



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 243 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 21, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 21, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through September 21, 2024 for the United States were 7.20 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					
	August 17, 2024	August 24, 2024	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,386	35,397	35,338	35,175	34,253	35,043
Arkansas	25,352	25,660	25,454	25,160	24,204	25,366
Delaware	5,375	5,570	5,475	4,956	5,021	4,997
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,637	35,247	35,399	35,363	33,972	34,799
Kentucky	8,138	8,211	7,998	8,129	8,170	7,949
Louisiana	3,608	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,313	3,655
Maryland	8,092	8,092	8,092	7,965	7,953	8,085
Mississippi	17,496	17,518	17,660	16,801	15,707	16,797
Missouri	8,866	8,887	8,996	9,020	9,020	8,872
North Carolina	25,764	25,555	24,915	24,964	24,646	25,078
Oklahoma	6,213	6,165	6,284	6,079	5,832	6,173
Pennsylvania	7,960	8,023	7,794	7,675	7,626	7,972
South Carolina	6,100	6,062	6,273	5,818	5,684	5,871
Texas	19,858	19,505	19,017	19,071	17,653	18,511
Virginia	5,423	5,457	5,550	5,428	5,588	5,612
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,447	15,573	15,826	15,606	15,394	15,653
Other States	12,129	11,802	11,943	11,811	11,785	11,698
United States	248,069	247,604	246,894	243,900	237,046	243,356

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

State	Week ending					
	August 17, 2024	August 24, 2024	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,535	24,993	24,784	24,802	24,326	24,687
Arkansas	20,230	21,360	21,464	20,567	21,815	22,004
Delaware	4,185	5,648	5,715	4,813	4,850	5,413
Florida	1,318	1,249	1,367	1,338	1,325	1,398
Georgia	27,947	27,560	27,666	28,156	28,914	28,211
Kentucky	6,102	6,075	6,059	6,188	6,022	6,039
Louisiana	2,991	3,016	2,980	3,072	3,116	2,906
Maryland	6,542	5,424	5,560	6,130	5,772	5,541
Mississippi	13,896	13,894	13,612	13,679	13,729	13,981
Missouri	5,515	5,241	5,786	6,170	5,272	5,112
North Carolina	20,777	21,138	20,965	20,840	20,425	20,348
Oklahoma	5,421	4,562	4,267	3,877	3,727	3,759
Pennsylvania	5,109	4,977	4,789	5,164	5,169	5,448
South Carolina	5,139	4,909	5,188	4,510	4,537	4,100
Texas	15,559	15,622	15,456	15,588	15,500	15,293
Virginia	4,943	4,672	4,912	4,900	5,455	4,814
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	14,553	13,906	13,661	13,639	13,429	13,973
Other States	9,110	8,977	9,366	9,406	9,330	9,334
United States	192,872	193,223	193,597	192,839	192,713	192,361

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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