



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 18, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.9 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 18, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through January 18, 2020 for the United States were 571 million. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019-2020

State	Week ending					
	December 14, 2019	December 21, 2019	December 28, 2019	January 4, 2020	January 11, 2020	January 18, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,035	34,131	33,999	34,071	34,108	34,063
Arkansas	24,064	23,818	23,860	23,850	23,992	23,956
Delaware	5,489	5,610	5,468	5,468	5,483	5,499
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	32,629	35,037	34,576	35,038	34,751	34,649
Kentucky	8,014	7,931	7,912	7,684	7,910	7,897
Louisiana	3,774	3,774	3,819	3,758	3,740	3,819
Maryland	7,671	8,113	8,121	8,090	8,280	8,131
Mississippi	18,243	18,538	17,749	18,185	18,199	17,550
Missouri	8,983	8,934	8,952	8,618	8,905	8,647
North Carolina	25,130	25,161	25,047	23,339	25,070	25,174
Oklahoma	7,879	7,860	7,781	7,595	7,521	7,572
Pennsylvania	5,868	6,244	5,712	5,921	5,903	5,933
South Carolina	5,827	5,898	5,437	5,602	5,412	5,621
Texas	18,398	18,192	18,132	17,987	17,976	17,326
Virginia	6,484	6,257	6,468	6,302	6,453	6,454
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,809	11,832	13,116	12,449	12,821	12,395
Other States	11,026	10,798	10,874	11,218	10,974	10,833
United States	237,501	239,306	238,201	236,353	238,676	236,697
Percent of previous year	106	105	104	104	104	104

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2019-2020

State	Week ending					
	December 14, 2019	December 21, 2019	December 28, 2019	January 4, 2020	January 11, 2020	January 18, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,894	25,640	23,383	25,321	25,818	24,472
Arkansas	21,580	21,745	21,831	23,862	21,865	21,672
Delaware	4,607	5,052	5,277	5,998	5,091	5,664
Florida	1,317	1,417	1,283	1,233	1,333	1,334
Georgia	26,466	26,511	27,678	24,563	26,669	27,322
Kentucky	6,239	6,211	6,283	6,670	6,294	6,499
Louisiana	3,271	3,164	3,115	3,200	3,192	3,238
Maryland	6,198	6,075	6,017	5,249	6,794	5,936
Mississippi	15,398	15,426	15,380	15,482	15,811	15,171
Missouri	6,622	5,753	5,950	5,812	6,243	6,341
North Carolina	19,649	19,690	19,594	20,124	20,201	19,969
Oklahoma	4,281	4,292	4,333	3,477	4,313	4,300
Pennsylvania	4,290	4,476	4,515	4,305	4,504	4,267
South Carolina	5,503	4,832	4,696	4,885	4,711	4,939
Texas	14,179	14,239	14,633	14,700	14,628	14,698
Virginia	5,463	6,297	5,186	5,283	4,830	5,107
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,075	11,131	11,148	11,057	10,178	11,828
Other States	8,306	8,201	8,585	8,327	8,172	8,371
United States	189,338	190,152	188,887	189,548	190,647	191,128
Percent of previous year	103	100	107	105	104	104

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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