



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 9, 2024, up 1 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 9, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through November 9, 2024 for the United States were 8.51 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					
	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024	November 9, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,474	35,265	35,181	33,854	33,553	34,112
Arkansas	24,946	24,102	24,858	25,434	25,285	25,013
Delaware	4,949	5,049	5,048	5,215	5,256	5,252
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	33,362	35,031	34,459	33,555	33,522	32,790
Kentucky	7,209	8,051	8,185	7,967	7,753	8,044
Louisiana	3,484	3,484	3,608	3,484	3,484	3,367
Maryland	7,881	7,878	8,047	8,013	8,095	8,094
Mississippi	16,121	16,696	16,550	16,455	17,495	17,734
Missouri	8,696	9,032	8,819	8,420	8,838	8,860
North Carolina	24,990	24,473	23,965	25,098	24,850	25,407
Oklahoma	6,189	4,542	4,562	5,213	5,432	4,703
Pennsylvania	7,442	7,691	8,219	8,039	7,835	7,874
South Carolina	5,971	6,254	6,222	6,241	6,030	5,584
Texas	18,853	18,734	18,458	18,674	19,948	18,245
Virginia	6,018	5,131	5,756	5,778	5,688	5,682
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,896	16,018	16,217	15,837	15,582	15,149
Other States	11,108	11,719	11,684	11,698	11,703	11,477
United States	236,814	240,375	241,063	240,200	241,574	238,612

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

State	Week ending					
	October 5, 2024	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024	November 9, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,796	24,304	25,260	22,502	24,916	24,471
Arkansas	18,956	19,683	21,576	21,414	20,011	21,208
Delaware	5,304	4,898	4,513	4,802	4,239	4,186
Florida	1,193	1,322	1,291	1,443	1,375	1,361
Georgia	26,368	27,918	26,638	26,420	26,563	27,086
Kentucky	5,909	5,855	5,672	5,500	6,034	6,134
Louisiana	2,776	3,020	2,917	2,912	2,908	2,891
Maryland	4,595	5,022	5,435	6,105	6,166	6,163
Mississippi	12,758	13,895	14,311	13,110	13,559	13,388
Missouri	6,150	5,521	5,380	5,720	6,592	5,368
North Carolina	19,516	19,347	20,639	20,501	19,465	19,507
Oklahoma	4,243	4,521	4,263	3,017	3,972	2,203
Pennsylvania	5,098	5,281	4,876	4,746	5,043	5,398
South Carolina	4,901	4,549	4,267	3,990	4,889	4,537
Texas	14,000	14,848	15,075	14,844	14,481	14,521
Virginia	5,339	4,999	5,120	4,591	5,020	5,244
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,651	12,647	14,403	13,017	14,215	13,778
Other States	9,295	9,040	8,795	8,731	9,174	9,046
United States	183,848	186,670	190,431	183,365	188,622	186,490

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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