



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 7 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 10, 2021, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.3 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 Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 10, 2021, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through April 10, 2021 for the United States were 2.61 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021	March 27, 2021	April 3, 2021	April 10, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,020	33,704	33,656	33,091	33,587	32,782
Arkansas .....	24,115	23,506	23,709	24,355	24,358	24,343
Delaware .....	5,042	5,042	4,947	4,948	4,948	4,948
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,210	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	35,113	34,827	35,003	34,602	34,878	34,577
Kentucky .....	8,050	7,852	7,959	8,027	8,120	7,944
Louisiana .....	3,562	3,441	3,351	3,215	3,320	3,194
Maryland .....	7,942	7,944	7,914	7,912	7,912	7,904
Mississippi .....	17,160	16,750	16,065	16,275	16,384	16,503
Missouri .....	9,316	9,450	9,396	9,448	9,382	9,361
North Carolina .....	25,989	25,803	25,738	25,754	25,648	25,189
Oklahoma .....	7,348	7,106	7,545	7,291	7,327	7,455
Pennsylvania .....	6,318	6,282	6,377	6,465	6,441	6,396
South Carolina .....	5,824	5,931	5,829	5,729	5,733	5,514
Texas .....	17,207	17,545	18,230	18,202	18,215	18,361
Virginia .....	6,500	6,530	6,545	6,560	6,469	6,398
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,944	13,329	12,779	13,389	13,035	12,951
Other States .....	12,356	12,461	12,430	11,890	13,120	12,251
United States .....	240,015	238,712	238,683	238,542	240,086	237,280
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	102	104	107

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

State	Week ending					
	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021	March 27, 2021	April 3, 2021	April 10, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,038	23,783	25,008	24,322	24,153	24,113
Arkansas .....	23,057	21,028	20,975	22,140	20,814	21,840
Delaware .....	5,578	5,257	5,028	5,245	4,758	5,430
Florida .....	1,278	1,362	1,351	1,325	1,288	1,310
Georgia .....	25,481	26,282	27,265	27,430	25,854	26,379
Kentucky .....	5,963	6,806	5,888	6,900	5,973	6,288
Louisiana .....	3,041	1,883	2,800	2,779	2,921	2,875
Maryland .....	4,666	5,421	5,214	5,019	5,385	4,883
Mississippi .....	14,345	14,248	13,986	14,332	13,966	13,327
Missouri .....	6,209	6,461	5,027	5,519	5,471	5,116
North Carolina .....	20,664	20,244	20,704	20,510	20,768	20,761
Oklahoma .....	2,423	3,354	4,500	3,613	4,557	4,362
Pennsylvania .....	4,714	4,497	4,758	4,659	4,622	4,702
South Carolina .....	5,910	5,444	4,651	4,136	5,716	5,263
Texas .....	14,091	11,556	14,691	13,689	14,034	14,578
Virginia .....	5,289	5,146	5,528	5,855	6,511	6,061
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,452	10,561	11,019	11,172	11,271	10,892
Other States .....	9,166	8,853	8,983	8,962	9,224	9,338
United States .....	187,365	182,186	187,376	187,607	187,286	187,518
Percent of previous year .....	98	96	98	98	98	100

## 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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