



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 243 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 10, 2022, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.6 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 194 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 10, 2022, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through September 10, 2022 for the United States were 6.78 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending					
	August 6, 2022	August 13, 2022	August 20, 2022	August 27, 2022	September 3, 2022	September 10, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,968	34,831	34,664	34,845	34,501	34,763
Arkansas	25,076	24,933	25,236	25,300	25,310	25,396
Delaware	5,075	5,089	5,013	5,053	4,777	4,773
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,209	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,895	35,012	35,350	35,604	35,283	35,536
Kentucky	6,790	6,842	6,714	6,714	6,890	6,928
Louisiana	3,497	3,561	3,577	3,577	3,562	3,472
Maryland	8,061	8,065	8,066	8,066	8,062	8,067
Mississippi	16,889	16,937	16,836	16,910	15,532	16,808
Missouri	9,619	9,588	9,492	9,605	9,621	9,730
North Carolina	26,459	26,033	26,282	26,186	25,999	25,020
Oklahoma	8,052	8,055	8,089	8,073	7,591	7,418
Pennsylvania	6,868	6,889	6,801	7,318	6,819	7,155
South Carolina	5,868	5,878	5,837	5,765	5,669	5,946
Texas	18,878	19,087	19,045	19,156	18,422	18,868
Virginia	6,861	6,861	6,680	6,861	6,247	6,616
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,949	13,949	13,903	13,870	13,746	12,985
Other States	12,498	12,702	12,673	12,287	12,102	12,588
United States	244,497	245,506	245,452	246,399	241,358	243,294

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending					
	August 6, 2022	August 13, 2022	August 20, 2022	August 27, 2022	September 3, 2022	September 10, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,231	25,432	25,608	23,879	25,595	24,745
Arkansas	21,909	21,328	21,686	22,426	22,318	21,904
Delaware	4,647	5,484	5,659	5,412	4,212	4,248
Florida	1,268	1,156	1,255	1,262	1,282	1,214
Georgia	25,297	27,382	26,494	27,754	27,101	28,275
Kentucky	6,051	5,980	5,405	5,012	5,819	5,659
Louisiana	2,815	2,868	2,937	2,971	3,022	3,053
Maryland	5,629	4,728	4,337	5,715	5,867	6,792
Mississippi	13,266	13,131	13,588	13,767	13,853	13,917
Missouri	7,230	6,531	6,651	6,229	6,565	6,462
North Carolina	19,513	20,017	20,522	20,122	19,865	20,184
Oklahoma	3,995	4,595	4,480	4,702	4,644	5,272
Pennsylvania	4,632	4,593	4,578	4,590	4,681	4,519
South Carolina	5,416	4,789	4,767	5,495	5,340	4,368
Texas	14,507	14,544	14,645	15,382	15,140	15,104
Virginia	6,127	6,827	7,427	6,254	7,085	5,921
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,460	11,857	11,955	12,642	11,574	12,458
Other States	9,372	9,406	9,569	9,401	9,762	9,770
United States	188,365	190,648	191,563	193,015	193,725	193,865

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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