



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 15, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 15, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through August 15, 2020 for the United States were 6.14 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					
	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,662	32,555	32,966	32,613	32,465	32,823
Arkansas .....	23,420	22,612	22,755	23,506	23,417	23,489
Delaware .....	5,004	4,825	4,547	4,548	4,825	4,825
Florida .....	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,162	1,163
Georgia .....	34,375	33,895	33,983	33,924	33,702	33,848
Kentucky .....	7,828	7,838	7,767	7,657	7,586	7,754
Louisiana .....	3,364	3,211	3,364	3,319	3,319	3,185
Maryland .....	8,208	8,154	8,018	8,092	8,140	8,135
Mississippi .....	17,159	16,208	16,932	16,811	16,863	17,218
Missouri .....	8,362	8,817	8,886	8,937	8,857	8,853
North Carolina .....	23,914	23,424	24,104	23,389	24,614	24,667
Oklahoma .....	7,290	6,874	6,863	7,145	6,976	7,084
Pennsylvania .....	6,508	6,373	6,335	6,493	6,515	6,401
South Carolina .....	5,747	5,550	5,312	5,583	5,726	5,719
Texas .....	16,718	16,942	16,893	17,322	17,354	17,315
Virginia .....	6,322	6,157	5,809	6,206	6,082	6,216
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,723	11,346	11,995	12,850	12,063	12,459
Other States .....	11,407	12,321	11,195	11,077	11,197	11,103
United States .....	232,173	228,265	228,887	230,635	230,863	232,257
Percent of previous year .....	100	98	98	99	99	100

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

State	Week ending					
	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,984	24,446	23,523	24,595	22,731	24,793
Arkansas .....	20,154	21,557	20,957	22,847	20,569	21,650
Delaware .....	4,768	4,734	4,901	4,981	4,999	4,746
Florida .....	1,352	1,251	1,260	1,245	1,327	1,339
Georgia .....	27,212	26,995	26,519	26,513	27,584	25,966
Kentucky .....	4,559	6,516	5,718	6,862	6,695	6,318
Louisiana .....	2,787	2,845	2,913	2,923	2,717	2,928
Maryland .....	5,474	5,054	5,292	5,357	4,959	5,293
Mississippi .....	15,235	14,920	15,029	14,614	13,538	14,283
Missouri .....	5,522	5,206	5,639	5,319	7,438	6,702
North Carolina .....	19,543	19,284	19,727	19,286	19,584	19,416
Oklahoma .....	5,261	3,347	3,909	3,182	3,151	2,850
Pennsylvania .....	5,006	4,878	4,829	4,923	4,898	4,810
South Carolina .....	5,427	5,567	5,041	4,939	4,666	4,643
Texas .....	15,732	14,808	14,172	13,827	13,822	13,909
Virginia .....	6,463	6,467	5,832	5,814	6,001	5,282
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,721	10,975	11,167	10,673	9,097	10,508
Other States .....	9,400	9,297	8,991	8,988	9,778	8,799
United States .....	189,600	188,147	185,419	186,888	183,554	184,235
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	98	99	97	97

## 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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