



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 13, 2021, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.4 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 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 13, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through March 13, 2021 for the United States were 1.86 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,627	33,702	33,308	33,327	33,607	33,438
Arkansas .....	24,336	24,195	23,913	24,194	24,084	24,092
Delaware .....	5,042	4,948	4,948	4,762	5,042	4,948
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	34,906	35,097	34,634	34,663	34,812	34,557
Kentucky .....	8,158	8,037	7,877	8,063	8,050	7,852
Louisiana .....	3,562	3,562	2,284	3,485	3,562	3,441
Maryland .....	7,822	7,911	7,912	7,942	7,867	7,920
Mississippi .....	17,099	17,038	16,946	16,936	17,160	16,877
Missouri .....	9,210	9,197	9,116	8,960	9,316	9,450
North Carolina .....	24,741	25,056	24,992	25,239	25,660	25,600
Oklahoma .....	7,468	7,279	6,595	7,499	7,156	7,168
Pennsylvania .....	6,179	6,412	6,228	6,371	6,322	6,364
South Carolina .....	5,882	5,713	5,718	5,742	5,837	5,774
Texas .....	17,517	17,356	14,171	18,927	17,176	17,545
Virginia .....	6,300	6,458	6,303	6,423	6,500	6,530
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,249	12,853	13,131	13,035	13,033	13,158
Other States .....	10,496	11,693	11,630	12,136	12,441	12,556
United States .....	236,803	237,716	230,915	238,913	238,834	238,479
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	97	100	99	100

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

State	Week ending					
	February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,691	23,479	23,604	23,892	23,981	23,607
Arkansas .....	21,542	21,691	21,877	21,927	22,947	20,973
Delaware .....	3,997	5,320	4,050	3,958	5,301	4,894
Florida .....	1,382	1,304	1,370	1,354	1,275	1,360
Georgia .....	24,873	25,045	26,528	26,867	25,529	26,204
Kentucky .....	5,497	6,628	5,596	5,365	5,963	6,805
Louisiana .....	2,980	3,019	1,632	2,358	3,041	1,882
Maryland .....	6,371	5,731	5,374	6,252	4,875	5,732
Mississippi .....	13,644	13,870	13,777	14,430	14,401	14,273
Missouri .....	5,352	5,125	5,410	5,665	6,209	6,461
North Carolina .....	19,848	19,810	20,048	20,055	20,688	20,241
Oklahoma .....	4,320	4,856	4,382	4,341	2,422	3,354
Pennsylvania .....	4,784	5,058	4,388	4,976	4,714	4,553
South Carolina .....	5,202	5,789	5,184	5,211	5,901	5,501
Texas .....	14,672	13,990	14,124	14,904	13,988	11,546
Virginia .....	6,013	4,633	6,028	5,117	5,289	5,197
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,621	11,439	11,079	12,184	11,448	10,645
Other States .....	9,834	8,866	8,414	8,223	9,326	9,066
United States .....	186,623	185,653	182,865	187,079	187,298	182,294
Percent of previous year .....	97	98	95	98	98	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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