



# 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 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 27, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 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 Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 27, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through June 27, 2020 for the United States were 4.83 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,016	33,312	32,911	32,915	32,968	32,617
Arkansas .....	22,963	23,060	23,471	23,549	23,249	22,418
Delaware .....	5,120	5,056	5,021	5,030	4,948	5,026
Florida .....	1,194	1,264	1,194	1,194	1,198	1,069
Georgia .....	34,478	34,687	34,577	34,606	34,551	34,004
Kentucky .....	7,484	6,533	7,494	7,469	7,394	7,756
Louisiana .....	3,365	3,486	3,410	3,501	3,370	3,219
Maryland .....	8,063	8,087	8,120	8,359	8,465	8,235
Mississippi .....	17,117	17,021	17,304	17,380	17,504	17,473
Missouri .....	9,102	9,069	9,070	8,556	8,642	8,378
North Carolina .....	24,787	24,778	24,718	25,512	24,085	25,140
Oklahoma .....	7,492	7,597	7,375	6,934	6,437	6,580
Pennsylvania .....	6,167	6,308	6,251	5,911	6,272	6,169
South Carolina .....	5,812	6,066	5,752	5,709	5,831	5,782
Texas .....	17,581	18,046	17,979	17,909	18,065	17,891
Virginia .....	6,367	6,425	6,381	6,425	6,396	6,327
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,058	12,903	12,925	13,174	13,073	12,598
Other States .....	11,682	11,826	11,450	11,415	11,603	11,805
United States .....	234,848	235,524	235,403	235,548	234,051	232,487
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	102	100	101

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,945	23,652	23,915	24,372	24,572	24,408
Arkansas .....	21,163	20,848	21,372	21,011	22,085	20,547
Delaware .....	4,687	4,865	4,647	3,657	4,700	4,544
Florida .....	1,192	1,341	1,331	1,325	1,229	1,339
Georgia .....	26,257	26,488	27,038	27,150	27,739	27,949
Kentucky .....	6,246	6,935	6,270	5,942	4,674	5,942
Louisiana .....	2,748	2,763	2,849	2,961	3,090	2,939
Maryland .....	4,225	4,699	5,578	6,863	5,729	5,746
Mississippi .....	13,849	14,028	14,230	14,497	14,393	14,705
Missouri .....	5,900	5,949	6,998	6,226	5,982	5,790
North Carolina .....	19,828	20,008	17,854	20,610	20,741	20,035
Oklahoma .....	3,430	3,757	3,255	4,394	3,450	5,061
Pennsylvania .....	4,177	4,390	4,429	4,462	4,534	4,485
South Carolina .....	5,075	4,475	4,857	5,075	4,834	4,844
Texas .....	14,018	14,457	14,388	14,636	14,766	14,887
Virginia .....	5,736	5,994	5,411	5,366	5,676	5,833
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,682	10,649	11,769	11,721	11,708	11,650
Other States .....	8,925	9,179	8,899	9,259	9,270	9,164
United States .....	181,083	184,477	185,090	189,527	189,172	189,868
Percent of previous year .....	96	97	97	100	99	100

## 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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