



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.2 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2021, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 20, 2021 for the United States were 1.31 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	January 16, 2021	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama .....	33,559	33,306	33,376	33,592	33,636	32,924
Arkansas .....	23,819	24,405	24,429	24,475	24,469	24,118
Delaware .....	5,668	5,042	4,948	4,669	4,669	4,669
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	32,751	33,008	33,872	34,848	34,943	34,124
Kentucky .....	8,025	8,003	7,685	8,158	7,783	7,877
Louisiana .....	3,516	3,562	3,516	3,562	3,562	2,284
Maryland .....	7,640	7,635	7,473	7,807	7,773	7,777
Mississippi .....	16,789	17,223	17,804	18,111	17,928	18,054
Missouri .....	9,149	9,244	9,244	9,210	9,197	9,037
North Carolina .....	24,361	24,763	23,920	23,943	24,728	24,802
Oklahoma .....	7,183	7,072	6,944	7,468	7,067	6,595
Pennsylvania .....	6,153	6,077	5,857	6,179	6,198	5,887
South Carolina .....	5,914	5,878	5,872	5,882	5,660	5,718
Texas .....	18,224	17,505	17,904	17,517	17,387	15,261
Virginia .....	6,505	6,462	6,313	6,300	6,458	6,303
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,039	13,227	13,457	13,249	12,851	13,163
Other States .....	12,225	11,289	10,966	10,496	11,605	11,594
United States .....	235,729	234,910	234,789	236,675	237,123	231,396
Percent of previous year .....	98	99	98	99	99	97

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	January 16, 2021	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama .....	24,340	24,910	24,239	24,695	23,515	23,621
Arkansas .....	22,087	21,851	22,288	21,564	21,797	21,207
Delaware .....	4,786	4,397	4,225	4,138	5,113	4,136
Florida .....	1,309	1,320	1,374	1,382	1,305	1,371
Georgia .....	26,418	25,869	26,050	24,873	25,104	26,528
Kentucky .....	6,345	5,740	6,587	5,497	6,628	5,596
Louisiana .....	3,002	3,015	2,575	2,980	3,018	1,632
Maryland .....	4,614	4,880	5,673	6,487	5,831	4,576
Mississippi .....	15,140	15,096	14,465	14,094	14,449	14,769
Missouri .....	6,763	6,480	5,925	5,352	5,125	6,030
North Carolina .....	19,311	19,699	19,140	19,853	19,751	19,552
Oklahoma .....	3,206	3,743	3,587	4,320	4,856	4,383
Pennsylvania .....	4,628	4,621	4,701	4,640	4,687	4,524
South Carolina .....	4,890	4,932	5,408	5,202	5,724	5,117
Texas .....	14,680	14,572	14,321	14,672	13,990	14,125
Virginia .....	6,116	6,522	5,728	5,781	4,684	5,307
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,522	11,323	10,681	11,621	11,438	11,047
Other States .....	8,960	8,789	8,885	9,834	8,708	9,812
United States .....	188,117	187,759	185,852	186,985	185,723	183,333
Percent of previous year .....	99	98	98	98	98	96

## 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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