



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 28, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.5 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 28, 2021, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through August 28, 2021 for the United States were 6.35 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	July 24, 2021	July 31, 2021	August 7, 2021	August 14, 2021	August 21, 2021	August 28, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,640	34,015	33,841	33,565	33,210	33,513
Arkansas	25,137	24,661	25,049	25,195	25,084	24,524
Delaware	4,356	4,465	4,465	4,558	4,510	4,474
Florida	1,186	1,075	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186
Georgia	34,139	34,876	34,801	34,624	34,792	34,831
Kentucky	7,931	8,015	7,809	6,274	7,881	7,284
Louisiana	3,192	3,168	3,184	3,204	3,259	3,230
Maryland	7,943	7,914	7,913	7,915	7,939	7,937
Mississippi	17,047	17,168	17,106	17,065	16,537	16,788
Missouri	9,610	9,370	9,435	9,625	9,625	9,548
North Carolina	25,329	24,561	24,583	24,726	24,543	24,195
Oklahoma	7,623	7,203	7,446	7,459	7,394	6,966
Pennsylvania	6,561	6,740	6,586	6,725	6,605	6,618
South Carolina	6,025	5,755	5,861	5,905	5,838	5,610
Texas	17,912	17,489	17,633	17,804	18,172	17,286
Virginia	6,611	6,610	6,598	6,727	6,779	6,762
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,345	13,111	13,059	12,991	12,659	12,948
Other States	12,200	12,458	12,683	12,819	12,365	12,184
United States	239,787	238,654	239,238	238,367	238,378	235,884
Percent of previous year	105	104	103	103	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	July 24, 2021	July 31, 2021	August 7, 2021	August 14, 2021	August 21, 2021	August 28, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,850	21,860	23,447	23,696	24,385	23,557
Arkansas	22,172	22,209	21,288	21,381	20,155	21,102
Delaware	4,166	4,712	4,449	5,197	4,711	5,091
Florida	1,321	1,290	1,253	1,291	928	960
Georgia	26,215	26,906	26,096	25,876	27,005	27,529
Kentucky	6,336	6,673	5,937	6,245	5,672	5,734
Louisiana	2,845	2,832	2,805	2,721	2,692	2,664
Maryland	5,854	5,596	5,746	4,729	5,288	5,039
Mississippi	14,175	14,098	13,853	14,213	14,091	14,114
Missouri	6,282	6,222	5,840	6,275	6,682	6,798
North Carolina	19,932	19,555	19,001	20,204	19,702	19,547
Oklahoma	3,904	3,712	4,770	4,362	4,532	3,762
Pennsylvania	4,583	4,711	4,801	4,843	4,996	4,712
South Carolina	4,500	5,974	4,976	4,954	5,177	5,064
Texas	14,237	13,954	13,707	14,091	14,025	13,865
Virginia	5,856	5,441	5,685	5,576	5,479	6,087
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,559	11,345	10,669	11,436	10,411	9,983
Other States	9,604	9,580	9,571	9,387	9,721	9,553
United States	186,391	186,670	183,894	186,477	185,652	185,161
Percent of previous year	99	101	98	102	101	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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