



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 31, 2020, down 3 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 31, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through October 31, 2020 for the United States were 8.14 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					
	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,262	30,556	31,994	31,127	31,018	30,042
Arkansas .....	23,256	23,183	21,748	21,617	21,979	21,504
Delaware .....	4,015	4,264	4,264	4,264	4,446	4,458
Florida .....	1,163	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	33,857	32,711	32,874	32,839	32,906	32,578
Kentucky .....	7,372	7,710	7,025	7,021	7,846	7,200
Louisiana .....	3,288	3,062	3,288	3,133	3,409	3,289
Maryland .....	7,901	7,631	7,635	7,640	7,631	7,602
Mississippi .....	16,812	15,568	16,319	15,907	16,804	16,667
Missouri .....	8,299	8,521	8,938	8,072	8,149	7,822
North Carolina .....	23,829	22,027	22,193	22,056	23,586	22,952
Oklahoma .....	6,682	6,170	6,451	6,215	6,443	6,195
Pennsylvania .....	6,222	6,091	6,305	6,311	6,098	6,089
South Carolina .....	5,631	5,339	5,389	5,605	5,639	5,608
Texas .....	16,434	15,682	16,601	16,711	16,667	17,447
Virginia .....	6,320	5,054	6,320	6,205	6,212	5,744
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,341	11,055	13,135	12,107	11,933	11,531
Other States .....	10,327	10,598	11,642	11,393	10,139	10,109
United States .....	226,011	216,431	223,330	219,432	222,114	218,046
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	102	98	97	97

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

State	Week ending					
	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,215	23,792	22,722	23,846	21,968	21,296
Arkansas .....	20,954	20,857	21,643	20,993	20,480	19,882
Delaware .....	5,427	4,170	5,120	4,933	4,645	5,108
Florida .....	1,282	1,279	1,219	1,305	1,338	1,249
Georgia .....	25,765	26,170	25,324	26,195	25,182	25,818
Kentucky .....	6,832	5,298	6,040	5,825	5,780	5,682
Louisiana .....	2,961	2,782	3,081	2,950	2,671	2,925
Maryland .....	4,944	5,539	4,197	4,920	4,581	3,781
Mississippi .....	13,659	13,919	13,587	14,313	13,275	13,936
Missouri .....	5,873	6,454	5,404	5,371	5,564	6,201
North Carolina .....	18,408	18,214	18,517	19,129	18,333	17,692
Oklahoma .....	4,493	3,781	3,111	4,242	4,329	3,692
Pennsylvania .....	4,825	4,802	4,796	4,698	4,595	4,784
South Carolina .....	4,702	5,191	5,139	5,113	4,069	4,982
Texas .....	13,365	13,675	13,389	13,590	12,953	13,750
Virginia .....	5,668	5,229	5,422	6,019	4,762	6,302
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,598	11,374	9,963	10,030	9,884	10,592
Other States .....	8,414	8,737	8,574	8,174	8,389	9,364
United States .....	181,385	181,263	177,248	181,646	172,798	177,036
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	97	99	98	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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