



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 13, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 13, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through May 13, 2023 for the United States were 3.55 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	April 8, 2023	April 15, 2023	April 22, 2023	April 29, 2023	May 6, 2023	May 13, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,697	34,628	34,059	34,228	34,295	33,695
Arkansas	25,137	24,681	24,800	25,139	25,001	24,819
Delaware	5,428	5,438	5,428	5,440	5,430	5,433
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,834	35,480	34,437	35,302	35,938	35,864
Kentucky	6,522	6,140	6,550	6,268	6,142	6,213
Louisiana	3,532	3,532	3,532	3,531	3,548	3,500
Maryland	8,092	8,091	8,026	8,081	8,092	8,089
Mississippi	16,509	16,373	16,466	16,301	16,679	15,978
Missouri	10,067	10,128	10,130	10,129	10,100	10,100
North Carolina	23,777	24,666	25,140	24,809	25,231	24,672
Oklahoma	7,259	7,576	7,411	7,668	7,585	7,498
Pennsylvania	6,857	6,683	6,762	6,763	6,625	6,966
South Carolina	5,612	5,671	5,648	5,533	5,555	5,593
Texas	18,530	18,236	18,417	18,773	19,019	19,009
Virginia	5,877	5,866	5,866	5,879	5,879	5,895
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,310	13,367	13,937	13,474	12,992	13,170
Other States	12,411	12,484	12,881	12,921	12,330	12,916
United States	240,676	240,265	240,715	241,464	241,666	240,635

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	April 8, 2023	April 15, 2023	April 22, 2023	April 29, 2023	May 6, 2023	May 13, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,778	23,594	24,499	24,539	24,254	24,000
Arkansas	21,209	21,906	22,170	22,188	20,971	21,137
Delaware	5,648	4,112	5,317	4,614	5,149	5,126
Florida	1,295	1,289	1,303	1,283	1,283	1,189
Georgia	27,839	28,050	28,195	27,582	26,894	26,686
Kentucky	5,197	5,658	5,594	5,147	5,585	6,042
Louisiana	2,664	2,888	2,868	3,035	2,990	3,020
Maryland	4,491	7,110	5,766	6,365	6,033	5,320
Mississippi	13,565	13,527	12,999	13,003	12,832	12,927
Missouri	5,997	6,703	6,239	5,750	6,557	6,619
North Carolina	18,807	18,992	18,977	18,645	19,071	19,291
Oklahoma	4,164	3,698	4,041	4,618	4,716	4,752
Pennsylvania	4,633	4,485	4,468	4,547	4,318	4,376
South Carolina	5,297	5,062	4,445	4,598	4,775	4,446
Texas	14,955	14,570	14,480	14,382	14,461	14,365
Virginia	5,836	4,358	4,818	5,040	4,947	5,676
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,777	11,663	11,249	11,830	11,487	12,538
Other States	9,168	9,255	9,547	9,029	9,026	9,442
United States	186,320	186,920	186,975	186,195	185,349	186,952

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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