



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 245 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 13, 2022, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.3 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 13, 2022, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through August 13, 2022 for the United States were 6.01 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	July 9, 2022	July 16, 2022	July 23, 2022	July 30, 2022	August 6, 2022	August 13, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,008	34,218	34,580	34,813	34,247	35,053
Arkansas	25,203	24,877	24,810	25,091	25,076	24,780
Delaware	4,816	4,911	5,031	5,241	5,075	5,089
Florida	1,147	1,163	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	35,085	34,857	35,162	34,558	34,895	35,148
Kentucky	6,566	6,566	6,698	6,708	6,790	6,842
Louisiana	3,351	3,381	3,441	3,455	3,497	3,424
Maryland	8,055	8,067	8,067	8,067	8,061	8,065
Mississippi	16,960	16,449	16,105	16,799	16,889	16,813
Missouri	9,552	9,567	9,590	9,602	9,619	9,600
North Carolina	26,317	25,093	26,232	26,367	26,459	26,206
Oklahoma	7,719	7,828	7,205	7,066	8,052	7,629
Pennsylvania	6,554	6,732	6,713	6,695	6,678	6,746
South Carolina	5,701	5,876	5,852	5,825	5,868	5,877
Texas	18,829	18,062	18,295	18,653	18,878	19,087
Virginia	6,815	6,800	6,861	6,811	6,831	6,861
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,021	13,487	13,971	13,861	13,949	13,945
Other States	12,650	12,575	12,456	13,039	12,498	12,666
United States	243,349	240,509	242,263	243,845	244,556	245,025

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

State	Week ending					
	July 9, 2022	July 16, 2022	July 23, 2022	July 30, 2022	August 6, 2022	August 13, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,969	24,415	24,712	25,438	25,466	25,673
Arkansas	20,902	21,482	20,068	21,375	21,909	20,522
Delaware	4,361	5,041	6,114	5,619	4,406	5,204
Florida	1,284	1,255	1,248	1,172	1,268	1,156
Georgia	27,792	26,811	27,355	27,604	25,297	27,018
Kentucky	5,861	5,057	5,297	5,915	6,051	5,489
Louisiana	2,761	2,684	2,702	2,811	2,815	2,868
Maryland	7,083	5,302	3,879	5,354	5,701	5,165
Mississippi	13,424	13,582	13,715	13,834	13,266	13,183
Missouri	6,542	6,998	6,577	6,680	7,230	6,528
North Carolina	19,647	20,107	20,087	19,873	19,561	19,942
Oklahoma	5,111	3,700	5,149	5,235	3,995	4,668
Pennsylvania	4,359	4,497	4,409	4,376	4,632	4,643
South Carolina	4,849	5,526	5,464	4,538	5,416	4,903
Texas	14,826	14,998	14,865	15,098	14,507	14,558
Virginia	5,712	6,718	6,170	5,972	6,207	6,390
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,768	11,912	11,233	10,941	11,464	12,188
Other States	9,661	9,482	9,261	9,291	9,372	9,592
United States	189,912	189,567	188,305	191,126	188,563	189,690

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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