



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 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.9 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 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through December 19, 2020 for the United States were 9.42 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					
	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,740	33,054	33,289	32,647	32,864	33,244
Arkansas	23,661	24,051	24,073	23,853	23,479	23,401
Delaware	4,669	4,669	4,546	4,546	4,669	4,620
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,212	1,209	1,209	1,211
Georgia	34,020	34,443	35,641	32,149	34,548	35,052
Kentucky	7,808	7,798	7,826	6,827	7,684	7,828
Louisiana	3,304	3,364	3,319	3,122	3,485	3,501
Maryland	7,409	7,636	7,638	7,544	7,631	7,622
Mississippi	17,513	17,784	17,149	17,330	17,701	17,648
Missouri	9,215	9,199	9,168	9,125	9,183	9,183
North Carolina	24,389	24,503	23,371	23,689	24,406	24,498
Oklahoma	6,923	7,083	6,949	6,507	6,878	6,795
Pennsylvania	6,295	6,293	6,292	6,290	6,319	6,319
South Carolina	5,765	5,449	5,631	5,580	5,573	5,738
Texas	17,733	18,235	18,249	17,418	18,330	18,266
Virginia	6,445	6,460	6,567	6,136	6,535	6,384
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,944	13,299	13,501	11,034	13,083	13,228
Other States	12,636	11,834	11,717	11,237	11,929	11,949
United States	234,678	236,363	236,138	226,243	235,506	236,487
Percent of previous year	99	100	99	96	99	99

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

State	Week ending					
	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,484	21,491	22,469	23,719	24,080	24,589
Arkansas	19,547	20,586	21,647	21,027	21,841	22,190
Delaware	4,771	4,333	4,501	4,889	4,579	4,773
Florida	1,341	1,339	1,335	1,328	1,258	1,439
Georgia	26,258	24,356	25,140	26,236	26,881	27,473
Kentucky	6,267	6,190	6,013	6,262	6,442	5,873
Louisiana	2,956	2,892	2,696	2,907	2,938	3,004
Maryland	5,118	6,268	5,348	5,718	5,489	5,509
Mississippi	14,249	13,885	14,693	14,829	14,848	14,594
Missouri	6,091	5,750	5,295	6,074	5,686	6,214
North Carolina	19,811	19,599	19,618	20,059	19,832	19,207
Oklahoma	3,625	3,264	4,261	4,402	4,299	3,271
Pennsylvania	4,597	4,712	4,777	4,768	4,768	4,767
South Carolina	4,672	4,738	4,633	5,480	4,754	5,324
Texas	13,684	14,793	13,676	14,412	14,725	14,782
Virginia	5,594	4,301	5,625	5,027	6,125	5,971
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,667	10,190	10,214	11,320	10,907	10,887
Other States	7,465	7,543	8,535	9,490	9,139	9,321
United States	180,197	176,230	180,476	187,947	188,591	189,188
Percent of previous year	98	98	98	99	100	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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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