



Broiler Hatchery

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Special Note

Beginning with this publication, the “percent of previous year” values will no longer be shown in the publication. Data from Quick Stats may be used to derive the percentages.

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 8, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.6 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 8, 2022, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021 and 2022

State	Week ending					
	December 4, 2021	December 11, 2021	December 18, 2021	December 25, 2021	January 1, 2022	January 8, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,984	34,098	34,010	34,016	33,970	33,843
Arkansas	24,589	24,451	24,800	24,707	24,665	24,886
Delaware	4,723	4,724	4,844	4,845	4,657	4,743
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,882	34,447	35,032	35,214	35,057	34,678
Kentucky	7,638	7,410	5,199	5,199	5,021	5,244
Louisiana	3,290	3,320	2,791	3,289	3,288	3,198
Maryland	7,977	7,974	7,974	7,977	7,968	7,894
Mississippi	16,915	16,960	16,909	16,765	16,315	16,160
Missouri	9,413	9,395	9,387	9,206	9,206	9,425
North Carolina	24,870	25,498	25,362	25,270	24,932	25,292
Oklahoma	7,655	7,448	7,687	7,882	7,681	7,793
Pennsylvania	6,982	6,972	6,821	6,695	6,621	6,523
South Carolina	5,274	4,808	5,126	5,630	5,011	5,576
Texas	18,816	18,502	18,661	18,589	18,467	18,351
Virginia	6,732	6,691	6,526	6,489	6,467	6,615
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,620	12,723	12,940	13,233	13,621	13,266
Other States	12,260	12,333	12,215	12,258	12,244	12,229
United States	240,845	238,979	237,509	238,458	236,385	236,910

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021 and 2022

State	Week ending					
	December 4, 2021	December 11, 2021	December 18, 2021	December 25, 2021	January 1, 2022	January 8, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,139	23,417	24,414	23,877	23,722	23,868
Arkansas	22,053	22,061	22,421	22,253	21,382	21,921
Delaware	5,927	4,886	4,230	4,508	4,581	4,858
Florida	1,364	1,327	1,243	1,017	1,138	1,142
Georgia	27,397	27,373	27,056	26,611	26,626	25,680
Kentucky	6,080	6,536	3,645	3,847	4,289	4,342
Louisiana	2,684	2,685	2,780	2,736	2,817	2,309
Maryland	5,096	5,989	5,917	5,591	5,603	4,704
Mississippi	12,781	14,004	13,927	13,977	14,064	13,825
Missouri	6,616	7,087	7,469	6,287	6,335	6,938
North Carolina	20,261	20,259	20,377	19,401	20,105	19,708
Oklahoma	3,821	3,681	2,989	4,122	4,597	3,974
Pennsylvania	5,070	5,064	4,971	5,085	5,068	5,073
South Carolina	4,475	4,152	4,568	5,271	3,439	4,581
Texas	14,222	14,802	14,580	14,477	14,582	14,544
Virginia	5,569	5,228	5,654	5,953	6,066	6,078
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,154	10,541	11,527	12,162	11,456	11,832
Other States	9,400	9,458	9,584	9,204	9,348	9,542
United States	187,109	188,550	187,352	186,379	185,218	184,919

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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