



Broiler Hatchery

ISSN: 1949-1840

Released July 3, 2024, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 245 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 29, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 29, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through June 29, 2024 for the United States were 4.90 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2024

State	Week ending					
	May 25, 2024	June 1, 2024	June 8, 2024	June 15, 2024	June 22, 2024	June 29, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,924	34,678	35,040	34,860	35,309	35,086
Arkansas	25,658	25,678	25,512	25,192	25,139	25,529
Delaware	5,599	5,656	5,658	5,645	5,631	5,638
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	36,228	36,448	36,003	35,592	35,762	35,797
Kentucky	8,057	8,194	8,015	8,140	8,157	8,219
Louisiana	3,561	3,561	3,530	3,593	3,530	3,561
Maryland	8,094	8,095	8,092	8,090	8,090	8,092
Mississippi	17,845	17,845	17,678	17,923	17,953	17,787
Missouri	8,785	8,769	8,903	8,922	8,963	8,992
North Carolina	25,796	25,577	25,269	25,712	25,391	25,492
Oklahoma	5,820	5,933	5,968	5,661	5,581	5,867
Pennsylvania	8,185	7,988	7,931	7,936	7,942	7,965
South Carolina	5,966	6,050	6,050	6,126	5,916	5,969
Texas	19,449	19,677	19,580	19,247	19,016	19,266
Virginia	5,491	5,584	5,610	5,645	5,591	5,631
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,435	13,422	13,473	13,743	13,244	13,541
Other States	12,066	11,753	12,124	12,433	12,391	11,584
United States	246,184	246,133	245,661	245,685	244,831	245,241

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

State	Week ending					
	May 25, 2024	June 1, 2024	June 8, 2024	June 15, 2024	June 22, 2024	June 29, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,737	24,252	23,806	24,945	24,639	24,780
Arkansas	22,817	20,610	21,285	22,409	20,771	21,521
Delaware	4,530	4,892	5,491	4,656	4,344	4,290
Florida	1,354	1,311	1,316	1,333	1,240	1,247
Georgia	28,417	27,964	29,240	28,109	27,731	28,067
Kentucky	6,099	5,868	6,092	5,944	5,883	5,902
Louisiana	2,905	2,951	3,006	3,070	3,039	3,020
Maryland	6,111	6,321	5,328	6,127	6,606	6,534
Mississippi	13,370	13,627	13,776	13,801	13,695	13,690
Missouri	5,090	5,659	5,077	5,026	5,364	5,315
North Carolina	20,125	19,791	20,044	20,354	19,885	19,673
Oklahoma	2,612	4,682	4,269	2,972	4,909	4,294
Pennsylvania	4,879	4,628	5,165	5,198	5,035	5,075
South Carolina	4,817	4,533	4,442	4,740	5,035	4,677
Texas	15,579	15,413	15,207	15,270	15,182	15,169
Virginia	5,164	5,015	5,473	5,192	5,023	5,411
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,751	12,182	12,015	11,956	12,848	12,401
Other States	9,280	9,146	9,141	9,184	9,031	9,261
United States	189,637	188,845	190,173	190,286	190,260	190,327

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.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@usda.gov

Travis Averill, Chief, Livestock Branch	(202) 692-0069
Vacant, Head, Poultry and Specialty Commodities Section	
Holly Brenize – Poultry Slaughter.....	(202) 720-0585
Liana Cuffman – Catfish and Trout, Mink, Census of Aquaculture	(202) 720-8784
Fatema Haque – Turkey Hatchery, Turkeys Raised	(202) 720-3244
Derron Martin – Chicken Hatchery, Egg Products.....	(202) 690-3237
Seth Riggins – Honey, Honey Bee Colonies	(202) 690-4870
Shulonda Shaw – Cold Storage, Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses	(202) 720-3240
Autumn Stone – Layers, Eggs	(202) 690-3676
Takiyah Walker – Broiler Hatchery	(202) 720-6147

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov.
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit www.nass.usda.gov and click on “National” or “State” in upper right corner above “search” box to create an account and select the reports you would like to receive.
- Cornell’s Mann Library has launched a new website housing NASS’s and other agency’s archived reports. The new website, <https://usda.library.cornell.edu>. All email subscriptions containing reports will be sent from the new website, <https://usda.library.cornell.edu>. To continue receiving the reports via e-mail, you will have to go to the new website, create a new account and re-subscribe to the reports. If you need instructions to set up an account or subscribe, they are located at: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/help>. You should whitelist notifications@usda-esmis.library.cornell.edu in your email client to avoid the emails going into spam/junk folders.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) (PDF), found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.