



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 242 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 20, 2021, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 20, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through November 20, 2021 for the United States were 8.52 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 30, 2021	November 6, 2021	November 13, 2021	November 20, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,180	31,803	33,001	32,529	33,467	32,855
Arkansas	23,088	24,667	24,422	24,415	24,808	24,711
Delaware	4,161	4,440	4,670	4,790	5,028	4,867
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,225	1,225
Georgia	32,947	33,848	34,814	33,721	35,255	35,388
Kentucky	7,460	7,866	8,202	7,228	7,740	7,700
Louisiana	2,976	3,123	3,033	3,229	3,139	3,229
Maryland	7,643	7,932	7,957	7,918	7,975	7,884
Mississippi	16,362	16,839	16,735	16,874	16,456	17,571
Missouri	9,188	9,274	8,605	8,891	9,328	9,509
North Carolina	23,728	24,530	24,957	25,047	25,811	25,045
Oklahoma	7,316	7,734	7,541	7,423	7,748	7,659
Pennsylvania	6,569	6,431	6,409	6,801	6,992	6,905
South Carolina	5,823	5,859	5,475	5,190	5,613	5,556
Texas	17,734	18,159	19,320	17,045	18,475	18,766
Virginia	6,710	6,726	6,496	6,450	6,809	6,822
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,616	12,472	13,579	12,699	13,595	13,426
Other States	12,370	11,180	11,865	12,650	12,364	12,480
United States	229,065	234,077	238,275	234,094	241,828	241,598
Percent of previous year	102	106	106	106	108	103

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

State	Week ending					
	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 30, 2021	November 6, 2021	November 13, 2021	November 20, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,520	21,780	23,335	22,672	22,953	23,416
Arkansas	20,897	20,726	20,760	19,565	21,237	20,624
Delaware	4,683	4,634	4,903	5,183	5,035	5,399
Florida	1,302	1,257	1,335	1,340	1,281	1,342
Georgia	26,435	26,165	24,540	23,902	25,435	25,461
Kentucky	6,104	5,750	5,640	5,267	5,695	6,026
Louisiana	2,711	2,414	2,422	2,506	2,663	2,436
Maryland	5,250	4,839	4,683	4,604	4,517	4,799
Mississippi	14,034	12,775	13,745	13,618	14,090	13,903
Missouri	7,040	6,714	6,325	6,247	6,612	6,229
North Carolina	19,481	18,840	18,655	18,983	19,221	19,373
Oklahoma	3,772	3,678	3,563	4,443	4,421	4,446
Pennsylvania	4,674	4,693	4,755	4,750	4,617	4,675
South Carolina	4,770	4,916	4,758	5,268	4,398	4,917
Texas	13,814	13,676	13,537	13,613	14,127	15,339
Virginia	5,565	5,639	5,485	5,320	5,869	5,649
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,386	10,609	10,790	11,527	12,317	11,558
Other States	8,436	8,796	9,394	9,149	8,194	8,669
United States	180,874	177,901	178,625	177,957	182,682	184,261
Percent of previous year	102	98	104	99	104	102

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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