



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 4, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 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 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 4, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through September 4, 2021 for the United States were 6.54 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					
	July 31, 2021	August 7, 2021	August 14, 2021	August 21, 2021	August 28, 2021	September 4, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,015	33,841	33,565	33,210	33,513	33,557
Arkansas .....	24,661	25,049	25,195	25,084	24,524	24,384
Delaware .....	4,465	4,465	4,558	4,510	4,474	4,476
Florida .....	1,075	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186
Georgia .....	34,876	34,801	34,526	34,893	34,831	34,680
Kentucky .....	8,015	7,809	6,274	7,881	7,284	7,534
Louisiana .....	3,168	3,184	3,204	3,259	3,230	3,169
Maryland .....	7,914	7,913	7,915	7,939	7,937	7,945
Mississippi .....	17,168	17,106	17,065	16,537	16,788	16,318
Missouri .....	9,370	9,435	9,625	9,625	9,548	9,255
North Carolina .....	24,561	24,583	24,726	24,733	24,385	24,153
Oklahoma .....	7,203	7,446	7,459	7,394	6,966	7,501
Pennsylvania .....	6,740	6,586	6,725	6,605	6,577	6,705
South Carolina .....	5,755	5,861	5,905	5,838	5,610	5,738
Texas .....	17,489	17,633	17,804	18,172	17,286	17,199
Virginia .....	6,610	6,598	6,727	6,779	6,762	6,752
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,111	13,059	12,991	12,659	13,164	12,817
Other States .....	12,458	12,683	12,819	12,365	11,994	12,151
United States .....	238,654	239,238	238,269	238,669	236,059	235,520
Percent of previous year .....	104	103	103	103	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	July 31, 2021	August 7, 2021	August 14, 2021	August 21, 2021	August 28, 2021	September 4, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,860	23,447	23,696	24,385	23,555	23,618
Arkansas .....	22,209	21,288	21,381	20,155	21,103	20,969
Delaware .....	4,712	4,449	5,197	4,711	5,091	4,901
Florida .....	1,290	1,253	1,291	928	960	1,282
Georgia .....	26,906	26,096	25,876	27,005	27,529	27,074
Kentucky .....	6,673	5,937	6,245	5,672	5,734	4,983
Louisiana .....	2,832	2,805	2,721	2,692	2,664	2,804
Maryland .....	5,596	5,746	4,729	5,288	5,039	5,774
Mississippi .....	14,098	13,853	14,213	14,091	14,114	14,086
Missouri .....	6,222	5,840	6,275	6,682	6,796	6,290
North Carolina .....	19,555	19,001	20,204	19,738	19,582	19,306
Oklahoma .....	3,712	4,770	4,362	4,532	3,759	4,156
Pennsylvania .....	4,711	4,801	4,843	4,996	4,742	4,961
South Carolina .....	5,974	4,976	4,954	5,177	5,073	5,012
Texas .....	13,954	13,707	14,091	14,025	13,865	14,313
Virginia .....	5,441	5,685	5,576	5,479	6,086	5,187
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,345	10,669	11,435	10,571	9,974	10,779
Other States .....	9,580	9,571	9,387	9,721	9,598	9,751
United States .....	186,670	183,894	186,476	185,848	185,264	185,246
Percent of previous year .....	101	98	102	101	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.

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