



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 10 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 1, 2021, up 10 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 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 9 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 1, 2021, up 9 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through May 1, 2021 for the United States were 3.17 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 27, 2021	April 3, 2021	April 10, 2021	April 17, 2021	April 24, 2021	May 1, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,967	33,593	33,184	33,287	33,201	33,186
Arkansas	24,398	24,234	24,369	23,940	24,480	24,546
Delaware	5,042	4,977	4,791	4,791	4,948	4,948
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	34,602	34,878	34,504	34,683	34,665	34,129
Kentucky	8,027	8,120	7,811	7,541	8,038	7,978
Louisiana	3,422	3,532	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,426
Maryland	7,942	7,941	7,934	7,932	7,944	7,686
Mississippi	16,649	15,618	16,147	16,446	16,512	16,576
Missouri	9,448	9,382	9,469	9,491	9,538	9,571
North Carolina	25,754	25,648	25,065	25,827	24,976	24,879
Oklahoma	7,291	7,327	7,545	7,542	7,540	7,418
Pennsylvania	6,523	6,546	6,594	6,543	6,718	6,536
South Carolina	5,729	5,733	5,514	5,859	5,822	5,850
Texas	18,202	18,215	18,369	18,298	18,564	18,519
Virginia	6,560	6,469	6,474	6,064	6,442	6,637
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,389	13,035	12,673	12,661	12,079	12,755
Other States	11,890	13,120	12,273	12,555	12,637	12,517
United States	239,044	239,577	237,366	238,110	238,754	238,366
Percent of previous year	102	104	107	110	107	110

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

State	Week ending					
	March 27, 2021	April 3, 2021	April 10, 2021	April 17, 2021	April 24, 2021	May 1, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,322	24,151	24,101	23,998	23,995	23,727
Arkansas	21,977	20,700	21,718	22,650	22,007	22,593
Delaware	5,321	4,746	4,395	4,896	3,907	4,534
Florida	1,325	1,288	1,310	1,312	1,245	1,321
Georgia	27,427	25,851	26,329	26,345	26,571	25,470
Kentucky	6,900	5,973	6,593	6,092	6,400	6,578
Louisiana	2,779	2,921	2,875	2,891	2,992	2,930
Maryland	4,676	5,442	6,043	5,387	6,379	5,834
Mississippi	14,249	13,918	13,349	13,794	12,971	13,393
Missouri	5,580	5,471	5,177	5,267	5,864	6,002
North Carolina	20,393	20,741	20,654	20,927	20,313	20,473
Oklahoma	3,503	4,485	4,537	4,088	4,042	3,209
Pennsylvania	4,651	4,616	4,775	4,829	4,751	4,829
South Carolina	4,115	5,654	5,209	4,750	5,511	4,596
Texas	13,689	14,034	14,517	14,646	14,742	14,813
Virginia	6,218	6,567	6,138	5,692	5,873	5,649
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,172	11,271	10,492	10,907	10,671	10,541
Other States	8,988	9,248	9,598	9,088	10,130	9,213
United States	187,285	187,077	187,810	187,559	188,364	185,705
Percent of previous year	98	98	100	106	106	109

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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