



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 16, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.2 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 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 16, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through January 16, 2021 for the United States were 377 million. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

State	Week ending					
	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021	January 9, 2021	January 16, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,748	33,476	33,424	33,380	33,144	33,207
Arkansas	23,479	24,041	24,355	24,364	24,423	24,542
Delaware	4,948	4,762	4,669	4,669	4,669	4,669
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	34,541	34,925	34,608	34,450	34,414	33,023
Kentucky	7,684	7,838	7,889	7,589	7,534	7,877
Louisiana	3,485	3,500	3,532	3,532	2,987	3,516
Maryland	7,631	7,622	7,636	7,639	7,637	7,640
Mississippi	17,701	18,020	17,929	17,885	17,222	17,660
Missouri	9,163	9,183	9,198	9,227	9,165	9,149
North Carolina	24,360	24,479	23,668	23,917	23,969	24,187
Oklahoma	6,737	7,153	6,972	7,068	7,058	7,158
Pennsylvania	6,319	6,319	6,293	6,293	6,318	6,293
South Carolina	5,530	5,848	5,879	5,675	5,618	5,870
Texas	18,330	18,317	18,052	18,280	17,728	17,665
Virginia	6,491	6,383	6,415	6,522	6,432	6,505
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,085	13,681	13,173	13,231	13,068	13,047
Other States	11,948	12,084	11,950	11,820	11,846	12,233
United States	235,389	238,840	236,851	236,750	234,441	235,450
Percent of previous year	99	100	99	100	99	98

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

State	Week ending					
	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021	January 9, 2021	January 16, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,915	24,306	23,088	24,414	23,720	24,159
Arkansas	21,847	22,165	22,112	20,607	20,689	21,977
Delaware	4,506	4,527	4,047	5,160	4,616	4,952
Florida	1,258	1,332	1,291	1,182	1,297	1,308
Georgia	26,899	27,391	25,293	26,993	26,809	26,470
Kentucky	6,442	5,987	5,479	6,369	5,710	6,345
Louisiana	2,938	2,920	2,677	2,961	3,125	3,120
Maryland	4,878	5,830	6,493	4,704	5,239	4,489
Mississippi	14,798	14,583	14,762	15,203	15,149	15,130
Missouri	5,686	6,214	5,516	5,921	6,542	6,763
North Carolina	20,007	19,477	19,288	19,735	19,639	19,370
Oklahoma	4,299	3,299	4,096	4,880	4,273	3,207
Pennsylvania	4,768	4,767	4,760	4,771	4,785	4,761
South Carolina	4,738	5,402	5,787	4,993	5,403	4,866
Texas	14,715	15,358	14,083	14,687	14,896	14,655
Virginia	6,809	6,154	4,874	5,757	5,732	6,021
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,907	11,888	10,363	10,620	11,815	11,514
Other States	9,139	9,386	9,060	9,584	9,621	9,033
United States	188,549	190,986	183,069	188,541	189,060	188,140
Percent of previous year	100	100	97	99	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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