



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 223 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 19, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.4 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 19, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through September 19, 2020 for the United States were 7.07 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					
	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,911	32,919	32,842	32,192	32,147	31,576
Arkansas	23,489	23,251	23,591	23,197	22,174	22,397
Delaware	4,825	4,797	4,082	4,797	4,826	4,826
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia	33,918	34,131	34,275	33,556	33,935	33,002
Kentucky	7,504	7,488	7,759	7,521	6,467	7,107
Louisiana	3,185	3,272	3,319	3,319	3,160	3,319
Maryland	8,135	8,122	8,131	8,145	7,111	7,638
Mississippi	17,218	16,752	16,473	15,835	16,694	16,467
Missouri	8,853	8,857	8,888	8,851	8,825	8,029
North Carolina	24,667	23,982	23,963	22,574	23,234	22,904
Oklahoma	7,084	6,928	7,279	6,747	7,325	6,523
Pennsylvania	6,401	6,411	6,387	6,360	6,326	6,356
South Carolina	5,719	5,791	5,725	5,825	5,754	5,774
Texas	17,315	17,502	16,794	16,100	16,820	16,589
Virginia	6,216	6,218	6,161	6,005	6,021	6,036
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,937	12,790	12,916	12,405	13,024	11,617
Other States	10,632	10,813	11,142	11,273	11,380	11,352
United States	231,172	231,187	230,890	225,865	226,386	222,675
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	100	102	98

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

State	Week ending					
	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,631	23,485	24,424	23,980	24,302	24,797
Arkansas	21,635	21,267	21,148	21,113	21,307	21,603
Delaware	4,746	4,228	4,420	4,407	4,813	4,469
Florida	1,339	1,202	1,315	1,310	1,304	1,298
Georgia	26,208	27,126	26,523	27,377	26,217	25,799
Kentucky	6,321	5,801	5,376	5,758	5,880	6,240
Louisiana	2,791	2,920	2,744	2,829	2,722	2,938
Maryland	5,294	5,862	5,966	6,581	5,338	5,544
Mississippi	14,283	14,245	14,369	14,566	14,221	13,974
Missouri	6,675	6,019	6,433	5,874	5,641	6,320
North Carolina	19,419	19,905	20,360	20,008	19,503	19,348
Oklahoma	2,849	4,440	4,028	4,840	4,896	4,335
Pennsylvania	4,810	4,941	4,962	4,886	4,839	4,824
South Carolina	4,644	5,628	4,346	4,354	5,680	5,219
Texas	13,892	14,266	14,540	14,465	14,472	13,866
Virginia	5,283	5,436	5,983	5,205	5,822	5,349
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,687	10,642	10,397	10,345	10,909	11,383
Other States	8,347	8,395	8,630	8,532	8,347	8,482
United States	183,854	185,808	185,964	186,430	186,213	185,788
Percent of previous year	97	98	99	99	100	99

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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