



# 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 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 23, 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 23, 2022, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through April 23, 2022 for the United States were 2.98 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 19, 2022	March 26, 2022	April 2, 2022	April 9, 2022	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,703	34,837	34,908	34,398	34,750	35,124
Arkansas .....	24,185	24,658	24,657	24,903	24,909	24,569
Delaware .....	4,904	4,946	4,818	4,762	4,724	4,561
Florida .....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia .....	35,497	34,651	35,087	34,970	35,294	35,200
Kentucky .....	5,507	5,418	5,501	5,448	5,617	5,669
Louisiana .....	3,199	3,260	3,290	3,320	3,290	3,290
Maryland .....	8,038	8,038	8,038	7,976	8,007	8,019
Mississippi .....	16,732	16,641	16,823	16,698	15,562	15,545
Missouri .....	9,634	9,634	9,576	9,248	9,561	9,648
North Carolina .....	26,420	25,969	26,152	25,127	25,820	25,995
Oklahoma .....	7,710	7,813	7,870	7,561	7,601	7,633
Pennsylvania .....	6,623	6,512	6,303	6,509	6,498	6,484
South Carolina .....	5,259	5,475	5,861	5,645	5,550	5,658
Texas .....	18,667	19,086	18,771	18,735	18,832	19,115
Virginia .....	6,827	6,831	6,637	6,816	6,182	6,820
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,255	12,797	12,775	13,006	12,978	13,036
Other States .....	12,482	12,150	12,185	12,724	12,078	12,774
United States .....	240,836	239,910	240,446	239,040	238,447	240,334

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

State	Week ending					
	March 19, 2022	March 26, 2022	April 2, 2022	April 9, 2022	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,959	25,186	24,025	24,538	24,673	25,514
Arkansas .....	22,173	22,689	21,481	21,015	21,734	21,924
Delaware .....	4,863	4,045	4,408	4,557	4,069	4,399
Florida .....	1,194	1,128	1,322	1,311	1,311	1,426
Georgia .....	27,468	25,965	27,551	27,303	26,721	25,175
Kentucky .....	4,470	5,129	4,676	4,771	4,785	4,585
Louisiana .....	2,659	2,563	2,591	2,673	2,713	2,715
Maryland .....	5,481	5,673	5,105	5,866	6,346	5,905
Mississippi .....	13,569	13,671	13,632	13,501	13,657	13,720
Missouri .....	6,426	6,658	7,187	5,957	6,161	5,872
North Carolina .....	19,645	20,735	20,391	21,401	20,076	20,409
Oklahoma .....	3,399	3,082	3,531	5,323	5,104	5,213
Pennsylvania .....	4,255	4,368	4,314	4,434	4,395	4,214
South Carolina .....	4,372	4,634	4,829	3,789	4,884	4,506
Texas .....	15,098	15,097	14,660	14,814	14,809	14,802
Virginia .....	5,673	6,733	6,570	5,509	5,754	6,037
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,790	10,823	11,163	11,414	10,963	11,466
Other States .....	9,351	9,308	9,912	9,528	9,357	9,246
United States .....	185,845	187,487	187,348	187,704	187,512	187,128

## 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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