



# 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 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 14, 2021, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 14, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through August 14, 2021 for the United States were 5.98 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					
	July 10, 2021	July 17, 2021	July 24, 2021	July 31, 2021	August 7, 2021	August 14, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,963	32,944	33,640	34,015	33,841	33,581
Arkansas .....	25,041	24,768	25,137	24,479	24,949	25,195
Delaware .....	4,623	4,342	4,356	4,465	4,465	4,465
Florida .....	1,186	1,124	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186
Georgia .....	35,184	34,233	34,973	34,910	34,957	33,820
Kentucky .....	7,979	7,773	7,931	8,015	8,214	6,274
Louisiana .....	3,319	3,290	3,192	3,168	3,184	3,204
Maryland .....	7,868	7,944	7,943	7,914	7,942	7,945
Mississippi .....	16,981	16,747	17,047	17,168	17,106	17,065
Missouri .....	9,436	9,389	9,610	9,370	9,435	9,625
North Carolina .....	24,387	24,400	25,329	24,862	25,293	24,634
Oklahoma .....	7,664	7,690	7,623	7,203	7,446	7,459
Pennsylvania .....	6,478	6,608	6,561	6,740	6,586	6,707
South Carolina .....	5,906	5,969	6,025	5,755	5,861	5,905
Texas .....	18,084	17,781	18,532	17,625	17,633	17,804
Virginia .....	6,434	6,381	6,611	6,610	6,598	6,727
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,124	13,067	13,345	13,111	13,059	12,689
Other States .....	12,683	12,758	12,299	12,567	12,711	12,328
United States .....	239,340	237,208	241,340	239,163	240,466	236,613
Percent of previous year .....	104	102	106	105	104	103

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

State	Week ending					
	July 10, 2021	July 17, 2021	July 24, 2021	July 31, 2021	August 7, 2021	August 14, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,040	23,647	23,851	21,861	23,416	23,763
Arkansas .....	20,874	21,700	22,172	22,209	21,288	21,381
Delaware .....	5,064	3,847	4,166	4,712	4,701	4,739
Florida .....	1,260	1,206	1,321	1,292	1,255	1,292
Georgia .....	26,676	26,109	26,215	26,907	26,096	26,483
Kentucky .....	6,299	6,067	6,335	6,673	5,937	6,245
Louisiana .....	2,659	2,825	2,845	2,832	2,805	2,721
Maryland .....	5,413	5,669	5,853	5,596	5,428	5,353
Mississippi .....	13,999	14,306	14,175	14,099	13,853	14,213
Missouri .....	6,329	6,408	6,282	6,222	5,838	6,274
North Carolina .....	19,335	20,171	19,932	19,556	19,008	20,208
Oklahoma .....	4,267	3,779	3,904	3,712	4,771	4,363
Pennsylvania .....	4,758	5,028	4,583	4,710	4,800	4,827
South Carolina .....	4,947	4,716	4,532	5,974	5,054	4,949
Texas .....	14,443	14,293	14,236	13,955	13,708	14,094
Virginia .....	5,975	6,242	5,855	5,442	5,715	5,385
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,075	10,942	10,558	11,347	10,670	11,440
Other States .....	9,536	9,524	9,679	9,594	9,721	9,483
United States .....	185,949	186,479	186,494	186,693	184,064	187,213
Percent of previous year .....	97	98	99	101	98	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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