



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 10, 2021, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.8 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 10, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through July 10, 2021 for the United States were 5.05 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	June 5, 2021	June 12, 2021	June 19, 2021	June 26, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 10, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,012	32,756	32,889	33,001	32,605	32,447
Arkansas	24,684	24,369	24,180	24,632	24,949	25,041
Delaware	5,004	4,997	4,830	4,838	4,997	4,996
Florida	1,202	1,187	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186
Georgia	34,812	34,807	34,452	34,176	33,923	34,819
Kentucky	7,970	7,924	7,347	7,667	7,428	7,979
Louisiana	3,288	3,319	3,179	3,351	3,319	3,320
Maryland	7,942	7,940	7,872	7,936	7,940	7,867
Mississippi	17,029	17,182	16,910	16,941	17,225	17,029
Missouri	9,625	9,610	9,596	9,596	9,674	9,437
North Carolina	25,373	25,120	25,104	25,112	24,835	24,480
Oklahoma	7,936	7,959	7,563	7,644	7,937	7,664
Pennsylvania	6,594	6,469	6,635	6,784	6,334	6,478
South Carolina	5,842	5,924	5,945	5,758	5,677	5,906
Texas	18,229	18,254	18,391	18,308	18,168	18,084
Virginia	6,559	6,558	6,559	6,585	6,497	6,346
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,245	12,880	12,828	12,180	13,103	12,827
Other States	12,766	12,442	12,627	12,779	12,594	12,749
United States	241,112	239,697	238,093	238,474	238,391	238,655
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	102	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	June 5, 2021	June 12, 2021	June 19, 2021	June 26, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 10, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,275	23,308	24,462	23,225	23,690	24,159
Arkansas	21,545	21,878	22,403	21,519	20,719	20,649
Delaware	4,800	5,323	5,595	5,060	5,255	5,126
Florida	1,276	1,302	1,266	1,245	1,166	1,262
Georgia	26,054	27,118	25,393	27,202	26,039	26,590
Kentucky	6,280	5,880	6,134	5,904	5,767	5,868
Louisiana	2,879	2,813	2,775	2,568	2,795	2,660
Maryland	5,320	5,056	5,225	5,115	5,094	5,289
Mississippi	13,332	13,680	14,108	14,287	14,454	14,017
Missouri	6,348	6,405	6,304	6,554	7,477	6,637
North Carolina	20,141	20,300	20,181	20,133	19,772	19,331
Oklahoma	4,499	4,346	3,621	4,124	3,769	4,208
Pennsylvania	5,024	4,787	4,758	4,819	4,749	4,758
South Carolina	4,555	4,765	5,091	5,274	4,938	5,015
Texas	15,003	15,039	14,532	14,707	14,363	14,449
Virginia	5,684	6,164	5,399	6,200	5,749	5,878
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,392	10,316	10,763	10,901	11,550	9,997
Other States	9,438	9,469	9,933	10,090	9,868	10,115
United States	186,845	187,949	187,943	188,927	187,214	186,008
Percent of previous year	101	102	99	100	98	97

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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