



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 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 16, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 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 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 16, 2024, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through November 16, 2024 for the United States were 8.70 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2024

State	Week ending					
	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024	November 9, 2024	November 16, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,265	35,181	33,745	33,553	34,112	35,086
Arkansas	24,102	24,253	25,234	25,285	25,013	25,694
Delaware	5,049	5,048	5,215	5,256	5,252	5,257
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,031	33,671	33,755	33,522	32,790	33,988
Kentucky	8,051	8,185	8,060	7,753	8,044	8,257
Louisiana	3,484	3,608	3,484	3,484	3,367	3,655
Maryland	7,878	8,047	8,013	8,095	8,094	8,092
Mississippi	16,696	16,550	17,326	17,495	17,734	17,719
Missouri	9,032	8,819	8,795	8,838	8,547	9,157
North Carolina	24,473	23,965	25,097	24,850	25,407	26,227
Oklahoma	4,542	4,562	5,583	5,432	4,703	5,332
Pennsylvania	7,691	8,219	8,065	7,835	7,874	8,285
South Carolina	6,254	6,222	6,241	6,030	5,584	6,211
Texas	18,734	18,458	19,279	19,948	18,245	19,888
Virginia	5,131	5,756	5,778	5,688	5,682	5,727
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,018	16,217	15,818	15,582	15,407	15,772
Other States	11,719	11,684	11,698	11,703	11,477	11,868
United States	240,375	239,670	242,411	241,574	238,557	247,440

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

State	Week ending					
	October 12, 2024	October 19, 2024	October 26, 2024	November 2, 2024	November 9, 2024	November 16, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,304	25,260	25,365	24,916	24,471	24,550
Arkansas	19,683	21,576	21,414	20,011	21,208	21,804
Delaware	4,898	4,613	4,802	4,239	4,186	4,560
Florida	1,322	1,291	1,423	1,335	1,361	1,337
Georgia	27,918	26,638	26,420	26,563	27,086	25,785
Kentucky	5,855	5,672	5,500	6,034	6,134	5,844
Louisiana	3,020	2,917	2,912	2,908	2,891	2,942
Maryland	5,022	5,435	6,105	6,166	6,163	6,269
Mississippi	13,895	14,311	13,110	13,559	13,388	14,106
Missouri	5,521	5,380	5,720	6,592	5,368	5,433
North Carolina	19,347	20,639	20,501	19,465	19,507	20,870
Oklahoma	4,521	4,263	2,617	3,972	2,203	3,153
Pennsylvania	5,281	4,876	4,746	5,043	5,398	5,239
South Carolina	4,549	4,267	3,990	4,889	4,537	4,413
Texas	14,848	15,075	14,844	14,481	14,521	15,018
Virginia	4,999	5,120	4,591	5,020	5,144	4,869
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,647	14,403	13,017	14,215	13,945	14,070
Other States	9,040	8,795	8,751	9,154	9,046	9,082
United States	186,670	190,531	185,828	188,562	186,557	189,344

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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