



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 246 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 23, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.6 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 23, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through November 23, 2024 for the United States were 8.88 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 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024	November 9, 2024	November 16, 2024	November 23, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,181	33,645	33,069	34,112	35,086	34,203
Arkansas .....	24,188	25,471	25,068	25,013	25,694	25,182
Delaware .....	5,048	5,215	5,256	5,252	5,257	5,250
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223
Georgia .....	33,493	33,596	33,554	32,790	33,988	34,581
Kentucky .....	7,789	7,920	7,756	7,696	8,257	8,140
Louisiana .....	3,608	3,484	3,484	3,367	3,655	3,655
Maryland .....	8,047	8,017	8,095	8,094	8,092	8,094
Mississippi .....	16,488	17,326	16,749	17,734	17,719	17,365
Missouri .....	8,819	8,795	8,442	8,547	9,157	8,805
North Carolina .....	23,996	25,924	25,310	25,407	26,227	26,237
Oklahoma .....	4,058	5,583	5,840	4,703	5,332	5,935
Pennsylvania .....	8,116	8,065	7,835	7,874	8,285	8,068
South Carolina .....	6,222	6,241	6,030	5,584	6,211	6,110
Texas .....	18,443	19,279	20,076	18,245	19,888	19,183
Virginia .....	5,756	5,778	5,688	5,682	5,727	5,727
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,341	16,054	16,154	15,407	15,982	15,753
Other States .....	11,684	11,667	11,703	11,477	11,868	12,091
United States .....	237,502	243,285	241,334	238,209	247,650	245,602

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

State	Week ending					
	October 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024	November 9, 2024	November 16, 2024	November 23, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	25,260	21,802	24,967	24,553	24,868	22,867
Arkansas .....	21,576	21,414	20,011	20,908	21,804	21,360
Delaware .....	4,613	4,484	4,239	4,186	4,560	4,421
Florida .....	1,291	1,423	1,335	1,361	1,377	1,397
Georgia .....	26,638	26,389	26,563	26,486	25,785	26,133
Kentucky .....	5,672	5,562	6,034	5,813	5,844	5,834
Louisiana .....	2,917	2,912	2,908	2,891	2,942	2,931
Maryland .....	5,435	6,577	6,166	6,163	6,269	5,982
Mississippi .....	14,311	13,110	13,559	13,388	14,106	14,084
Missouri .....	5,380	5,720	6,592	5,368	5,433	5,298
North Carolina .....	20,639	19,913	19,453	19,507	20,870	20,443
Oklahoma .....	4,263	3,017	4,001	2,203	3,153	3,306
Pennsylvania .....	4,876	4,746	5,043	5,398	4,439	5,032
South Carolina .....	4,267	4,171	4,889	4,537	4,515	4,202
Texas .....	15,075	14,844	14,481	14,521	15,018	15,565
Virginia .....	5,120	4,869	5,020	5,144	4,869	5,234
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	14,403	13,020	14,248	13,245	14,338	14,137
Other States .....	8,795	8,733	9,141	9,046	9,082	9,065
United States .....	190,531	182,706	188,650	184,718	189,272	187,291

## 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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