



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 250 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 21, 2024, up 4 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 194 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through December 21, 2024 for the United States were 9.65 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					
	November 16, 2024	November 23, 2024	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,148	35,016	35,506	34,733	34,717	35,464
Arkansas	25,843	26,030	26,154	25,690	25,906	26,263
Delaware	5,257	5,250	5,430	5,442	5,436	5,437
Florida	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,222	1,222	1,225
Georgia	34,643	34,945	34,814	33,998	34,625	35,212
Kentucky	8,083	7,878	8,090	7,896	7,806	8,016
Louisiana	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,653	3,624	3,624
Maryland	8,092	8,094	8,095	8,095	8,094	8,094
Mississippi	17,749	18,142	18,107	18,111	18,081	18,066
Missouri	9,157	9,271	9,201	9,157	9,143	9,114
North Carolina	26,197	26,264	26,216	25,841	26,172	26,112
Oklahoma	5,770	5,965	6,182	5,199	5,770	6,022
Pennsylvania	8,326	8,068	8,032	8,411	8,248	8,138
South Carolina	6,211	6,110	5,939	5,733	5,735	6,089
Texas	19,925	19,500	20,104	19,181	19,307	19,521
Virginia	5,727	5,727	5,727	5,362	5,719	5,668
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,753	15,526	15,583	15,712	15,676	15,896
Other States	11,868	12,091	11,995	11,912	11,915	11,849
United States	248,629	248,755	250,055	245,348	247,196	249,810

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

State	Week ending					
	November 16, 2024	November 23, 2024	November 30, 2024	December 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	December 21, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,522	24,100	24,321	24,405	24,659	25,084
Arkansas	21,804	21,382	21,079	21,414	22,097	21,363
Delaware	4,560	4,421	4,315	4,199	5,481	4,223
Florida	1,277	1,397	1,240	1,290	1,194	1,310
Georgia	26,094	26,959	26,379	27,716	27,218	26,927
Kentucky	5,844	5,834	5,758	6,034	6,041	5,874
Louisiana	2,942	2,931	2,861	3,092	3,093	3,065
Maryland	6,269	5,982	6,193	6,491	6,094	6,242
Mississippi	14,106	13,026	14,215	14,469	14,689	14,579
Missouri	5,433	5,298	5,896	5,734	5,655	6,296
North Carolina	20,870	20,443	20,535	21,050	20,079	20,824
Oklahoma	3,153	3,306	4,191	4,328	3,961	4,005
Pennsylvania	4,439	5,032	5,158	5,487	5,222	5,290
South Carolina	4,513	4,202	4,415	4,973	6,096	5,142
Texas	15,018	15,565	14,463	15,247	15,373	15,345
Virginia	4,869	5,234	5,181	4,812	4,503	5,335
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,338	14,118	14,001	14,043	13,320	13,834
Other States	9,082	9,065	9,072	9,250	9,374	9,387
United States	189,133	188,295	189,273	194,034	194,149	194,125

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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