



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 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 4, 2020, down 1 percent 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 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 4, 2020, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through July 4, 2020 for the United States were 5.02 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,312	32,911	33,050	32,968	32,502	32,217
Arkansas	23,060	23,471	23,549	23,249	22,396	22,852
Delaware	5,056	5,021	5,030	4,948	5,026	5,031
Florida	1,264	1,194	1,194	1,198	1,069	1,069
Georgia	34,687	34,577	34,762	34,551	34,099	33,944
Kentucky	6,533	7,494	7,469	7,394	7,756	7,295
Louisiana	3,486	3,410	3,501	3,370	3,219	3,319
Maryland	8,087	8,120	8,359	8,465	8,235	8,041
Mississippi	17,021	17,304	17,380	17,504	17,473	17,278
Missouri	9,069	9,070	8,609	8,642	8,378	8,489
North Carolina	24,778	24,718	25,450	24,085	25,155	25,049
Oklahoma	7,597	7,375	6,934	6,437	6,479	6,444
Pennsylvania	6,602	6,666	6,088	6,524	6,389	6,284
South Carolina	6,066	5,752	5,709	5,831	5,656	5,776
Texas	18,046	17,979	17,909	18,065	17,891	17,370
Virginia	6,425	6,381	6,425	6,396	6,327	6,357
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,903	12,925	13,285	13,073	12,559	12,546
Other States	11,820	11,491	11,399	11,603	11,660	11,438
United States	235,812	235,859	236,102	234,303	232,269	230,799
Percent of previous year	100	100	102	100	101	99

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

State	Week ending					
	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,652	23,914	24,372	24,572	24,407	24,317
Arkansas	20,848	21,374	21,011	22,085	20,549	20,959
Delaware	4,865	4,647	3,657	4,700	4,544	5,176
Florida	1,344	1,332	1,325	1,229	1,339	1,319
Georgia	26,487	27,037	27,150	27,739	28,046	27,696
Kentucky	6,936	6,271	5,942	4,674	5,942	6,149
Louisiana	2,763	2,850	2,961	3,090	2,939	3,047
Maryland	4,696	5,576	6,862	5,728	5,744	5,634
Mississippi	14,028	14,229	14,497	14,393	14,609	14,924
Missouri	5,947	6,997	6,226	5,982	5,790	5,922
North Carolina	20,009	17,854	20,610	20,741	20,087	20,921
Oklahoma	3,759	3,261	4,394	3,450	5,061	4,684
Pennsylvania	4,785	4,804	4,826	5,066	5,049	4,483
South Carolina	4,476	4,857	5,075	4,834	4,844	4,682
Texas	14,458	14,390	14,636	14,766	14,949	14,871
Virginia	5,872	5,291	5,298	5,595	5,719	5,662
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,578	11,700	11,696	11,678	11,725	11,394
Other States	9,098	8,784	9,228	9,233	9,126	9,190
United States	184,601	185,168	189,766	189,555	190,469	191,030
Percent of previous year	97	97	100	99	100	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.

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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