



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 25, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 25, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. January 7, 2023 through March 25, 2023 for the United States were 2.24 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	February 18, 2023	February 25, 2023	March 4, 2023	March 11, 2023	March 18, 2023	March 25, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,650	34,767	34,577	34,884	34,326	34,855
Arkansas	24,630	24,818	24,461	24,268	24,650	24,885
Delaware	5,379	5,372	5,369	5,491	5,369	5,396
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,377	35,074	35,256	35,240	35,500	35,747
Kentucky	6,133	6,626	6,580	5,659	6,097	6,224
Louisiana	3,411	3,411	3,289	3,290	3,290	3,305
Maryland	8,095	8,094	8,095	8,095	8,091	8,013
Mississippi	16,777	16,924	17,000	16,680	17,108	16,869
Missouri	9,562	9,776	9,714	9,660	9,489	9,998
North Carolina	24,362	24,082	25,057	24,834	24,988	24,556
Oklahoma	7,416	7,344	7,510	7,401	7,213	7,723
Pennsylvania	6,809	6,772	6,801	6,738	6,752	6,842
South Carolina	5,727	5,950	6,046	6,040	5,974	6,061
Texas	18,484	18,058	18,202	18,127	18,416	18,332
Virginia	6,749	6,760	6,756	6,724	6,634	6,663
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,210	13,049	13,265	13,450	13,310	13,303
Other States	12,538	12,657	12,625	12,929	12,294	12,459
United States	240,534	240,759	241,828	240,735	240,726	242,456

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	February 18, 2023	February 25, 2023	March 4, 2023	March 11, 2023	March 18, 2023	March 25, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,677	23,925	23,945	24,799	24,747	24,107
Arkansas	20,768	21,864	22,016	20,548	20,590	20,971
Delaware	5,075	4,627	5,556	5,030	4,437	4,742
Florida	1,266	1,225	1,165	1,287	1,207	1,290
Georgia	27,990	27,631	27,950	27,551	27,479	27,254
Kentucky	5,560	5,234	6,153	5,445	5,697	5,722
Louisiana	2,784	2,749	2,859	2,898	2,892	2,862
Maryland	5,719	5,958	4,982	5,568	5,268	5,728
Mississippi	14,136	14,107	13,977	13,686	13,518	13,580
Missouri	6,954	6,351	5,804	6,401	6,105	6,258
North Carolina	19,154	18,652	19,063	19,102	18,766	19,841
Oklahoma	4,277	3,604	3,996	4,663	5,132	4,349
Pennsylvania	4,496	4,491	4,081	4,450	4,543	4,541
South Carolina	4,916	4,658	4,520	4,619	4,626	4,380
Texas	13,969	14,374	14,512	14,265	14,364	14,437
Virginia	6,344	5,990	6,092	5,975	6,668	5,889
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,820	11,462	10,691	11,049	11,286	11,869
Other States	9,688	9,265	9,237	9,039	9,164	9,315
United States	187,593	186,167	186,599	186,375	186,489	187,135

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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