



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 248 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 24, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 194 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 24, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through August 24, 2024 for the United States were 6.43 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					
	July 20, 2024	July 27, 2024	August 3, 2024	August 10, 2024	August 17, 2024	August 24, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,858	34,335	35,384	35,207	35,394	35,234
Arkansas	26,039	25,832	25,863	25,729	25,536	25,540
Delaware	5,611	5,634	5,634	5,595	5,524	5,570
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,593	35,771	35,442	35,361	35,647	35,141
Kentucky	8,169	8,179	8,011	8,123	8,048	8,171
Louisiana	3,530	3,608	3,655	3,608	3,608	3,655
Maryland	8,095	8,091	8,095	8,093	8,092	8,092
Mississippi	17,787	17,834	17,696	17,681	17,744	17,728
Missouri	9,023	9,015	9,022	8,833	8,865	8,908
North Carolina	25,947	26,122	26,118	25,670	25,826	25,888
Oklahoma	6,220	6,038	6,335	5,870	6,213	6,165
Pennsylvania	8,071	7,924	7,970	7,887	7,934	7,972
South Carolina	6,307	6,116	6,307	6,290	6,099	6,062
Texas	19,717	19,598	19,729	19,604	19,908	19,375
Virginia	5,475	5,687	5,555	5,661	5,453	5,457
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,531	15,853	15,862	15,659	15,383	15,598
Other States	11,821	11,531	11,657	12,119	12,149	11,802
United States	249,019	248,393	249,560	248,212	248,648	247,583

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

State	Week ending					
	July 20, 2024	July 27, 2024	August 3, 2024	August 10, 2024	August 17, 2024	August 24, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,538	24,460	24,121	24,863	23,516	24,992
Arkansas	21,082	20,806	22,177	21,969	20,230	21,550
Delaware	5,732	5,442	5,341	5,608	4,385	5,732
Florida	1,277	1,346	1,254	1,261	1,318	1,249
Georgia	27,299	28,080	27,271	27,850	27,947	27,460
Kentucky	6,001	5,685	6,245	6,195	6,102	6,184
Louisiana	3,054	2,944	2,717	2,941	2,991	3,052
Maryland	5,292	5,904	5,641	5,498	6,542	5,424
Mississippi	14,060	13,718	13,737	13,711	13,896	13,894
Missouri	5,485	5,503	5,810	5,585	5,615	5,241
North Carolina	20,122	20,090	20,166	20,677	20,777	21,138
Oklahoma	4,210	4,863	3,724	4,178	5,421	4,562
Pennsylvania	5,096	5,027	5,052	5,103	5,109	4,977
South Carolina	4,969	5,423	4,576	5,014	5,139	4,909
Texas	15,254	15,286	14,309	15,419	15,559	15,622
Virginia	5,578	5,034	5,300	4,880	4,943	4,672
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,368	13,092	14,405	13,475	14,553	13,941
Other States	8,985	9,262	8,945	9,325	9,130	8,977
United States	190,402	191,965	190,791	193,552	193,173	193,576

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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