



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 21, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.1 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 21, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through November 21, 2020 for the United States were 8.67 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					
	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,563	31,655	29,245	30,549	31,969	31,949
Arkansas	21,345	21,843	22,791	23,740	23,723	24,178
Delaware	4,669	4,669	4,669	4,762	4,669	4,669
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	32,774	33,514	33,064	31,877	33,850	34,029
Kentucky	7,021	7,846	7,200	6,854	7,808	7,798
Louisiana	3,133	3,409	3,289	3,138	3,304	3,364
Maryland	7,640	7,631	7,602	7,605	7,409	7,636
Mississippi	15,907	16,752	16,185	17,180	17,513	17,784
Missouri	8,072	8,149	8,091	8,345	9,215	9,199
North Carolina	22,235	24,008	23,562	23,577	24,432	24,560
Oklahoma	6,215	6,443	6,472	6,600	6,923	6,930
Pennsylvania	6,311	6,098	6,231	6,322	6,295	6,293
South Carolina	5,605	5,639	4,708	5,640	5,765	5,421
Texas	16,711	16,667	17,719	16,476	17,733	18,183
Virginia	6,205	6,212	5,971	5,951	6,445	6,460
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,997	12,284	12,174	11,910	12,939	13,328
Other States	11,365	9,974	9,806	11,185	12,468	11,843
United States	219,977	224,002	219,988	222,920	233,669	234,833
Percent of previous year	98	98	98	98	99	99

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

State	Week ending					
	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,846	21,467	23,152	23,102	23,484	22,035
Arkansas	20,992	20,479	20,058	17,306	19,547	20,642
Delaware	4,364	4,400	4,353	3,844	4,771	4,333
Florida	1,305	1,338	1,249	1,340	1,340	1,339
Georgia	26,195	23,886	25,812	25,580	26,258	24,306
Kentucky	5,825	5,780	5,568	4,909	6,268	6,190
Louisiana	2,950	2,671	2,925	2,496	2,956	2,892
Maryland	5,516	4,845	4,650	5,323	5,118	6,269
Mississippi	14,313	13,275	13,950	13,278	14,249	13,859
Missouri	5,370	5,565	6,457	5,073	5,673	5,749
North Carolina	19,191	18,027	17,981	18,474	19,810	19,508
Oklahoma	4,242	4,329	3,179	5,860	4,042	3,208
Pennsylvania	4,698	4,594	4,781	4,775	4,597	4,713
South Carolina	5,149	4,130	5,098	4,584	4,669	4,809
Texas	13,591	12,953	13,737	13,443	13,684	14,792
Virginia	6,018	4,798	6,222	6,286	5,594	4,302
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,030	9,883	10,572	10,152	10,666	10,102
Other States	8,198	8,408	9,283	9,243	7,438	7,481
United States	181,793	170,828	179,027	175,068	180,164	176,529
Percent of previous year	99	97	101	97	98	98

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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