



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 20, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.9 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 20, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through March 20, 2021 for the United States were 2.05 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,702	33,308	33,416	33,607	33,438	33,161
Arkansas .....	24,195	23,913	24,194	24,084	24,092	24,265
Delaware .....	4,948	4,948	4,762	5,042	4,948	4,947
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,210
Georgia .....	35,097	34,634	34,704	34,812	34,592	34,737
Kentucky .....	8,037	7,877	8,063	8,050	7,852	7,962
Louisiana .....	3,562	2,284	3,485	3,562	3,441	3,265
Maryland .....	7,911	7,912	7,942	7,942	7,944	7,914
Mississippi .....	17,038	16,946	16,936	17,160	16,877	16,920
Missouri .....	9,197	9,116	9,014	9,316	9,450	9,232
North Carolina .....	25,056	24,992	25,005	25,089	25,103	25,037
Oklahoma .....	7,279	6,595	7,582	7,156	7,168	6,693
Pennsylvania .....	6,312	6,228	6,371	6,322	6,364	6,353
South Carolina .....	5,713	5,718	5,807	5,873	5,795	5,818
Texas .....	17,356	14,171	16,927	17,176	17,545	17,639
Virginia .....	6,458	6,303	6,423	6,500	6,530	6,470
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,853	13,131	13,039	12,493	13,312	13,045
Other States .....	11,693	11,630	12,169	12,323	12,362	12,279
United States .....	237,616	230,915	237,048	237,716	238,022	236,947
Percent of previous year .....	99	97	99	99	100	98

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,479	23,604	23,864	23,981	23,622	24,628
Arkansas .....	21,691	21,877	21,927	22,948	20,973	20,503
Delaware .....	5,320	4,050	3,958	5,578	4,848	5,028
Florida .....	1,304	1,370	1,354	1,278	1,362	1,351
Georgia .....	25,045	26,528	26,818	25,529	26,335	27,487
Kentucky .....	6,628	5,596	5,365	5,963	6,806	5,690
Louisiana .....	3,019	1,632	2,358	3,041	1,883	2,800
Maryland .....	5,731	5,374	6,241	4,672	5,791	5,648
Mississippi .....	13,870	13,777	14,430	14,402	14,273	13,980
Missouri .....	5,125	5,410	5,665	6,209	6,461	5,942
North Carolina .....	19,810	20,048	20,015	20,689	20,279	20,892
Oklahoma .....	4,856	4,382	4,341	2,423	3,354	4,585
Pennsylvania .....	5,058	4,388	4,976	4,714	4,553	4,701
South Carolina .....	5,789	5,184	5,211	5,910	5,432	4,598
Texas .....	13,990	14,124	14,904	13,993	11,552	14,749
Virginia .....	4,633	6,028	5,117	5,289	5,199	5,100
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,439	11,079	12,184	11,452	10,561	11,123
Other States .....	8,890	8,414	8,219	9,355	9,003	9,464
United States .....	185,677	182,865	186,947	187,426	182,287	188,269
Percent of previous year .....	98	95	98	98	97	98

## 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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