



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 10, 2024, up 4 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 10, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through August 10, 2024 for the United States were 6.04 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 6, 2024 | July 13, 2024 | July 20, 2024 | July 27, 2024 | August 3, 2024 | August 10, 2024 |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) |
| Alabama | 34,804 | 34,749 | 34,858 | 34,442 | 35,384 | 35,136 |
| Arkansas | 25,803 | 26,060 | 26,039 | 25,839 | 25,964 | 25,729 |
| Delaware | 5,646 | 5,644 | 5,611 | 5,634 | 5,634 | 5,634 |
| Florida | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,222 |
| Georgia | 36,345 | 35,022 | 35,593 | 36,243 | 35,880 | 35,440 |
| Kentucky | 8,011 | 8,025 | 8,169 | 8,148 | 8,011 | 8,129 |
| Louisiana | 3,655 | 3,258 | 3,530 | 3,608 | 3,655 | 3,608 |
| Maryland | 8,094 | 8,047 | 8,095 | 8,091 | 8,095 | 8,095 |
| Mississippi | 17,707 | 17,666 | 17,727 | 17,752 | 17,696 | 17,681 |
| Missouri | 8,873 | 9,054 | 9,023 | 9,007 | 9,022 | 8,833 |
| North Carolina | 25,876 | 25,373 | 25,947 | 26,122 | 26,360 | 25,765 |
| Oklahoma | 6,018 | 6,194 | 6,220 | 5,867 | 6,335 | 6,314 |
| Pennsylvania | 7,940 | 7,991 | 8,071 | 7,949 | 7,996 | 7,962 |
| South Carolina | 6,148 | 6,048 | 6,307 | 6,116 | 6,307 | 6,307 |
| Texas | 19,320 | 19,077 | 19,717 | 19,643 | 19,759 | 19,720 |
| Virginia | 5,376 | 5,359 | 5,475 | 5,657 | 5,555 | 5,661 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 14,645 | 15,781 | 15,531 | 15,560 | 15,770 | 15,720 |
| Other States | 12,027 | 11,383 | 11,821 | 11,531 | 11,657 | 12,075 |
| United States | 247,513 | 245,956 | 248,959 | 248,434 | 250,305 | 249,031 |

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

| State | Week ending | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | July 6, 2024 | July 13, 2024 | July 20, 2024 | July 27, 2024 | August 3, 2024 | August 10, 2024 |
| | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) |
| Alabama | 24,946 | 24,984 | 24,538 | 24,437 | 24,055 | 24,782 |
| Arkansas | 21,853 | 19,986 | 21,082 | 20,806 | 22,177 | 21,969 |
| Delaware | 5,449 | 5,049 | 5,732 | 5,442 | 5,341 | 5,267 |
| Florida | 1,336 | 1,302 | 1,277 | 1,346 | 1,254 | 1,187 |
| Georgia | 27,573 | 27,956 | 27,299 | 28,080 | 27,271 | 27,754 |
| Kentucky | 5,944 | 5,877 | 6,001 | 5,685 | 6,245 | 6,252 |
| Louisiana | 2,948 | 3,037 | 3,054 | 2,944 | 2,717 | 2,941 |
| Maryland | 5,787 | 5,346 | 5,292 | 5,904 | 5,641 | 5,599 |
| Mississippi | 13,930 | 13,904 | 14,060 | 13,718 | 13,737 | 13,580 |
| Missouri | 5,851 | 6,277 | 5,485 | 5,503 | 5,810 | 5,585 |
| North Carolina | 19,776 | 20,046 | 20,122 | 20,090 | 20,166 | 20,364 |
| Oklahoma | 3,005 | 3,345 | 4,210 | 4,863 | 3,724 | 4,172 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,924 | 5,063 | 5,096 | 5,027 | 5,043 | 5,050 |
| South Carolina | 4,808 | 4,558 | 4,969 | 5,423 | 4,635 | 5,141 |
| Texas | 15,021 | 14,998 | 15,254 | 15,286 | 14,946 | 15,528 |
| Virginia | 4,904 | 5,677 | 5,578 | 5,034 | 5,310 | 5,204 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 12,481 | 11,685 | 12,368 | 13,092 | 13,819 | 13,551 |
| Other States | 9,439 | 9,261 | 8,985 | 9,262 | 8,950 | 9,276 |
| United States | 189,975 | 188,351 | 190,402 | 191,942 | 190,841 | 193,202 |

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.

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