



# 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 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 2, 2024, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 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 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 2, 2024, up 6 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through November 2, 2024 for the United States were 8.32 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					
	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,246	32,474	35,265	34,960	33,754	33,340
Arkansas .....	25,228	24,153	24,628	24,844	25,434	26,011
Delaware .....	5,085	4,949	5,049	5,048	5,215	5,162
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,623	33,362	35,031	34,915	33,755	33,495
Kentucky .....	7,487	7,209	8,051	7,965	7,967	7,746
Louisiana .....	3,590	3,484	3,484	3,608	3,484	3,484
Maryland .....	8,047	7,881	7,878	8,047	8,013	8,013
Mississippi .....	17,555	16,121	16,696	16,550	16,455	16,959
Missouri .....	8,916	8,696	9,093	8,902	8,420	8,838
North Carolina .....	25,208	24,908	24,112	24,271	25,597	25,049
Oklahoma .....	6,150	6,189	4,542	5,000	5,613	5,175
Pennsylvania .....	7,582	7,442	7,691	8,219	8,039	7,835
South Carolina .....	6,286	5,971	6,254	6,222	6,241	6,044
Texas .....	19,200	18,853	18,734	18,458	18,674	19,789
Virginia .....	5,639	6,018	5,131	5,756	5,778	5,688
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	16,234	15,896	16,018	16,287	15,837	16,313
Other States .....	11,311	11,108	11,774	11,695	11,698	11,707
United States .....	244,612	235,939	240,656	241,972	241,199	241,873

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

State	Week ending					
	September 28, 2024	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,972	23,796	24,304	25,260	22,602	24,339
Arkansas .....	20,514	18,956	19,683	21,126	21,154	21,210
Delaware .....	5,105	5,304	4,898	4,973	4,802	4,989
Florida .....	1,461	1,193	1,322	1,291	1,643	1,352
Georgia .....	27,666	26,368	27,918	26,638	26,462	26,453
Kentucky .....	5,971	5,909	5,855	5,672	5,500	5,975
Louisiana .....	3,050	2,776	3,020	2,917	2,912	2,908
Maryland .....	5,622	4,595	5,022	5,435	6,063	5,888
Mississippi .....	13,777	12,758	13,895	14,311	12,946	13,097
Missouri .....	5,463	6,150	5,521	5,380	5,720	6,592
North Carolina .....	19,779	19,488	19,405	20,588	20,389	19,865
Oklahoma .....	4,711	4,243	4,521	4,263	3,017	4,001
Pennsylvania .....	5,045	5,098	5,281	4,876	4,746	5,043
South Carolina .....	4,360	4,901	4,549	4,267	3,990	4,362
Texas .....	14,744	14,000	14,848	15,075	14,844	14,550
Virginia .....	4,728	5,339	4,999	5,120	4,976	4,400
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,810	13,651	12,647	14,403	12,917	14,223
Other States .....	9,249	9,295	9,040	8,795	8,771	9,168
United States .....	190,027	183,820	186,728	190,390	183,454	188,415

## 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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