



# 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 21, 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 Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 21, 2022, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through May 21, 2022 for the United States were 3.73 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 16, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022	May 7, 2022	May 14, 2022	May 21, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,750	34,906	35,104	34,312	34,187	34,548
Arkansas .....	24,909	24,569	24,561	24,526	24,724	24,753
Delaware .....	4,724	4,561	4,964	4,723	5,025	4,965
Florida .....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia .....	35,294	34,973	35,086	35,284	35,167	34,983
Kentucky .....	5,617	5,669	5,492	5,232	5,245	5,163
Louisiana .....	3,290	3,290	3,351	3,380	3,390	3,223
Maryland .....	8,007	8,006	8,007	8,000	8,007	8,035
Mississippi .....	15,562	15,545	16,103	17,254	17,486	17,476
Missouri .....	9,561	9,648	9,648	9,648	9,438	9,648
North Carolina .....	25,820	25,995	26,202	25,744	25,858	26,459
Oklahoma .....	7,601	7,673	7,626	7,427	7,571	7,569
Pennsylvania .....	6,603	6,471	6,427	6,439	6,595	6,653
South Carolina .....	5,550	5,542	5,483	5,532	5,592	5,563
Texas .....	18,832	19,115	19,197	18,870	18,912	18,737
Virginia .....	6,820	6,820	6,816	6,665	6,820	6,812
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,978	13,079	12,733	12,840	13,339	13,121
Other States .....	12,399	13,007	12,527	12,228	12,529	12,035
United States .....	239,511	240,063	240,521	239,298	241,079	240,937

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

State	Week ending					
	April 16, 2022	April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022	May 7, 2022	May 14, 2022	May 21, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,672	25,446	25,411	24,965	25,578	25,049
Arkansas .....	21,734	21,524	21,255	21,746	21,378	22,441
Delaware .....	4,070	4,776	4,647	5,957	5,018	5,034
Florida .....	1,310	1,425	1,435	1,332	1,330	1,213
Georgia .....	26,722	25,277	25,330	26,905	25,784	27,051
Kentucky .....	4,786	4,634	5,421	5,153	5,180	4,509
Louisiana .....	2,713	2,715	2,774	2,757	2,739	2,806
Maryland .....	6,346	6,106	4,892	4,424	4,967	5,582
Mississippi .....	13,658	13,732	13,685	12,770	12,316	12,559
Missouri .....	6,163	5,876	6,259	6,483	6,617	6,974
North Carolina .....	20,076	20,257	20,047	20,156	20,802	20,003
Oklahoma .....	5,104	5,648	5,342	4,728	4,546	3,159
Pennsylvania .....	4,406	4,202	4,367	4,465	4,455	4,358
South Carolina .....	4,795	4,872	4,500	4,908	4,650	5,314
Texas .....	14,810	14,802	14,598	14,830	15,437	15,782
Virginia .....	5,755	5,697	6,735	6,120	6,453	5,958
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,964	11,914	11,045	10,421	11,297	11,063
Other States .....	9,406	9,145	9,546	9,345	9,949	9,705
United States .....	187,490	188,048	187,289	187,465	188,496	188,560

## 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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