



# 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 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 29, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 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 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 29, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through August 29, 2020 for the United States were 6.51 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					
	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,966	32,771	32,813	32,911	33,136	32,842
Arkansas .....	22,755	23,431	23,326	23,489	23,251	23,075
Delaware .....	4,547	4,548	4,825	4,825	4,826	4,826
Florida .....	1,163	1,163	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia .....	33,983	34,071	33,647	33,848	34,159	34,275
Kentucky .....	7,767	7,657	6,726	7,754	7,725	6,838
Louisiana .....	3,364	3,319	3,319	3,185	3,272	3,319
Maryland .....	8,018	8,092	8,140	8,135	8,122	8,131
Mississippi .....	16,932	16,764	16,863	17,218	16,752	16,473
Missouri .....	8,886	8,937	8,857	8,853	8,857	8,888
North Carolina .....	24,104	24,549	24,614	24,667	24,058	23,996
Oklahoma .....	6,863	7,145	6,966	7,084	6,928	7,279
Pennsylvania .....	6,335	6,493	6,515	6,401	6,411	6,387
South Carolina .....	5,312	5,583	5,726	5,719	5,791	5,725
Texas .....	16,893	17,171	17,354	17,315	17,502	16,794
Virginia .....	5,809	6,206	6,082	6,216	6,218	6,161
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,995	12,850	12,571	11,910	12,815	12,605
Other States .....	10,721	10,813	10,872	10,729	10,944	11,161
United States .....	228,413	231,563	230,378	231,422	231,930	229,938
Percent of previous year .....	98	99	99	99	100	99

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

State	Week ending					
	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,524	24,396	22,789	24,631	23,485	24,423
Arkansas .....	20,956	22,846	20,569	21,635	21,267	21,441
Delaware .....	4,901	4,981	4,999	4,746	4,395	4,350
Florida .....	1,260	1,251	1,326	1,339	1,203	1,316
Georgia .....	26,519	26,748	27,167	26,208	27,127	26,513
Kentucky .....	5,720	6,863	6,696	6,319	5,799	5,375
Louisiana .....	2,913	2,922	2,717	2,791	2,921	2,744
Maryland .....	5,292	5,357	4,959	5,293	5,470	6,018
Mississippi .....	15,029	14,614	13,538	14,283	14,245	14,369
Missouri .....	5,640	5,321	7,442	6,673	6,018	6,432
North Carolina .....	19,728	19,287	19,584	19,410	19,851	20,290
Oklahoma .....	3,909	3,180	3,149	2,850	4,440	3,754
Pennsylvania .....	4,829	4,924	4,897	4,810	4,941	4,962
South Carolina .....	5,041	4,940	4,754	4,653	5,584	4,274
Texas .....	14,172	13,823	13,819	13,893	14,268	14,559
Virginia .....	5,833	5,816	6,002	5,283	5,589	6,082
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,172	10,672	9,097	10,686	10,641	10,370
Other States .....	9,044	8,998	9,462	8,386	8,595	8,808
United States .....	185,482	186,939	182,966	183,889	185,839	186,080
Percent of previous year .....	98	99	97	97	98	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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