



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 6 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 243 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 28, 2024, up 6 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 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through September 28, 2024 for the United States were 7.39 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 24, 2024	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,397	35,338	35,210	34,253	35,034	35,126
Arkansas	25,660	25,454	25,249	24,204	25,366	25,588
Delaware	5,570	5,475	4,956	4,916	4,662	5,085
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,247	35,399	35,299	33,972	34,956	34,356
Kentucky	8,211	7,998	7,876	8,170	7,952	7,451
Louisiana	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,313	3,655	3,590
Maryland	8,092	8,092	7,965	7,909	8,044	8,045
Mississippi	17,518	17,660	17,157	15,707	16,797	17,322
Missouri	8,887	8,996	9,008	9,020	8,872	8,874
North Carolina	25,534	24,818	24,691	24,752	24,472	24,860
Oklahoma	6,165	6,284	6,079	5,832	6,173	6,126
Pennsylvania	8,023	7,794	7,701	7,626	7,726	7,582
South Carolina	6,062	6,273	5,818	5,684	5,874	5,837
Texas	19,505	19,017	18,784	17,653	18,511	18,718
Virginia	5,457	5,550	5,397	5,588	5,612	5,609
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,573	15,826	15,688	15,394	15,500	15,836
Other States	11,802	11,943	11,811	11,785	11,544	11,463
United States	247,583	246,797	243,568	237,003	241,975	242,693

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

State	Week ending					
	August 24, 2024	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024	September 21, 2024	September 28, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,993	24,784	24,802	24,326	24,630	24,864
Arkansas	21,360	21,464	20,567	21,815	22,004	20,514
Delaware	5,648	5,715	4,813	4,783	5,597	4,990
Florida	1,249	1,367	1,338	1,325	1,398	1,521
Georgia	27,560	27,666	28,156	28,914	28,249	27,932
Kentucky	6,075	6,059	6,188	6,022	6,037	5,870
Louisiana	3,016	2,980	3,072	3,116	2,906	3,050
Maryland	5,424	5,560	6,130	6,081	5,820	5,727
Mississippi	13,894	13,612	13,679	13,729	13,981	13,530
Missouri	5,241	5,786	6,170	5,272	5,112	5,463
North Carolina	21,117	20,890	20,750	20,451	19,969	19,279
Oklahoma	4,562	4,267	3,877	3,727	3,766	4,711
Pennsylvania	4,977	4,869	5,164	5,169	4,954	5,045
South Carolina	4,909	5,188	4,510	4,537	4,472	4,598
Texas	15,622	15,456	15,588	15,500	15,293	15,013
Virginia	4,672	4,912	4,900	5,231	4,469	4,885
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,906	13,661	13,639	13,429	14,009	13,848
Other States	8,977	9,366	9,406	9,330	9,425	9,266
United States	193,202	193,602	192,749	192,757	192,091	190,106

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.

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Virtual Meeting
October 15 & 16, 2024
Starting at 12:00 pm ET

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Abbreviated Agenda

Day 1 – October 15

Agency Updates– *All agencies*

2022 Census of Agriculture Results- *National Agricultural Statistics Service*

LMR Live Cattle Data Dashboard - *Agricultural Marketing Service*

Day 2 – October 16

Open Forum – *All agencies*

ERS' Cotton, Wool, and Textile Data: An Overview – *Economic Research Service*

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