



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 3, 2020, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.6 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 3, 2020, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through October 3, 2020 for the United States were 7.43 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,858	32,256	32,241	31,591	32,262	30,244
Arkansas	24,031	23,173	22,272	22,837	23,763	23,112
Delaware	4,082	4,797	4,796	4,015	4,797	4,796
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,209
Georgia	34,275	33,198	33,574	32,644	33,573	32,985
Kentucky	7,759	7,771	6,698	7,107	7,372	7,710
Louisiana	3,319	3,319	3,067	3,409	3,288	3,062
Maryland	8,131	8,145	7,111	7,638	7,901	7,631
Mississippi	16,654	16,016	16,325	15,968	16,812	15,614
Missouri	8,888	8,851	8,825	8,029	8,299	8,521
North Carolina	23,963	22,628	22,965	22,896	23,813	22,900
Oklahoma	7,279	6,747	7,325	6,523	7,192	6,331
Pennsylvania	6,387	6,360	6,326	6,340	6,222	6,091
South Carolina	5,725	5,265	5,754	5,774	5,253	5,339
Texas	16,794	16,100	16,820	16,589	16,434	15,576
Virginia	6,161	6,005	6,021	5,847	6,320	6,054
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,916	12,346	12,772	11,617	12,282	12,016
Other States	11,142	11,275	11,383	11,352	10,495	10,681
United States	231,527	225,415	225,438	221,339	227,241	219,872
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	97	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,416	23,969	24,288	24,782	23,215	23,809
Arkansas	21,422	21,396	21,545	21,893	20,990	20,992
Delaware	4,420	4,407	5,010	4,213	5,417	5,088
Florida	1,315	1,310	1,304	1,298	1,281	1,279
Georgia	26,523	27,377	26,217	25,807	25,765	26,170
Kentucky	5,376	5,758	5,880	6,240	6,831	5,299
Louisiana	2,744	2,829	2,933	2,957	2,960	2,782
Maryland	5,966	6,581	5,312	5,779	5,198	5,505
Mississippi	14,414	14,576	14,406	14,153	13,676	13,929
Missouri	6,433	5,874	5,641	6,312	5,874	6,455
North Carolina	20,360	20,008	19,508	19,394	18,399	18,283
Oklahoma	4,028	4,840	4,896	4,335	4,493	3,781
Pennsylvania	4,962	4,886	4,839	4,825	4,825	4,802
South Carolina	4,346	4,354	5,680	5,219	4,690	5,197
Texas	14,540	14,465	14,472	13,864	13,365	13,758
Virginia	5,983	5,126	5,651	5,360	5,417	4,846
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,397	10,424	10,909	11,383	10,599	11,337
Other States	8,630	8,532	8,347	8,482	8,469	8,764
United States	186,275	186,712	186,838	186,296	181,464	182,076
Percent of previous year	99	99	100	100	99	102

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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