



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 251 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 3, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 3, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through August 3, 2024 for the United States were 5.85 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					
	June 29, 2024	July 6, 2024	July 13, 2024	July 20, 2024	July 27, 2024	August 3, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,081	34,804	34,749	34,990	34,442	35,384
Arkansas	25,264	25,803	26,060	26,002	25,839	25,964
Delaware	5,638	5,646	5,644	5,611	5,634	5,634
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,443	36,345	35,022	36,035	36,243	35,969
Kentucky	8,219	8,011	8,025	8,137	8,148	8,013
Louisiana	3,561	3,655	3,258	3,530	3,608	3,655
Maryland	8,092	8,094	8,047	8,095	8,091	8,091
Mississippi	17,953	17,707	17,666	17,893	17,752	17,696
Missouri	9,035	8,873	9,054	8,948	9,007	9,022
North Carolina	25,747	25,876	25,373	26,007	26,122	26,454
Oklahoma	6,054	6,018	6,194	6,049	5,867	6,335
Pennsylvania	8,037	7,940	7,991	8,071	7,949	8,028
South Carolina	5,969	6,148	6,048	6,378	6,116	6,304
Texas	19,326	19,320	19,077	19,541	19,643	19,759
Virginia	5,661	5,376	5,359	5,475	5,657	5,555
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,660	14,645	15,781	15,432	15,560	15,860
Other States	11,584	12,027	11,383	11,821	11,531	11,649
United States	245,549	247,513	245,956	249,240	248,434	250,597

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

State	Week ending					
	June 29, 2024	July 6, 2024	July 13, 2024	July 20, 2024	July 27, 2024	August 3, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,753	24,946	24,984	24,538	24,437	24,221
Arkansas	21,521	21,853	19,986	21,082	20,806	22,177
Delaware	4,290	5,449	5,049	5,732	5,442	5,367
Florida	1,247	1,336	1,302	1,277	1,346	1,254
Georgia	28,067	27,573	27,956	27,299	28,080	27,272
Kentucky	5,902	5,944	5,877	6,001	5,685	6,160
Louisiana	3,020	2,948	3,037	3,054	2,944	2,717
Maryland	6,534	5,787	5,346	5,292	5,904	6,036
Mississippi	13,679	13,930	13,904	14,060	13,718	13,737
Missouri	5,315	5,851	6,277	5,485	5,503	5,810
North Carolina	19,620	19,776	20,046	20,122	20,090	19,745
Oklahoma	4,294	3,005	3,345	4,210	4,863	3,724
Pennsylvania	5,060	4,924	5,063	5,096	5,027	5,089
South Carolina	4,677	4,808	4,558	4,969	5,423	4,799
Texas	15,173	15,021	14,998	15,254	15,286	14,946
Virginia	5,411	4,904	5,677	5,578	5,034	4,983
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,103	12,481	11,685	12,368	13,092	13,797
Other States	9,233	9,439	9,261	8,985	9,262	8,944
United States	189,899	189,975	188,351	190,402	191,942	190,778

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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