



# 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 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 14, 2024, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 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 September 14, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through September 14, 2024 for the United States were 7.01 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					
	August 10, 2024	August 17, 2024	August 24, 2024	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	35,292	35,386	35,397	35,235	35,175	34,253
Arkansas .....	25,517	25,352	25,660	25,641	25,160	24,204
Delaware .....	5,595	5,375	5,400	5,475	4,956	4,921
Florida .....	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225
Georgia .....	35,510	35,637	35,247	35,462	35,363	33,953
Kentucky .....	8,155	8,138	8,211	8,173	8,129	8,172
Louisiana .....	3,608	3,608	3,655	3,655	3,655	3,313
Maryland .....	8,093	8,092	8,092	8,092	7,965	7,965
Mississippi .....	17,681	17,556	17,618	17,631	16,801	15,707
Missouri .....	8,864	8,866	8,887	9,041	9,020	9,020
North Carolina .....	25,721	25,764	25,555	25,174	24,964	24,946
Oklahoma .....	5,870	6,213	6,165	6,284	6,079	5,832
Pennsylvania .....	7,901	7,960	8,023	7,743	7,675	7,703
South Carolina .....	6,290	6,100	6,062	6,273	5,818	5,684
Texas .....	19,691	19,858	19,505	19,198	19,071	17,653
Virginia .....	5,661	5,423	5,457	5,580	5,428	5,588
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	15,785	15,447	15,573	15,565	15,606	15,526
Other States .....	12,130	12,129	11,802	11,943	11,811	11,808
United States .....	248,586	248,129	247,534	247,390	243,900	237,473

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

State	Week ending					
	August 10, 2024	August 17, 2024	August 24, 2024	August 31, 2024	September 7, 2024	September 14, 2024
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,863	23,535	24,993	24,884	24,802	24,326
Arkansas .....	21,969	20,230	21,360	21,464	20,567	21,815
Delaware .....	5,397	4,185	5,648	5,715	4,813	4,687
Florida .....	1,261	1,318	1,249	1,367	1,338	1,325
Georgia .....	27,850	27,947	27,560	27,666	28,156	28,973
Kentucky .....	6,195	6,102	6,075	6,059	6,188	6,051
Louisiana .....	2,941	2,991	3,016	2,980	3,072	3,116
Maryland .....	5,498	6,542	5,424	5,560	6,207	6,493
Mississippi .....	13,711	13,896	13,894	13,612	13,679	13,729
Missouri .....	5,585	5,515	5,241	5,786	6,290	5,264
North Carolina .....	20,677	20,777	21,138	20,965	20,840	20,290
Oklahoma .....	4,178	5,421	4,562	4,267	4,025	3,727
Pennsylvania .....	5,103	5,109	4,977	4,789	5,164	5,189
South Carolina .....	5,014	5,139	4,909	5,188	4,510	4,519
Texas .....	15,419	15,559	15,622	15,456	15,588	15,500
Virginia .....	4,880	4,943	4,672	4,912	4,900	4,995
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,475	14,553	13,906	13,661	13,639	13,620
Other States .....	9,285	9,110	8,977	9,366	9,406	9,326
United States .....	193,301	192,872	193,223	193,697	193,184	192,945

## 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.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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