



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 16, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 16, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through October 16, 2021 for the United States were 7.62 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	September 11, 2021	September 18, 2021	September 25, 2021	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,252	32,713	32,012	31,759	32,292	30,262
Arkansas	22,738	22,908	24,842	24,678	24,101	23,126
Delaware	3,873	3,952	4,053	4,055	4,047	4,161
Florida	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,198	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,724	33,863	34,103	34,241	32,855	33,834
Kentucky	7,060	7,568	7,543	7,905	7,018	7,460
Louisiana	2,780	3,093	3,108	2,880	2,858	2,976
Maryland	7,764	7,583	7,915	7,915	7,744	7,590
Mississippi	16,676	16,248	17,224	15,747	16,769	16,362
Missouri	9,503	8,728	9,510	9,224	9,659	9,188
North Carolina	22,544	23,475	24,744	23,118	23,583	23,223
Oklahoma	6,572	7,342	7,700	7,125	7,382	7,316
Pennsylvania	6,709	6,771	6,450	6,596	6,560	6,593
South Carolina	5,753	5,892	5,847	5,818	5,663	5,823
Texas	18,043	16,411	17,375	17,084	16,885	17,734
Virginia	6,780	6,559	6,674	6,468	6,591	6,710
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,503	11,735	12,692	12,780	12,427	12,225
Other States	12,343	12,595	11,240	11,738	12,738	12,351
United States	230,803	228,622	234,218	230,329	230,366	228,128
Percent of previous year	103	101	106	102	107	102

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

State	Week ending					
	September 11, 2021	September 18, 2021	September 25, 2021	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,457	23,650	24,216	24,062	22,578	22,607
Arkansas	20,564	20,238	20,700	18,924	20,113	20,995
Delaware	5,349	3,750	4,809	3,681	3,847	4,407
Florida	1,178	1,250	1,284	1,302	1,311	1,301
Georgia	25,739	26,322	26,174	26,436	25,236	26,435
Kentucky	6,263	5,960	5,374	5,967	5,681	6,138
Louisiana	2,816	2,801	2,705	2,060	2,676	2,711
Maryland	4,327	5,809	4,736	5,335	4,796	5,156
Mississippi	14,217	13,660	13,430	13,604	13,445	14,034
Missouri	6,024	6,308	6,360	6,793	5,173	7,186
North Carolina	19,987	18,752	18,821	18,032	18,438	19,561
Oklahoma	4,690	4,448	3,902	3,629	4,362	3,398
Pennsylvania	4,901	4,797	4,938	4,814	4,883	4,668
South Carolina	5,138	4,949	3,794	4,650	5,496	4,804
Texas	14,331	13,929	13,663	14,371	12,842	13,813
Virginia	6,004	6,051	5,475	6,388	6,248	5,975
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,325	11,063	11,259	10,067	10,937	9,272
Other States	9,202	8,949	9,050	9,251	9,297	8,145
United States	185,512	182,686	180,690	179,366	177,359	180,606
Percent of previous year	99	98	97	99	98	102

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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