



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 7, 2022, up slightly 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 Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 7, 2022, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through May 7, 2022 for the United States were 3.35 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					
	April 2, 2022	April 9, 2022	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022	May 7, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,908	34,398	34,750	34,906	35,104	34,502
Arkansas .....	24,657	24,903	24,909	24,569	24,561	24,617
Delaware .....	4,818	4,762	4,724	4,561	4,964	4,723
Florida .....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia .....	35,087	34,970	35,294	34,973	35,086	35,212
Kentucky .....	5,501	5,448	5,617	5,669	7,022	6,509
Louisiana .....	3,290	3,320	3,290	3,290	3,351	3,380
Maryland .....	8,038	7,976	8,007	8,006	8,007	8,000
Mississippi .....	16,823	16,698	15,562	15,545	16,103	17,254
Missouri .....	9,576	9,248	9,561	9,648	9,648	9,648
North Carolina .....	26,152	25,127	25,820	25,995	26,202	25,744
Oklahoma .....	7,870	7,561	7,601	7,673	7,626	7,601
Pennsylvania .....	6,303	6,509	6,498	6,484	6,452	6,274
South Carolina .....	5,861	5,645	5,550	5,542	5,483	5,376
Texas .....	18,771	18,735	18,832	19,115	19,197	18,870
Virginia .....	6,637	6,816	6,820	6,820	6,816	6,665
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,775	13,006	12,978	13,079	12,733	13,131
Other States .....	12,185	12,724	12,080	12,759	12,415	12,174
United States .....	240,446	239,040	239,087	239,828	241,964	240,874

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

State	Week ending					
	April 2, 2022	April 9, 2022	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022	May 7, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,025	24,538	24,673	25,476	25,407	24,628
Arkansas .....	21,481	21,015	21,734	21,961	21,349	22,083
Delaware .....	4,408	4,557	4,069	4,640	4,647	5,957
Florida .....	1,322	1,311	1,311	1,426	1,436	1,332
Georgia .....	27,551	27,303	26,721	25,277	25,330	27,311
Kentucky .....	4,676	4,771	4,785	4,724	4,862	5,058
Louisiana .....	2,591	2,673	2,713	2,715	2,774	2,757
Maryland .....	5,105	5,866	6,346	6,078	5,310	4,750
Mississippi .....	13,632	13,501	13,657	13,732	13,685	12,720
Missouri .....	7,187	5,957	6,161	5,872	6,050	6,036
North Carolina .....	20,391	21,401	20,076	20,357	20,176	20,224
Oklahoma .....	3,531	5,323	5,104	5,213	5,456	5,016
Pennsylvania .....	4,314	4,434	4,395	4,214	4,336	4,347
South Carolina .....	4,829	3,797	4,884	4,652	4,393	4,972
Texas .....	14,660	14,814	14,809	14,802	14,598	14,830
Virginia .....	6,570	5,509	5,754	6,018	6,227	5,645
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,163	11,414	10,963	11,490	11,457	10,503
Other States .....	9,912	9,586	9,357	9,246	9,730	9,159
United States .....	187,348	187,770	187,512	187,893	187,223	187,328

## 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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