



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 5 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 225 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2020, down 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 77.3 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 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2020, down 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through April 18, 2020 for the United States were 3.02 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 14, 2020	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,216	33,838	34,043	32,825	30,441	30,821
Arkansas .....	24,202	24,368	23,081	22,316	21,427	22,255
Delaware .....	5,306	5,185	5,306	5,281	5,176	5,195
Florida .....	1,207	1,194	1,177	1,131	1,167	1,163
Georgia .....	34,849	35,080	35,250	33,985	33,053	33,071
Kentucky .....	7,760	7,749	7,497	7,911	7,620	7,220
Louisiana .....	3,879	3,865	3,802	3,167	3,485	3,470
Maryland .....	8,486	8,171	8,198	7,886	8,086	7,986
Mississippi .....	18,082	18,260	18,260	16,999	16,603	16,921
Missouri .....	8,809	8,952	9,003	8,233	8,309	8,368
North Carolina .....	25,258	24,681	24,422	24,597	23,407	24,210
Oklahoma .....	7,973	7,196	7,309	7,116	6,519	6,698
Pennsylvania .....	6,239	6,103	6,325	6,197	6,191	6,137
South Carolina .....	5,751	5,804	5,834	5,647	5,720	5,271
Texas .....	17,541	17,915	18,014	17,473	16,563	17,031
Virginia .....	6,392	6,485	5,672	6,361	5,477	4,889
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,734	12,760	13,180	13,087	12,280	12,558
Other States .....	11,887	11,591	11,834	10,941	10,437	11,264
United States .....	240,571	239,197	238,207	231,153	221,961	224,528
Percent of previous year .....	103	104	102	100	95	95

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

State	Week ending					
	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,988	24,923	25,586	23,735	22,117	23,345
Arkansas .....	21,417	22,029	22,280	21,211	21,224	20,141
Delaware .....	4,939	5,059	4,654	5,431	4,828	4,964
Florida .....	1,235	1,326	1,336	1,306	1,334	1,230
Georgia .....	27,068	28,120	26,598	25,613	27,366	25,583
Kentucky .....	6,073	5,913	5,601	6,482	5,949	5,895
Louisiana .....	3,270	3,234	3,353	3,121	2,575	2,404
Maryland .....	5,052	6,116	5,773	6,026	6,128	5,539
Mississippi .....	14,889	15,182	15,191	14,386	14,179	14,296
Missouri .....	5,938	5,656	6,442	5,596	5,590	5,472
North Carolina .....	20,003	20,831	20,181	20,486	19,376	19,534
Oklahoma .....	5,162	4,093	3,499	4,281	3,327	4,351
Pennsylvania .....	4,547	4,524	4,472	4,452	4,285	4,474
South Carolina .....	5,286	4,475	4,920	5,283	4,031	3,918
Texas .....	14,125	14,089	13,930	14,006	14,007	13,825
Virginia .....	6,584	5,702	6,352	4,935	4,698	4,429
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,540	11,369	11,520	11,425	10,981	10,831
Other States .....	9,032	9,002	8,812	8,782	7,765	7,932
United States .....	191,148	191,643	190,500	186,557	179,760	178,163
Percent of previous year .....	103	104	102	99	96	95

## 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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