



# 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 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 16, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.2 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 10 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2020, down 10 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through May 16, 2020 for the United States were 3.70 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	31,262	30,893	31,280	31,039	31,966	33,008
Arkansas .....	21,452	22,134	21,180	22,212	22,239	22,966
Delaware .....	3,841	4,477	3,814	3,591	4,917	5,024
Florida .....	1,167	1,163	1,069	1,100	1,163	1,163
Georgia .....	32,862	34,012	33,560	33,329	34,108	34,264
Kentucky .....	7,240	7,214	7,065	7,347	7,652	7,659
Louisiana .....	3,379	3,470	2,971	3,077	3,093	3,244
Maryland .....	8,086	7,838	8,059	8,020	8,080	8,100
Mississippi .....	16,603	16,921	16,877	16,746	16,758	16,986
Missouri .....	8,309	8,368	8,552	8,425	9,022	8,958
North Carolina .....	22,410	22,208	22,254	23,392	23,903	24,023
Oklahoma .....	6,519	6,698	6,911	6,535	6,805	6,751
Pennsylvania .....	6,106	6,094	6,262	5,856	6,175	6,117
South Carolina .....	5,462	5,670	5,238	5,357	5,313	5,594
Texas .....	16,071	17,529	15,167	16,748	17,832	17,662
Virginia .....	4,906	4,587	4,659	4,937	6,186	6,017
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,836	12,461	11,360	12,808	12,282	12,318
Other States .....	10,439	11,343	10,914	10,603	11,775	11,542
United States .....	217,950	223,080	217,192	221,122	229,269	231,396
Percent of previous year .....	93	95	93	95	98	98

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

State	Week ending					
	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,117	23,345	21,672	22,202	23,454	23,207
Arkansas .....	21,224	20,140	19,814	18,745	20,479	19,268
Delaware .....	4,153	5,155	4,073	2,975	4,171	3,661
Florida .....	1,334	1,238	1,299	1,440	1,322	1,293
Georgia .....	27,366	25,207	25,248	23,626	24,424	26,406
Kentucky .....	5,949	5,890	5,965	5,479	5,769	5,472
Louisiana .....	2,575	2,403	2,018	2,301	2,524	2,476
Maryland .....	5,780	5,634	3,853	3,150	4,444	4,939
Mississippi .....	14,179	14,296	14,396	13,557	14,161	14,232
Missouri .....	5,590	5,472	4,904	5,547	4,968	5,366
North Carolina .....	19,105	19,292	17,739	16,260	17,633	14,211
Oklahoma .....	3,327	4,350	4,508	4,705	4,430	4,286
Pennsylvania .....	4,255	4,469	4,443	4,353	4,375	4,460
South Carolina .....	4,031	3,663	4,097	4,616	5,290	4,668
Texas .....	14,007	13,805	13,599	13,135	13,992	12,726
Virginia .....	4,842	4,385	4,696	4,377	4,369	4,944
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,981	10,772	11,073	9,900	11,193	9,753
Other States .....	7,765	8,875	8,177	8,047	9,008	9,040
United States .....	178,580	178,391	171,574	164,415	176,006	170,408
Percent of previous year .....	96	95	92	87	92	90

## 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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