



# 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 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 14, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 14, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through November 14, 2020 for the United States were 8.49 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)					
Alabama .....	31,994	31,563	31,655	30,042	30,549	31,850
Arkansas .....	21,748	21,345	21,843	21,502	23,740	23,470
Delaware .....	4,264	4,264	4,446	4,458	4,264	4,264
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	32,874	32,774	33,514	32,578	31,877	33,846
Kentucky .....	7,025	7,021	7,846	7,200	6,854	7,808
Louisiana .....	3,288	3,133	3,409	3,289	3,138	3,304
Maryland .....	7,635	7,640	7,631	7,602	7,605	6,919
Mississippi .....	16,319	15,907	16,752	16,667	17,180	17,392
Missouri .....	8,938	8,072	8,149	8,091	8,345	9,215
North Carolina .....	22,225	22,081	23,822	23,015	23,484	24,277
Oklahoma .....	6,451	6,215	6,443	6,195	6,600	6,923
Pennsylvania .....	6,305	6,311	6,098	6,089	6,322	6,295
South Carolina .....	5,389	5,605	5,639	4,708	5,640	5,765
Texas .....	16,601	16,711	16,667	17,447	16,476	17,733
Virginia .....	6,320	6,205	6,212	5,744	5,951	6,445
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,138	11,997	12,284	11,193	11,910	12,853
Other States .....	11,658	11,365	9,974	9,805	11,028	12,303
United States .....	223,381	219,418	223,593	216,834	222,172	231,871
Percent of previous year .....	102	98	98	96	98	98

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

State	Week ending					
	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama .....	22,721	23,846	21,467	22,955	23,103	23,490
Arkansas .....	21,642	20,992	20,479	19,868	17,306	19,526
Delaware .....	5,120	4,933	4,645	5,108	4,296	4,729
Florida .....	1,228	1,305	1,338	1,249	1,340	1,340
Georgia .....	25,324	26,195	23,886	25,818	25,581	26,271
Kentucky .....	6,039	5,825	5,780	5,682	4,909	6,268
Louisiana .....	3,081	2,950	2,671	2,925	2,496	2,956
Maryland .....	4,196	4,920	4,581	3,781	4,766	5,140
Mississippi .....	13,587	14,313	13,275	13,936	13,278	14,238
Missouri .....	5,405	5,370	5,565	6,217	5,074	5,674
North Carolina .....	18,566	19,234	18,076	17,779	18,215	19,486
Oklahoma .....	3,111	4,242	4,329	3,691	5,860	4,042
Pennsylvania .....	4,796	4,698	4,594	4,784	4,775	4,597
South Carolina .....	5,151	5,149	4,130	5,098	4,597	4,689
Texas .....	13,389	13,591	12,953	13,750	13,176	13,695
Virginia .....	5,421	6,018	4,761	6,301	6,113	5,612
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,963	10,030	9,883	10,657	10,153	10,645
Other States .....	8,572	8,198	8,408	9,326	9,244	7,450
United States .....	177,312	181,809	170,821	178,925	174,282	179,848
Percent of previous year .....	97	99	97	101	96	98

## 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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