



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 31, 2021, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 31, 2021, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through July 31, 2021 for the United States were 5.61 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	June 26, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 10, 2021	July 17, 2021	July 24, 2021	July 31, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,001	32,605	32,963	32,944	33,609	33,110
Arkansas	24,369	24,949	25,041	24,768	25,137	24,479
Delaware	4,715	4,624	4,623	4,621	4,714	4,716
Florida	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,124	1,186	1,075
Georgia	34,176	33,923	35,184	34,233	34,973	35,120
Kentucky	7,949	7,428	7,979	7,773	7,931	8,015
Louisiana	3,351	3,319	3,319	3,290	3,192	3,168
Maryland	7,921	7,942	7,868	7,942	7,941	7,942
Mississippi	16,941	17,225	16,981	16,784	17,084	17,205
Missouri	9,596	9,674	9,436	9,389	9,610	9,370
North Carolina	25,143	24,741	24,387	24,400	25,454	24,870
Oklahoma	7,644	7,937	7,664	7,690	7,623	7,375
Pennsylvania	6,784	6,334	6,478	6,608	6,561	6,522
South Carolina	5,758	5,677	5,906	5,969	6,025	5,841
Texas	18,229	18,168	18,084	17,781	18,532	17,625
Virginia	6,585	6,497	6,434	6,381	6,611	6,610
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,931	13,103	13,124	13,067	13,345	13,169
Other States	12,779	12,594	12,749	12,758	12,299	12,547
United States	238,058	237,926	239,406	237,522	241,827	238,759
Percent of previous year	101	102	104	102	106	105

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

State	Week ending					
	June 26, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 10, 2021	July 17, 2021	July 24, 2021	July 31, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,225	23,690	24,041	23,650	23,857	23,017
Arkansas	21,519	20,719	20,874	21,696	22,212	22,316
Delaware	4,358	4,456	5,064	4,128	4,379	4,385
Florida	1,245	1,166	1,262	1,206	1,321	1,292
Georgia	27,202	26,039	26,675	26,109	26,215	26,540
Kentucky	5,904	5,767	6,299	6,067	6,335	6,079
Louisiana	2,568	2,795	2,660	2,825	2,845	2,812
Maryland	5,487	5,992	5,413	6,201	5,940	5,705
Mississippi	14,287	14,454	13,999	14,318	14,320	14,116
Missouri	6,554	7,477	6,329	6,408	6,282	6,178
North Carolina	20,052	19,713	19,336	20,145	19,890	19,540
Oklahoma	4,124	3,769	4,268	3,779	3,904	3,697
Pennsylvania	4,819	4,749	4,758	5,028	4,583	4,737
South Carolina	5,274	4,938	5,015	4,716	4,532	5,095
Texas	14,707	14,363	14,449	14,293	14,236	13,955
Virginia	6,516	5,640	5,976	5,482	5,493	5,577
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,901	11,550	10,080	10,942	10,558	12,139
Other States	10,090	9,868	9,629	9,419	9,719	9,511
United States	188,832	187,145	186,127	186,412	186,621	186,691
Percent of previous year	100	98	97	98	99	101

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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