



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 8 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 19, 2024, up 8 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 19, 2024, up 6 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through October 19, 2024 for the United States were 7.95 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 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,253	35,081	35,246	32,443	34,997	34,918
Arkansas	23,554	23,872	25,228	24,318	24,426	24,844
Delaware	4,916	4,662	5,085	4,949	5,049	5,048
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	33,528	34,504	34,623	33,362	35,030	35,104
Kentucky	7,758	7,889	7,487	6,828	7,860	7,965
Louisiana	3,313	3,655	3,590	3,484	3,484	3,608
Maryland	7,909	8,044	8,047	7,881	7,878	8,047
Mississippi	16,294	17,262	17,555	17,054	16,758	16,550
Missouri	9,074	8,827	8,916	9,092	8,973	8,902
North Carolina	24,620	24,152	25,208	24,766	24,434	24,271
Oklahoma	5,832	6,173	6,150	6,189	4,980	4,989
Pennsylvania	7,626	7,726	7,582	7,442	7,691	8,219
South Carolina	5,684	5,874	6,286	5,971	6,254	6,317
Texas	17,683	18,693	19,200	19,382	19,209	18,669
Virginia	5,558	5,582	5,639	5,436	5,619	5,756
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,552	14,617	16,234	15,896	15,765	16,204
Other States	11,785	11,544	11,311	11,108	11,514	11,610
United States	236,164	239,382	244,612	236,826	241,146	242,246

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

State	Week ending					
	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,325	24,616	24,972	23,796	24,304	25,260
Arkansas	21,815	22,004	20,514	18,956	19,683	21,091
Delaware	4,783	5,597	5,105	5,304	5,188	5,149
Florida	1,325	1,398	1,461	1,193	1,322	1,239
Georgia	28,914	28,249	27,666	26,368	27,918	26,680
Kentucky	6,022	6,037	5,971	5,909	5,855	5,672
Louisiana	3,116	2,906	3,050	2,776	3,020	2,917
Maryland	6,081	5,820	5,622	4,595	4,732	5,169
Mississippi	13,729	13,981	13,777	12,758	13,895	14,147
Missouri	5,272	5,112	5,463	6,150	5,521	5,380
North Carolina	20,398	19,969	19,779	19,488	19,405	20,505
Oklahoma	3,727	3,766	4,711	4,243	4,521	4,263
Pennsylvania	5,169	4,954	5,045	5,098	5,281	4,892
South Carolina	4,537	4,472	4,360	4,901	4,549	4,267
Texas	15,500	15,293	14,744	14,000	14,848	15,152
Virginia	5,231	4,469	4,728	5,339	4,999	5,120
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,429	14,009	13,810	13,651	12,647	14,414
Other States	9,330	9,425	9,249	9,295	9,040	8,795
United States	192,703	192,077	190,027	183,820	186,728	190,112

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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