



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 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 30, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.1 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 30, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through April 30, 2022 for the United States were 3.16 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 26, 2022	April 2, 2022	April 9, 2022	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,837	34,908	34,398	34,750	34,906	34,840
Arkansas	24,658	24,657	24,903	24,909	24,569	24,561
Delaware	4,946	4,818	4,762	4,724	4,561	4,964
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,651	35,087	34,970	35,294	34,973	35,086
Kentucky	5,418	5,501	5,448	5,617	5,669	6,735
Louisiana	3,260	3,290	3,320	3,290	3,290	3,215
Maryland	8,038	8,038	7,976	8,007	8,019	8,015
Mississippi	16,641	16,823	16,698	15,562	15,545	16,103
Missouri	9,634	9,576	9,248	9,561	9,648	9,648
North Carolina	25,969	26,152	25,127	25,820	25,995	26,202
Oklahoma	7,813	7,870	7,561	7,601	7,673	7,626
Pennsylvania	6,512	6,303	6,509	6,498	6,484	6,381
South Carolina	5,475	5,861	5,645	5,550	5,542	5,483
Texas	19,086	18,771	18,735	18,832	19,115	19,197
Virginia	6,831	6,637	6,816	6,182	6,820	6,816
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,797	12,775	13,006	12,978	13,079	12,975
Other States	12,150	12,185	12,724	12,078	12,759	12,415
United States	239,910	240,446	239,040	238,447	239,841	241,456

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

State	Week ending					
	March 26, 2022	April 2, 2022	April 9, 2022	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,186	24,025	24,538	24,673	25,463	25,394
Arkansas	22,689	21,481	21,015	21,734	21,961	21,349
Delaware	4,045	4,408	4,557	4,069	4,399	4,600
Florida	1,128	1,322	1,311	1,311	1,426	1,436
Georgia	25,965	27,551	27,303	26,721	25,283	25,352
Kentucky	5,129	4,676	4,771	4,785	4,724	4,862
Louisiana	2,563	2,591	2,673	2,713	2,715	2,774
Maryland	5,673	5,105	5,866	6,346	5,963	5,534
Mississippi	13,671	13,632	13,501	13,657	13,732	13,685
Missouri	6,658	7,187	5,957	6,161	5,872	6,050
North Carolina	20,735	20,391	21,401	20,076	20,357	20,176
Oklahoma	3,082	3,531	5,323	5,104	5,213	5,456
Pennsylvania	4,368	4,314	4,434	4,395	4,214	4,341
South Carolina	4,634	4,829	3,789	4,884	4,509	4,393
Texas	15,097	14,660	14,814	14,809	14,802	14,598
Virginia	6,733	6,570	5,509	5,754	6,037	5,940
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,823	11,163	11,414	10,963	11,490	11,525
Other States	9,308	9,912	9,528	9,357	9,246	9,730
United States	187,487	187,348	187,704	187,512	187,406	187,195

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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