



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 7 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2020, down 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.3 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 8 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2020, down 8 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through April 25, 2020 for the United States were 3.19 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,838	34,043	32,825	30,441	30,821	30,619
Arkansas	24,368	23,081	21,487	21,427	22,255	21,180
Delaware	5,362	5,465	4,642	3,841	4,477	4,525
Florida	1,194	1,177	1,131	1,167	1,163	1,069
Georgia	35,080	35,250	34,232	33,053	33,080	33,211
Kentucky	7,749	7,497	7,911	7,620	7,214	7,065
Louisiana	3,865	3,802	3,167	3,485	3,470	2,971
Maryland	8,170	8,198	7,886	8,086	7,838	8,059
Mississippi	18,260	18,260	17,350	16,603	16,921	16,877
Missouri	8,952	9,003	8,388	8,309	8,368	8,552
North Carolina	24,712	24,372	21,816	22,593	22,568	22,432
Oklahoma	7,196	7,309	6,605	6,519	6,698	6,911
Pennsylvania	6,103	6,325	6,197	6,106	6,094	6,262
South Carolina	5,804	5,834	5,647	5,720	5,267	5,238
Texas	17,915	18,014	17,473	16,563	17,031	15,167
Virginia	6,485	5,672	5,762	5,477	4,889	4,962
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,760	13,180	12,649	12,280	12,237	11,500
Other States	11,591	11,834	10,644	10,437	11,289	10,980
United States	239,404	238,316	225,812	219,727	221,680	217,580
Percent of previous year	104	102	98	94	94	93

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

State	Week ending					
	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,923	25,586	23,735	22,117	23,345	21,671
Arkansas	22,029	22,280	21,211	21,224	20,140	19,806
Delaware	6,147	4,805	4,330	5,368	5,155	5,481
Florida	1,326	1,336	1,306	1,334	1,230	1,293
Georgia	28,120	26,598	26,258	27,366	25,207	25,247
Kentucky	5,913	5,601	6,482	5,949	5,890	5,964
Louisiana	3,234	3,353	3,121	2,575	2,404	2,018
Maryland	5,463	6,127	4,458	3,353	5,634	3,824
Mississippi	15,182	15,191	14,386	14,179	14,296	14,396
Missouri	5,656	6,442	5,596	5,590	5,472	4,806
North Carolina	20,901	20,264	20,478	19,387	19,534	16,908
Oklahoma	4,093	3,499	4,281	3,327	4,351	4,507
Pennsylvania	4,524	4,472	4,452	4,255	4,470	4,442
South Carolina	4,475	4,920	5,638	4,031	3,445	4,097
Texas	14,089	13,930	14,006	14,007	13,805	13,597
Virginia	5,302	5,952	4,964	4,731	4,384	4,705
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,369	11,520	11,425	10,981	10,772	11,068
Other States	9,002	8,812	8,782	7,765	8,831	8,161
United States	191,748	190,688	184,909	177,539	178,365	171,991
Percent of previous year	104	102	99	95	95	92

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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