



# 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 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 21, 2019, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.3 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 Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 2019, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through December 21, 2019 for the United States were 9.47 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019	November 30, 2019	December 7, 2019	December 14, 2019	December 21, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,512	33,501	33,566	33,293	33,602	33,696
Arkansas .....	23,668	23,858	23,540	23,312	24,064	23,818
Delaware .....	5,474	5,470	5,466	5,467	5,469	5,469
Florida .....	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia .....	34,607	34,915	34,952	34,371	32,629	35,038
Kentucky .....	7,791	7,806	7,747	7,268	8,014	7,933
Louisiana .....	3,456	3,864	3,758	3,668	3,774	3,774
Maryland .....	7,792	7,931	8,096	7,846	7,671	7,759
Mississippi .....	18,111	18,006	18,015	18,275	18,243	18,538
Missouri .....	8,961	8,952	8,664	8,929	8,983	8,934
North Carolina .....	24,386	24,807	24,735	24,338	25,187	25,017
Oklahoma .....	7,691	7,765	7,573	7,200	7,879	7,860
Pennsylvania .....	5,940	5,671	5,976	5,824	5,707	5,803
South Carolina .....	5,738	5,693	5,807	5,512	5,827	5,886
Texas .....	17,610	17,781	17,934	18,115	18,398	18,192
Virginia .....	6,294	5,903	6,682	6,134	6,484	6,257
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,611	12,925	12,769	12,177	12,810	12,870
Other States .....	11,359	10,818	10,962	11,118	11,026	9,601
United States .....	236,179	236,844	237,420	234,025	236,945	237,623
Percent of previous year .....	104	104	101	107	105	104

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

State	Week ending					
	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019	November 30, 2019	December 7, 2019	December 14, 2019	December 21, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,400	22,319	22,119	25,329	24,507	25,379
Arkansas .....	20,409	21,213	21,254	21,991	21,580	21,755
Delaware .....	5,391	4,955	5,454	4,901	4,601	5,350
Florida .....	1,283	1,214	1,325	1,338	1,319	1,310
Georgia .....	23,812	24,551	27,332	26,260	26,466	26,712
Kentucky .....	6,354	6,125	5,880	6,095	6,238	6,231
Louisiana .....	3,560	2,743	2,963	2,925	3,271	3,164
Maryland .....	4,727	5,917	5,506	6,202	6,194	6,018
Mississippi .....	15,435	14,708	14,891	15,400	15,398	15,426
Missouri .....	5,900	4,815	5,194	6,046	6,622	5,753
North Carolina .....	20,075	19,324	20,613	19,293	19,649	20,070
Oklahoma .....	4,791	4,936	5,020	4,420	4,281	4,312
Pennsylvania .....	3,711	4,127	4,333	4,401	4,168	4,399
South Carolina .....	5,391	5,229	4,320	5,118	5,503	4,311
Texas .....	13,752	14,084	13,169	13,891	14,179	14,239
Virginia .....	5,889	5,306	5,870	4,995	5,492	6,041
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,566	10,859	10,100	11,104	11,075	10,831
Other States .....	7,558	7,368	8,302	8,797	8,307	7,240
United States .....	183,004	179,793	183,645	188,506	188,850	188,541
Percent of previous year .....	104	104	103	103	103	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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