



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 9, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.0 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 9, 2021, down slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

State	Week ending					
	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021	January 9, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,647	32,748	33,476	33,393	33,380	33,386
Arkansas	23,853	23,479	24,041	24,355	24,364	24,423
Delaware	4,948	4,948	4,762	4,669	4,669	4,669
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	32,966	34,541	34,925	34,318	34,450	34,401
Kentucky	6,827	7,684	7,838	7,889	7,589	7,534
Louisiana	3,122	3,485	3,500	3,532	3,532	2,987
Maryland	7,544	7,631	7,622	7,636	7,639	7,637
Mississippi	17,330	17,701	18,020	17,929	17,885	17,222
Missouri	9,094	9,163	9,183	9,198	9,227	9,165
North Carolina	23,727	24,391	24,511	23,771	23,949	24,000
Oklahoma	6,507	6,737	7,153	6,972	7,068	7,047
Pennsylvania	6,290	6,319	6,319	6,124	6,293	6,318
South Carolina	5,580	5,530	5,848	5,879	5,675	5,776
Texas	17,418	18,330	18,317	18,062	18,280	17,728
Virginia	6,136	6,491	6,383	6,415	6,522	6,432
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,041	13,085	13,681	13,162	13,152	13,187
Other States	11,335	11,948	12,084	11,950	11,820	11,879
United States	227,574	235,420	238,872	236,463	236,703	235,000
Percent of previous year	97	99	100	99	100	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020-2021

State	Week ending					
	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021	January 9, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,719	23,915	24,306	23,126	24,414	23,804
Arkansas	21,038	21,847	22,165	22,112	20,607	20,978
Delaware	5,056	4,506	4,527	4,047	5,160	4,616
Florida	1,328	1,258	1,332	1,291	1,182	1,297
Georgia	26,236	26,899	27,391	25,288	26,993	26,751
Kentucky	6,262	6,442	5,987	5,479	6,369	5,710
Louisiana	2,907	2,938	2,920	2,677	2,961	3,035
Maryland	5,443	4,878	5,830	6,463	4,704	5,269
Mississippi	14,829	14,798	14,583	14,762	15,203	15,149
Missouri	6,074	5,686	6,214	5,516	5,921	6,179
North Carolina	20,065	19,973	19,467	19,253	19,583	19,601
Oklahoma	4,402	4,299	3,299	4,096	4,880	4,273
Pennsylvania	4,768	4,768	4,767	4,760	4,771	4,685
South Carolina	5,480	4,738	5,402	5,787	4,993	5,405
Texas	14,313	14,715	15,358	14,083	14,687	14,896
Virginia	5,127	6,809	6,154	4,874	5,757	5,732
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,320	10,907	11,888	10,363	10,557	11,937
Other States	9,490	9,139	9,386	9,060	9,584	9,621
United States	187,857	188,515	190,976	183,037	188,326	188,938
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	97	99	100

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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