



Broiler Hatchery

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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 15, 2022, up 1 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 15, 2022, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through January 15, 2022 for the United States were 370 million. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 11, 2021	December 18, 2021	December 25, 2021	January 1, 2022	January 8, 2022	January 15, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,098	34,010	34,016	33,970	33,843	34,254
Arkansas	24,451	24,800	24,707	24,665	24,886	24,888
Delaware	4,724	4,844	4,845	4,657	4,743	4,938
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,447	35,032	35,214	35,057	34,678	35,064
Kentucky	7,410	5,199	5,173	5,021	5,244	5,296
Louisiana	3,320	2,791	3,289	3,288	3,198	3,199
Maryland	7,974	7,974	7,973	7,968	7,894	7,794
Mississippi	16,960	16,909	16,765	16,315	16,160	16,144
Missouri	9,395	9,387	9,206	9,206	9,425	9,233
North Carolina	25,498	25,362	25,074	24,932	25,292	25,557
Oklahoma	7,448	7,687	7,882	7,681	7,793	7,697
Pennsylvania	6,972	6,821	6,695	6,621	6,554	6,624
South Carolina	4,808	5,126	5,611	5,011	5,576	5,057
Texas	18,502	18,661	18,589	18,467	18,351	18,002
Virginia	6,691	6,526	6,489	6,467	6,615	6,724
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,723	12,940	13,224	13,621	13,470	13,243
Other States	12,333	12,300	12,214	12,244	12,229	12,316
United States	238,979	237,594	238,160	236,385	237,145	237,224

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

State	Week ending					
	December 11, 2021	December 18, 2021	December 25, 2021	January 1, 2022	January 8, 2022	January 15, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,417	24,414	23,986	23,896	23,868	23,522
Arkansas	22,061	22,421	21,149	21,499	21,702	21,412
Delaware	4,886	4,230	4,508	4,581	4,858	5,142
Florida	1,327	1,243	1,017	1,138	1,142	1,241
Georgia	27,373	27,056	26,611	26,626	25,680	26,185
Kentucky	6,536	3,645	4,546	5,005	4,429	4,493
Louisiana	2,685	2,780	2,736	2,817	2,309	2,652
Maryland	5,989	5,917	5,591	5,672	4,798	5,118
Mississippi	14,004	13,927	13,977	14,064	13,825	13,596
Missouri	7,087	7,469	6,334	6,218	7,304	7,051
North Carolina	20,259	20,377	19,401	20,105	19,708	20,135
Oklahoma	3,681	2,989	5,178	4,597	3,827	4,145
Pennsylvania	5,064	4,971	5,085	5,068	5,045	4,856
South Carolina	4,152	4,568	5,271	3,439	4,601	4,536
Texas	14,802	14,580	14,477	14,582	14,544	14,557
Virginia	5,228	5,654	5,953	5,997	5,983	5,254
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,541	11,527	11,540	10,824	12,075	11,930
Other States	9,458	9,584	9,018	9,091	8,954	9,057
United States	188,550	187,352	186,378	185,219	184,652	184,882

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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