



Broiler Hatchery

ISSN: 1949-1840

Released October 14, 2020, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 224 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 10, 2020, up 2 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 10, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through October 10, 2020 for the United States were 7.61 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					
	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,256	32,241	31,581	32,262	31,089	31,870
Arkansas	23,173	22,272	22,832	23,763	23,112	22,050
Delaware	4,797	4,796	4,015	4,797	4,796	4,789
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,209	1,209
Georgia	33,198	33,574	32,265	33,573	32,427	32,993
Kentucky	7,771	6,698	7,112	7,372	7,710	7,028
Louisiana	3,319	3,067	3,409	3,288	3,288	3,288
Maryland	8,145	7,111	7,638	7,901	7,631	7,631
Mississippi	16,016	16,325	16,240	16,812	15,614	16,123
Missouri	8,851	8,825	8,029	8,299	8,521	8,938
North Carolina	22,628	22,965	22,856	23,813	23,016	22,673
Oklahoma	6,747	7,325	6,523	7,192	6,331	6,451
Pennsylvania	6,360	6,326	6,339	6,222	6,091	6,304
South Carolina	5,265	5,754	5,774	5,253	5,339	5,360
Texas	16,100	16,820	16,589	16,434	16,039	16,601
Virginia	6,005	6,021	5,847	6,320	5,601	6,320
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,346	12,772	11,408	12,282	12,015	12,237
Other States	11,275	11,383	11,358	10,495	10,681	11,757
United States	225,415	225,438	220,978	227,241	220,510	223,622
Percent of previous year	100	101	97	100	100	102

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

State	Week ending					
	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,969	24,288	24,782	23,215	23,809	22,694
Arkansas	21,396	21,545	21,893	20,990	20,920	21,642
Delaware	4,407	5,010	4,213	5,417	5,088	4,383
Florida	1,310	1,304	1,298	1,281	1,279	1,219
Georgia	27,377	26,217	25,807	25,765	26,170	25,357
Kentucky	5,758	5,880	6,240	6,831	5,299	6,031
Louisiana	2,829	2,933	2,957	2,960	2,782	3,081
Maryland	6,581	5,312	5,779	5,198	5,505	5,723
Mississippi	14,576	14,406	14,153	13,676	13,929	13,839
Missouri	5,874	5,641	6,312	5,874	6,455	5,406
North Carolina	20,008	19,508	19,394	18,399	18,214	17,930
Oklahoma	4,840	4,896	4,335	4,493	3,781	3,111
Pennsylvania	4,886	4,839	4,825	4,825	4,802	4,776
South Carolina	4,354	5,680	5,219	4,690	5,197	5,165
Texas	14,465	14,472	13,864	13,365	13,677	13,391
Virginia	5,126	5,651	5,360	5,417	4,846	5,063
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,424	10,909	11,383	10,599	11,375	9,864
Other States	8,532	8,347	8,482	8,469	8,764	8,659
United States	186,712	186,838	186,296	181,464	181,892	177,334
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	99	101	97

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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@usda.gov

Travis Averill, Chief, Livestock Branch	(202) 692-0069
Tony Dorn, Head, Poultry and Specialty Commodities Section	(202) 690-3223
Holly Brenize – Poultry Slaughter	(202) 720-0585
Alissa Cowell-Mytar – Cold Storage, Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses	(202) 720-4751
Liana Cuffman – Catfish and Trout, Mink, Census of Aquaculture	(202) 720-8784
Fatema Haque – Turkey Hatchery, Turkeys Raised	(202) 720-3244
Derron Martin – Chicken Hatchery, Egg Products	(202) 690-3237
Adam Peters – Honey, Honey Bee Colonies	(202) 690-4870
Autumn Stone – Layers, Eggs	(202) 690-3676
Takiyah Walker – Broiler Hatchery	(202) 720-6147

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit www.nass.usda.gov and click on “National” or “State” in upper right corner above “search” box to create an account and select the reports you would like to receive.
- Cornell’s Mann Library has launched a new website housing NASS’s and other agencies archived reports. The new website, <https://usda.library.cornell.edu>. All email subscriptions containing reports will be sent from the new website, <https://usda.library.cornell.edu>. To continue receiving the reports via e-mail, you will have to go to the new website, create a new account and re-subscribe to the reports. If you need instructions to set up an account or subscribe, they are located at: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/help>. You should whitelist notifications@usda-esmis.library.cornell.edu in your email client to avoid the emails going into spam/junk folders.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) (PDF), found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.