



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 7 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 12, 2024, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 12, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through October 12, 2024 for the United States were 7.76 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,210	34,253	35,081	35,153	32,873	35,050
Arkansas .....	25,249	23,554	23,872	25,588	24,318	24,426
Delaware .....	4,956	4,916	4,662	5,085	4,949	5,049
Florida .....	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	35,299	33,528	34,504	34,622	33,654	34,880
Kentucky .....	7,876	7,758	7,889	7,450	6,828	7,860
Louisiana .....	3,655	3,313	3,655	3,590	3,484	3,484
Maryland .....	7,965	7,909	8,044	8,047	7,881	7,878
Mississippi .....	17,157	16,294	17,262	17,322	17,054	16,758
Missouri .....	9,008	9,074	8,827	8,874	9,114	8,973
North Carolina .....	24,691	24,620	24,152	25,212	24,766	24,434
Oklahoma .....	6,079	5,832	6,173	6,150	6,108	4,989
Pennsylvania .....	7,701	7,626	7,726	7,582	7,442	7,691
South Carolina .....	5,818	5,684	5,874	6,286	5,942	6,002
Texas .....	18,784	17,683	18,693	18,897	19,117	18,939
Virginia .....	5,397	5,558	5,582	5,609	5,436	5,619
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,688	15,552	14,617	16,108	15,858	15,657
Other States .....	11,811	11,785	11,544	11,311	11,216	11,958
United States .....	243,568	236,164	239,382	244,111	237,265	240,872

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

State	Week ending					
	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,802	24,325	24,616	24,972	23,905	24,974
Arkansas .....	20,567	21,815	22,004	20,514	18,956	19,683
Delaware .....	4,813	4,783	5,597	5,105	5,304	5,188
Florida .....	1,338	1,325	1,398	1,461	1,161	1,300
Georgia .....	28,156	28,914	28,249	27,666	26,536	26,788
Kentucky .....	6,188	6,022	6,037	5,971	5,909	5,855
Louisiana .....	3,072	3,116	2,906	3,050	2,776	3,020
Maryland .....	6,130	6,081	5,820	5,622	4,517	4,664
Mississippi .....	13,679	13,729	13,981	13,777	12,681	13,653
Missouri .....	6,290	5,272	5,112	5,463	6,150	5,521
North Carolina .....	20,750	20,398	19,969	19,779	19,718	19,508
Oklahoma .....	3,877	3,727	3,766	4,711	4,243	4,521
Pennsylvania .....	5,164	5,169	4,954	5,045	5,098	5,281
South Carolina .....	4,510	4,537	4,472	4,360	4,901	4,556
Texas .....	15,588	15,500	15,293	14,744	13,932	15,102
Virginia .....	4,900	5,231	4,469	4,728	5,339	4,999
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,639	13,429	14,009	13,810	13,651	13,085
Other States .....	9,406	9,330	9,425	9,249	9,295	9,040
United States .....	192,869	192,703	192,077	190,027	184,072	186,738

## 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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