



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 30, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 30, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through May 30, 2020 for the United States were 4.07 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,487	31,582	32,223	33,008	33,061	33,342
Arkansas	21,180	22,212	22,239	22,966	22,963	23,060
Delaware	3,814	3,547	4,962	5,005	5,091	5,029
Florida	1,069	1,100	1,163	1,163	1,194	1,194
Georgia	33,558	33,982	33,860	34,324	33,968	34,334
Kentucky	7,065	7,117	7,652	7,659	7,349	7,656
Louisiana	2,971	3,077	3,093	3,244	3,365	3,486
Maryland	8,059	8,020	8,080	8,100	8,034	8,058
Mississippi	16,877	16,746	16,758	16,986	17,433	17,367
Missouri	8,552	8,425	9,022	8,958	9,102	9,133
North Carolina	19,562	22,846	23,769	24,180	24,475	23,770
Oklahoma	6,911	7,060	6,805	6,751	7,492	7,014
Pennsylvania	6,262	5,853	6,147	6,178	6,215	6,217
South Carolina	5,238	5,781	5,510	5,594	5,812	6,066
Texas	15,167	16,826	17,832	17,662	17,581	18,002
Virginia	4,659	5,801	6,184	6,017	6,367	6,425
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,360	12,808	12,282	12,756	12,789	13,090
Other States	10,914	11,207	11,823	11,367	11,450	11,748
United States	214,705	223,990	229,404	231,918	233,741	234,991
Percent of previous year	92	96	98	99	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,672	22,203	23,456	23,208	22,939	23,690
Arkansas	19,814	18,746	20,481	19,269	21,000	20,680
Delaware	3,948	3,191	3,453	3,304	4,198	4,314
Florida	1,299	1,442	1,325	1,295	1,183	1,341
Georgia	25,248	23,629	24,426	26,404	26,256	26,507
Kentucky	5,965	5,479	5,770	5,473	6,246	6,935
Louisiana	2,018	2,303	2,526	2,477	2,747	2,763
Maryland	3,632	2,780	4,921	5,332	4,602	5,555
Mississippi	14,396	13,558	14,162	14,233	14,043	14,190
Missouri	4,904	5,550	4,971	5,368	5,900	5,951
North Carolina	17,739	16,260	17,635	16,350	19,773	19,677
Oklahoma	4,508	4,705	4,431	4,286	3,430	3,757
Pennsylvania	4,443	4,354	4,374	4,458	4,094	4,334
South Carolina	4,097	4,616	5,290	4,668	5,083	4,509
Texas	13,599	13,140	13,998	12,708	13,889	14,474
Virginia	4,684	4,313	4,273	4,847	5,736	5,952
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,073	9,900	11,195	9,831	10,681	10,542
Other States	8,177	8,098	8,884	9,027	8,904	9,073
United States	171,216	164,267	175,571	172,538	180,704	184,244
Percent of previous year	92	87	92	91	96	97

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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