



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 11, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.6 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 11, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through January 11, 2020 for the United States were 380 million. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019-2020

State	Week ending					
	December 7, 2019	December 14, 2019	December 21, 2019	December 28, 2019	January 4, 2020	January 11, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,720	34,035	34,131	33,999	34,071	34,108
Arkansas	23,312	24,064	23,818	23,860	23,850	23,992
Delaware	5,339	5,489	5,610	5,468	5,468	5,483
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	34,371	32,629	35,037	34,576	35,038	34,772
Kentucky	7,268	8,014	7,931	7,912	7,684	7,907
Louisiana	3,668	3,774	3,774	3,819	3,758	3,740
Maryland	7,970	7,671	8,113	8,121	8,090	8,116
Mississippi	18,275	18,243	18,538	17,749	18,185	18,138
Missouri	8,929	8,983	8,934	8,952	8,618	8,905
North Carolina	24,333	25,130	25,161	25,047	23,316	24,989
Oklahoma	7,200	7,879	7,860	7,781	7,595	7,521
Pennsylvania	6,021	5,868	6,244	5,712	6,050	6,024
South Carolina	5,512	5,827	5,898	5,437	5,602	5,404
Texas	18,115	18,398	18,192	18,132	17,987	17,976
Virginia	6,134	6,484	6,257	6,468	6,302	6,453
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,177	12,809	11,827	13,487	12,826	13,023
Other States	11,118	11,026	10,798	10,874	11,218	10,920
United States	234,640	237,501	239,301	238,572	236,836	238,649
Percent of previous year	107	106	105	104	104	104

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2019-2020

State	Week ending					
	December 7, 2019	December 14, 2019	December 21, 2019	December 28, 2019	January 4, 2020	January 11, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,726	24,894	25,640	23,383	25,321	25,818
Arkansas	21,991	21,580	21,745	21,831	23,862	22,180
Delaware	4,997	4,607	5,052	5,277	5,998	6,368
Florida	1,338	1,317	1,417	1,283	1,233	1,333
Georgia	26,260	26,466	26,511	27,678	24,563	26,270
Kentucky	6,095	6,239	6,211	6,283	6,670	6,319
Louisiana	2,925	3,271	3,164	3,115	3,200	3,192
Maryland	6,160	6,198	6,075	6,017	5,249	5,467
Mississippi	15,400	15,398	15,426	15,380	15,482	15,811
Missouri	6,046	6,622	5,753	5,950	5,812	6,243
North Carolina	19,293	19,649	19,690	19,594	20,146	19,886
Oklahoma	4,420	4,281	4,292	4,333	3,477	4,313
Pennsylvania	4,533	4,290	4,476	4,515	4,358	4,435
South Carolina	5,118	5,503	4,832	4,696	4,885	5,132
Texas	13,891	14,179	14,239	14,633	14,700	14,634
Virginia	4,995	5,463	6,297	5,186	5,283	4,895
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,104	11,075	11,131	11,148	11,057	10,347
Other States	8,797	8,306	8,201	8,585	8,327	8,162
United States	189,089	189,338	190,152	188,887	189,623	190,805
Percent of previous year	104	103	100	107	105	104

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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