



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 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 25, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.5 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 Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 25, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through January 25, 2020 for the United States were 760 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 21, 2019	December 28, 2019	January 4, 2020	January 11, 2020	January 18, 2020	January 25, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,131	33,999	34,071	34,108	34,032	34,255
Arkansas	23,818	23,860	23,890	23,992	24,038	23,225
Delaware	5,610	5,609	5,490	5,488	5,499	5,506
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	35,037	34,576	35,291	34,751	34,648	35,425
Kentucky	7,931	7,912	7,684	7,910	7,944	7,990
Louisiana	3,774	3,819	3,758	3,740	3,819	3,864
Maryland	8,113	8,121	8,090	8,280	8,131	8,200
Mississippi	18,538	17,749	18,185	18,199	17,550	18,305
Missouri	8,934	8,952	8,618	8,905	8,646	8,914
North Carolina	25,161	25,047	23,339	25,070	25,165	25,119
Oklahoma	7,860	7,781	7,595	7,521	7,572	7,837
Pennsylvania	6,244	5,976	5,931	5,862	5,994	5,870
South Carolina	5,898	5,437	5,602	5,412	5,621	5,753
Texas	18,192	18,132	17,987	17,976	17,296	17,992
Virginia	6,257	6,468	6,302	6,453	6,454	6,453
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,832	13,116	12,449	12,821	12,916	12,838
Other States	10,798	10,874	11,218	10,974	10,833	10,913
United States	239,306	238,606	236,678	238,640	237,336	239,637
Percent of previous year	105	104	104	104	104	104

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

State	Week ending					
	December 21, 2019	December 28, 2019	January 4, 2020	January 11, 2020	January 18, 2020	January 25, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,640	23,383	25,321	25,818	24,636	24,933
Arkansas	21,745	21,831	23,862	21,865	22,429	21,419
Delaware	5,052	5,361	6,130	5,097	5,592	5,441
Florida	1,417	1,281	1,232	1,335	1,334	1,295
Georgia	26,511	27,678	24,563	26,672	26,940	27,057
Kentucky	6,211	6,283	6,670	6,295	5,923	5,886
Louisiana	3,164	3,115	3,200	3,192	3,238	3,192
Maryland	6,075	6,086	5,260	6,798	5,945	5,890
Mississippi	15,426	15,380	15,482	15,811	15,115	15,507
Missouri	5,753	5,950	5,812	6,243	5,870	5,556
North Carolina	19,690	19,592	20,123	20,201	19,949	18,764
Oklahoma	4,292	4,333	3,477	4,313	4,212	5,396
Pennsylvania	4,476	4,509	4,341	4,494	4,318	4,377
South Carolina	4,832	4,696	4,884	4,712	4,939	4,974
Texas	14,239	14,633	14,700	14,628	14,729	14,414
Virginia	6,297	5,250	5,246	4,910	5,165	5,103
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,131	11,147	11,056	10,178	12,128	10,719
Other States	8,201	8,582	8,325	8,172	8,508	8,807
United States	190,152	189,090	189,684	190,734	190,970	188,730
Percent of previous year	100	107	105	104	104	103

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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