612	13,679	13,729	13,981	13,777	12,681
Missouri	5,786	6,170	5,272	5,112	5,463	6,150
North Carolina	20,778	20,750	20,398	19,969	19,779	19,757
Oklahoma	4,267	3,877	3,727	3,766	4,711	4,243
Pennsylvania	4,869	5,164	5,169	4,954	5,045	5,012
South Carolina	5,158	4,510	4,537	4,472	4,360	4,705
Texas	15,456	15,588	15,500	15,293	14,744	13,932
Virginia	5,234	4,900	5,231	4,469	4,728	5,019
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,688	13,639	13,429	14,009	13,810	13,734
Other States	9,359	9,406	9,330	9,425	9,249	9,288
United States	193,555	192,749	192,704	192,091	190,024	183,989

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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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Virtual Meeting
October 15 & 16, 2024
Starting at 12:00 pm ET

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Abbreviated Agenda

Day 1 – October 15

Agency Updates– *All agencies*

2022 Census of Agriculture Results- *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

LMR Live Cattle Data Dashboard - *Agricultural Marketing Service*

Day 2 – October 16

Open Forum – *All agencies*

ERS' Cotton, Wool, and Textile Data: An Overview – *Economic Research Service*

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