



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 19, 2022, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.1 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 Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 19, 2022, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through November 19, 2022 for the United States were 8.66 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	October 15, 2022	October 22, 2022	October 29, 2022	November 5, 2022	November 12, 2022	November 19, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,417	33,762	33,982	33,396	34,242	34,126
Arkansas .....	23,924	23,960	23,885	24,152	24,698	24,764
Delaware .....	4,593	4,566	4,939	5,180	5,148	5,123
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	35,321	35,205	33,962	34,167	35,515	35,923
Kentucky .....	6,316	6,877	6,917	5,934	6,131	6,285
Louisiana .....	3,441	3,532	3,396	3,516	3,214	3,516
Maryland .....	8,005	8,014	7,869	8,004	8,005	8,002
Mississippi .....	16,029	16,303	15,705	15,860	15,660	16,659
Missouri .....	9,632	9,351	8,573	9,033	9,926	9,905
North Carolina .....	24,956	24,590	23,690	23,717	23,831	25,359
Oklahoma .....	6,862	7,129	7,088	7,375	7,336	7,732
Pennsylvania .....	6,870	6,846	6,374	6,893	6,937	6,879
South Carolina .....	5,650	5,915	5,427	5,641	5,770	5,980
Texas .....	18,746	18,231	19,433	16,701	18,231	18,217
Virginia .....	6,785	6,757	6,538	6,444	6,451	4,691
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,058	12,675	13,140	12,997	13,041	13,092
Other States .....	12,589	12,343	13,131	12,721	12,843	12,824
United States .....	237,419	237,281	235,274	232,956	238,204	240,302

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

State	Week ending					
	October 15, 2022	October 22, 2022	October 29, 2022	November 5, 2022	November 12, 2022	November 19, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	25,558	23,762	25,103	23,349	24,221	24,250
Arkansas .....	22,725	23,021	20,698	20,962	20,581	20,596
Delaware .....	5,824	4,012	4,702	5,308	5,185	4,684
Florida .....	1,217	1,212	1,329	1,342	1,328	1,329
Georgia .....	25,322	25,996	26,858	26,946	26,744	26,160
Kentucky .....	5,480	5,442	5,600	5,102	5,176	5,429
Louisiana .....	3,135	2,617	2,676	2,786	3,002	2,953
Maryland .....	4,811	6,052	4,998	4,792	4,892	5,452
Mississippi .....	14,066	13,840	12,864	13,159	13,493	13,202
Missouri .....	6,758	6,538	7,329	6,981	6,217	5,602
North Carolina .....	20,371	19,469	18,077	19,311	19,577	19,267
Oklahoma .....	3,965	3,396	3,871	4,639	4,739	4,403
Pennsylvania .....	4,641	4,989	4,694	4,724	4,701	4,383
South Carolina .....	5,190	4,931	4,485	5,312	4,935	4,162
Texas .....	14,885	15,155	14,207	14,911	14,148	15,308
Virginia .....	5,997	6,534	6,133	6,336	6,142	5,925
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,886	11,100	11,401	11,482	11,378	10,785
Other States .....	8,856	9,589	9,328	9,424	9,276	9,706
United States .....	190,687	187,655	184,353	186,866	185,735	183,596

## 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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