



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 26, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.4 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 26, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through September 26, 2020 for the United States were 7.25 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					
	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,919	32,858	32,256	32,117	31,591	32,750
Arkansas	23,506	24,031	23,173	22,272	22,837	23,763
Delaware	4,797	4,082	4,797	4,796	4,015	4,797
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia	34,131	34,275	33,198	33,577	32,644	33,654
Kentucky	7,488	7,759	7,771	6,467	7,107	7,372
Louisiana	3,272	3,319	3,319	3,160	3,409	3,288
Maryland	8,122	8,131	8,145	7,111	7,638	7,901
Mississippi	16,934	16,654	16,016	16,325	15,968	16,721
Missouri	8,857	8,888	8,851	8,825	8,029	8,299
North Carolina	23,982	23,963	22,628	23,133	22,896	23,813
Oklahoma	6,928	7,279	6,747	7,325	6,523	7,150
Pennsylvania	6,411	6,387	6,360	6,326	6,340	6,222
South Carolina	5,791	5,725	5,265	5,754	5,774	5,321
Texas	17,502	16,794	16,100	16,820	16,589	16,434
Virginia	6,218	6,161	6,005	6,021	5,847	6,320
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,790	12,916	12,346	13,024	11,617	12,271
Other States	10,813	11,142	11,275	11,380	11,352	10,424
United States	231,624	231,527	225,415	225,596	221,339	227,663
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	102	97	101

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

State	Week ending					
	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,453	24,416	23,969	24,288	24,782	23,257
Arkansas	21,241	21,422	21,396	21,545	21,893	21,026
Delaware	4,228	4,420	4,407	5,010	4,213	5,367
Florida	1,202	1,315	1,310	1,304	1,298	1,281
Georgia	27,126	26,523	27,377	26,217	25,807	25,821
Kentucky	5,801	5,376	5,758	5,880	6,240	6,831
Louisiana	2,920	2,744	2,829	2,722	2,957	2,959
Maryland	5,862	5,966	6,581	5,312	5,779	5,149
Mississippi	14,332	14,414	14,576	14,406	14,153	13,631
Missouri	6,019	6,433	5,874	5,641	6,312	5,874
North Carolina	19,905	20,360	20,008	19,508	19,394	18,358
Oklahoma	4,440	4,028	4,840	4,896	4,335	4,493
Pennsylvania	4,941	4,962	4,886	4,839	4,805	4,825
South Carolina	5,628	4,346	4,354	5,680	5,219	4,674
Texas	14,266	14,540	14,465	14,472	13,864	13,353
Virginia	5,436	5,983	5,126	5,651	5,360	5,467
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,642	10,397	10,424	10,909	11,383	10,599
Other States	8,395	8,630	8,532	8,347	8,482	8,469
United States	185,837	186,275	186,712	186,627	186,276	181,434
Percent of previous year	98	99	99	100	100	99

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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