



# 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 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 27, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.6 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 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 27, 2021 for the United States were 1.49 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					
	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,306	33,376	33,627	33,827	33,272	33,327
Arkansas .....	24,405	24,429	24,336	24,195	23,906	24,257
Delaware .....	5,042	4,948	4,669	4,669	4,669	4,669
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	33,008	33,872	34,906	35,097	34,124	34,663
Kentucky .....	8,003	7,685	8,158	7,783	7,877	8,063
Louisiana .....	3,562	3,516	3,562	3,562	2,284	3,485
Maryland .....	7,635	7,473	7,807	7,773	7,777	7,830
Mississippi .....	16,448	16,459	17,099	16,915	16,946	16,936
Missouri .....	9,244	9,244	9,210	9,197	9,037	8,951
North Carolina .....	24,763	23,920	24,306	24,728	24,802	24,248
Oklahoma .....	7,072	6,944	7,468	7,279	6,595	7,499
Pennsylvania .....	6,077	5,857	6,179	6,198	5,887	6,050
South Carolina .....	5,878	5,872	5,882	5,713	5,718	5,742
Texas .....	17,505	17,904	17,517	17,387	15,261	17,723
Virginia .....	6,462	6,313	6,300	6,458	6,303	6,423
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,227	13,457	13,249	12,853	13,131	13,032
Other States .....	11,289	10,966	10,496	11,693	11,594	11,702
United States .....	234,135	233,444	235,980	236,536	230,392	235,809
Percent of previous year .....	99	97	99	99	97	98

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

State	Week ending					
	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,910	24,239	24,691	23,479	23,604	23,879
Arkansas .....	21,851	22,305	21,542	21,691	21,239	21,285
Delaware .....	4,397	4,225	4,138	5,113	4,136	3,819
Florida .....	1,320	1,374	1,382	1,304	1,371	1,355
Georgia .....	25,869	26,050	24,873	25,045	26,528	26,878
Kentucky .....	5,740	6,587	5,497	6,628	5,596	5,365
Louisiana .....	3,015	2,575	2,980	3,019	1,632	2,358
Maryland .....	4,880	5,673	6,487	5,882	5,955	6,408
Mississippi .....	15,091	14,495	13,644	13,870	13,777	14,430
Missouri .....	6,480	5,925	5,352	5,125	6,030	6,287
North Carolina .....	19,699	19,140	19,853	19,792	19,567	19,667
Oklahoma .....	3,743	3,587	4,320	4,856	4,383	4,341
Pennsylvania .....	4,621	4,701	4,640	4,687	4,524	4,578
South Carolina .....	4,932	5,408	5,202	5,718	5,117	5,203
Texas .....	14,572	14,321	14,672	13,990	14,125	14,905
Virginia .....	6,522	5,728	5,781	4,684	5,307	5,118
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,323	10,681	11,621	11,439	11,080	11,208
Other States .....	8,789	8,885	9,834	8,864	8,433	8,249
United States .....	187,754	185,899	186,509	185,186	182,404	185,333
Percent of previous year .....	98	98	97	97	95	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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