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Number of chicken eggs placed in incubation increased again in 2022

Number of hatched chicks unchanged

Vienna, 2023-01-27 – Last year, according to Statistics Austria, the number of chicken eggs placed in incubation in domestic poultry production increased slightly year-on-year, while the number of chicks hatched remained unchanged from 2021.

In 2022, 134.9 million chicken eggs were placed in incubation at Austrian poultry hatcheries subject to reporting. Compared to the previous year, this represents an increase of 0.8 %. The quantity of **eggs placed in incubation** for meat use breeds rose by 0.9 % to 111.0 million in 2022, whereas it remained at the same level (+/-0 %; 23.9 million) for laying use breeds.

The number of **hatched chicks** remained unchanged (+/-0 %) at 106.8 million compared to 2021. The number of hatched chicks for meat use breeds increased by 1.5 % to 88.3 million, while that for laying use breeds fell by 6.6 % to 18.5 million.

For detailed results and further information on eggs and chicks please refer to our [website](#).

Chicken eggs placed in incubation and hatched chicks in 2022

Category	2021	2022	Change in %
Number of chicken eggs placed in incubation	133 870 459	134 882 251	+0.8
Laying use	23 933 836	23 923 552	+/-0.0
Meat use	109 936 623	110 958 699	+0.9
Number of chicks	106 772 512	106 758 303	+/-0.0
Laying use	19 782 358	18 476 189	-6.6
Meat use	86 990 154	88 282 114	+1.5

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Information on methodology, definitions: In accordance with Federal Law Gazette II No. 356/2003 (in the version currently in force), all hatcheries with a capacity of at least 1 000 hatching eggs are subject to this survey. Numbers on turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowls and chicken for mixed meat and laying use will not be published for data protection reasons.

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