



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 5 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 11, 2020, down 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 77.7 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 11, 2020, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through April 11, 2020 for the United States were 2.84 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,066	34,216	33,838	34,043	32,825	30,441
Arkansas .....	23,595	24,202	24,368	23,081	22,316	21,427
Delaware .....	5,063	5,306	5,319	5,256	5,281	5,176
Florida .....	1,225	1,207	1,194	1,177	1,131	1,167
Georgia .....	35,323	34,849	35,080	35,250	33,985	33,054
Kentucky .....	7,111	7,760	7,749	7,497	7,911	7,617
Louisiana .....	3,850	3,879	3,865	3,802	3,167	3,485
Maryland .....	8,503	8,486	8,171	8,198	7,886	8,042
Mississippi .....	18,130	18,082	18,260	18,260	16,999	16,603
Missouri .....	9,096	8,809	8,952	9,003	8,233	8,309
North Carolina .....	24,981	25,258	24,681	24,422	24,597	24,099
Oklahoma .....	7,882	7,973	7,196	7,820	7,116	6,519
Pennsylvania .....	6,023	6,084	5,916	6,159	6,127	6,024
South Carolina .....	5,643	5,751	5,804	5,834	5,647	5,734
Texas .....	17,084	17,541	16,222	16,351	15,931	14,991
Virginia .....	6,498	6,392	6,485	6,260	6,361	5,477
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,915	12,734	12,760	13,180	13,087	12,504
Other States .....	11,836	11,887	11,591	12,161	11,173	10,613
United States .....	238,824	240,416	237,451	237,754	229,773	221,282
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	102	99	95

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

State	Week ending					
	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,507	24,988	24,923	25,586	23,735	22,117
Arkansas .....	21,678	21,417	22,029	22,280	21,211	21,224
Delaware .....	4,854	4,939	5,318	4,967	5,402	4,943
Florida .....	1,314	1,235	1,326	1,336	1,307	1,336
Georgia .....	27,638	27,068	28,120	26,598	25,613	27,487
Kentucky .....	6,555	6,073	5,913	5,601	6,482	6,187
Louisiana .....	3,297	3,270	3,234	3,353	3,121	2,575
Maryland .....	5,761	5,052	5,875	5,421	5,973	6,105
Mississippi .....	15,421	14,889	15,182	15,191	14,386	14,179
Missouri .....	5,989	5,938	5,656	6,442	5,596	5,589
North Carolina .....	20,355	20,003	20,831	20,181	20,486	19,839
Oklahoma .....	4,071	5,162	4,093	3,499	4,281	3,328
Pennsylvania .....	4,172	4,469	4,442	4,368	4,401	4,194
South Carolina .....	4,644	5,265	4,534	4,874	4,915	4,104
Texas .....	11,871	12,736	12,734	12,717	12,739	12,739
Virginia .....	6,331	6,583	5,669	6,383	5,028	4,779
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,093	11,540	11,369	11,520	11,424	10,973
Other States .....	8,615	9,029	9,000	8,799	8,844	7,906
United States .....	188,166	189,656	190,248	189,116	185,077	179,604
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	103	102	99	96

## 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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