



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 22, 2020, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 22, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through August 22, 2020 for the United States were 6.32 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					
	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,085	32,966	32,639	31,994	32,911	32,940
Arkansas	22,612	22,755	23,431	23,417	23,489	23,251
Delaware	4,825	4,547	4,548	4,825	4,825	4,826
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,162	1,163	1,163
Georgia	33,895	33,983	34,071	33,702	33,848	34,306
Kentucky	7,838	7,767	7,657	7,586	7,754	7,725
Louisiana	3,211	3,364	3,319	3,319	3,185	3,272
Maryland	8,154	8,018	8,092	8,140	8,135	8,122
Mississippi	16,208	16,932	16,764	16,863	17,218	16,752
Missouri	8,817	8,886	8,937	8,857	8,853	8,857
North Carolina	23,424	24,104	24,549	24,614	24,667	24,058
Oklahoma	6,874	6,863	7,145	6,976	7,084	6,895
Pennsylvania	6,373	6,335	6,493	6,515	6,401	6,411
South Carolina	5,550	5,312	5,583	5,726	5,719	5,725
Texas	16,942	16,893	17,171	17,354	17,315	17,502
Virginia	6,157	5,809	6,206	6,082	6,216	6,218
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,346	11,995	12,850	12,063	11,910	12,225
Other States	12,321	11,195	11,123	11,197	11,065	11,256
United States	227,795	228,887	231,741	230,392	231,758	231,504
Percent of previous year	98	98	99	99	99	100

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

State	Week ending					
	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,446	23,523	24,395	22,789	24,631	23,333
Arkansas	21,557	20,957	22,847	20,569	21,635	21,300
Delaware	4,734	4,901	4,981	4,999	4,746	4,395
Florida	1,251	1,260	1,245	1,327	1,339	1,203
Georgia	26,995	26,519	26,749	27,168	26,209	27,184
Kentucky	6,516	5,718	6,862	6,695	6,318	5,799
Louisiana	2,845	2,913	2,923	2,717	2,791	2,921
Maryland	5,054	5,292	5,357	4,959	5,293	5,533
Mississippi	14,920	15,029	14,614	13,538	14,283	14,245
Missouri	5,206	5,639	5,319	7,438	6,673	6,018
North Carolina	19,284	19,727	19,286	19,584	19,410	19,751
Oklahoma	3,347	3,909	3,182	3,151	2,850	4,440
Pennsylvania	4,878	4,829	4,923	4,898	4,810	4,941
South Carolina	5,567	5,041	4,939	4,666	4,643	5,573
Texas	14,808	14,172	13,827	13,822	13,897	14,272
Virginia	6,467	5,832	5,814	6,001	5,282	5,619
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,975	11,167	10,673	9,097	10,688	10,730
Other States	9,297	8,991	8,988	9,778	8,821	8,881
United States	188,147	185,419	186,924	183,196	184,319	186,138
Percent of previous year	101	98	99	97	97	98

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.

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