



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 6 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 24, 2021, up 6 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.1 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 24, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through July 24, 2021 for the United States were 5.42 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 19, 2021	June 26, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 10, 2021	July 17, 2021	July 24, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,889	33,001	32,605	32,963	32,944	33,609
Arkansas	24,180	24,369	24,949	25,041	24,768	25,180
Delaware	4,988	4,715	4,624	4,623	4,621	4,714
Florida	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,124	1,186
Georgia	34,452	34,176	33,923	34,819	34,233	34,973
Kentucky	7,347	7,949	7,428	7,979	7,773	7,931
Louisiana	3,179	3,351	3,319	3,114	3,290	3,192
Maryland	7,938	7,936	7,940	7,867	7,942	7,941
Mississippi	16,910	16,941	17,225	16,981	16,784	16,884
Missouri	9,596	9,596	9,674	9,436	9,389	9,610
North Carolina	25,104	25,143	24,741	24,387	24,400	25,454
Oklahoma	7,563	7,644	7,937	7,664	7,690	7,623
Pennsylvania	6,631	6,784	6,334	6,478	6,608	6,498
South Carolina	5,945	5,758	5,677	5,906	5,969	6,025
Texas	18,391	18,229	18,168	18,084	17,781	18,532
Virginia	6,559	6,585	6,497	6,434	6,381	6,611
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,828	11,931	13,103	13,124	13,067	13,209
Other States	12,627	12,779	12,594	12,749	12,758	12,299
United States	238,313	238,073	237,924	238,835	237,522	241,471
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	103	102	106

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

State	Week ending					
	June 19, 2021	June 26, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 10, 2021	July 17, 2021	July 24, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,462	23,225	23,690	24,041	23,650	23,760
Arkansas	22,403	21,519	20,719	20,874	21,696	21,857
Delaware	5,063	4,309	4,553	5,085	4,128	4,379
Florida	1,266	1,245	1,166	1,262	1,206	1,321
Georgia	25,393	27,202	26,039	26,675	26,109	26,215
Kentucky	6,134	5,904	5,767	6,299	6,067	5,992
Louisiana	2,775	2,568	2,795	2,660	2,825	2,845
Maryland	5,588	5,498	5,849	5,371	6,201	5,601
Mississippi	14,108	14,287	14,454	13,999	14,318	14,320
Missouri	6,304	6,554	7,477	6,329	6,408	6,237
North Carolina	20,148	20,052	19,713	19,336	20,145	19,781
Oklahoma	3,621	4,124	3,769	4,268	3,779	4,304
Pennsylvania	4,758	4,819	4,749	4,758	5,028	4,629
South Carolina	5,091	5,274	4,938	5,015	4,716	4,651
Texas	14,532	14,707	14,363	14,449	14,293	14,236
Virginia	5,514	6,540	5,664	6,001	5,482	5,851
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,763	10,901	11,550	10,080	10,942	11,316
Other States	9,933	10,090	9,868	9,629	9,419	9,402
United States	187,856	188,818	187,123	186,131	186,412	186,697
Percent of previous year	99	100	98	97	98	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.

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