



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 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 1, 2022, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.3 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 1, 2022, up 6 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through October 1, 2022 for the United States were 7.36 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending					
	August 27, 2022	September 3, 2022	September 10, 2022	September 17, 2022	September 24, 2022	October 1, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,845	34,501	34,915	33,495	34,279	33,088
Arkansas	25,300	25,185	24,167	24,907	25,280	25,297
Delaware	5,053	4,777	4,773	4,699	4,628	4,729
Florida	1,209	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,604	35,283	35,377	34,899	35,143	35,088
Kentucky	6,714	6,890	6,279	6,922	6,971	6,545
Louisiana	3,577	3,562	3,472	3,411	3,407	2,917
Maryland	8,066	8,062	8,067	8,065	8,067	8,066
Mississippi	16,910	15,300	16,396	16,638	17,013	16,499
Missouri	9,605	9,621	9,730	9,604	9,710	9,313
North Carolina	26,186	25,999	25,020	25,177	25,945	23,847
Oklahoma	8,073	7,591	7,691	7,609	7,762	7,663
Pennsylvania	7,318	6,819	7,078	7,027	6,651	7,180
South Carolina	5,765	5,669	5,800	5,894	5,883	5,716
Texas	19,156	18,422	18,897	18,908	18,716	18,945
Virginia	6,861	6,247	6,616	6,861	6,639	6,623
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,870	13,746	12,346	12,941	13,655	13,535
Other States	12,287	12,102	12,510	11,875	12,111	12,576
United States	246,399	241,001	240,359	240,157	243,085	238,852

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending					
	August 27, 2022	September 3, 2022	September 10, 2022	September 17, 2022	September 24, 2022	October 1, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,888	25,599	24,718	25,666	25,672	25,875
Arkansas	22,420	22,323	21,914	22,970	22,078	21,212
Delaware	5,412	4,212	4,248	5,568	4,694	5,331
Florida	1,262	1,282	1,214	1,270	1,395	1,321
Georgia	27,754	27,101	28,411	28,192	26,346	26,411
Kentucky	5,012	5,819	5,468	5,820	5,730	5,573
Louisiana	2,971	3,022	3,053	3,153	3,166	3,133
Maryland	5,715	5,867	6,765	5,901	5,227	5,533
Mississippi	13,797	13,908	13,976	13,919	12,715	13,491
Missouri	6,229	6,565	6,462	6,703	6,528	6,176
North Carolina	20,122	19,865	20,257	19,979	18,791	18,823
Oklahoma	4,702	4,644	5,272	4,304	4,847	5,204
Pennsylvania	4,590	4,681	4,549	4,833	4,505	4,778
South Carolina	5,495	5,308	4,386	4,563	5,627	5,156
Texas	15,382	15,140	15,075	15,033	14,456	15,187
Virginia	6,254	7,085	5,817	5,817	5,928	5,574
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,642	11,574	12,696	11,499	11,391	10,561
Other States	9,401	9,762	9,688	9,055	9,296	9,891
United States	193,048	193,757	193,969	194,245	188,392	189,230

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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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