



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 28, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 28, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through November 28, 2020 for the United States were 8.85 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					
	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,655	29,245	30,702	31,969	32,144	32,296
Arkansas	21,843	22,791	24,120	23,597	24,051	24,133
Delaware	4,669	4,669	4,762	4,669	4,669	4,546
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,212
Georgia	33,514	33,064	32,588	33,850	33,970	34,159
Kentucky	7,846	7,200	6,854	7,808	7,798	7,800
Louisiana	3,409	3,289	3,138	3,304	3,364	3,319
Maryland	7,631	7,602	7,605	7,409	7,636	7,638
Mississippi	16,752	16,185	17,180	17,513	17,784	17,149
Missouri	8,149	8,091	8,345	9,215	9,199	9,168
North Carolina	24,008	23,562	23,577	24,432	24,560	23,397
Oklahoma	6,443	6,472	6,600	6,923	7,083	6,949
Pennsylvania	6,098	6,231	6,322	6,295	6,293	6,292
South Carolina	5,639	4,708	5,640	5,765	5,449	5,631
Texas	16,667	17,719	16,476	17,733	18,183	18,238
Virginia	6,212	5,971	5,951	6,445	6,460	6,567
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,284	12,174	11,910	12,939	13,299	12,898
Other States	9,974	9,806	11,185	12,468	11,813	11,789
United States	224,002	219,988	224,164	233,543	234,964	233,181
Percent of previous year	98	98	98	99	99	98

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

State	Week ending					
	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,467	23,152	23,102	23,484	21,492	22,470
Arkansas	20,479	20,058	17,306	19,547	20,642	21,617
Delaware	4,400	4,353	3,844	4,771	4,333	4,501
Florida	1,338	1,249	1,340	1,340	1,339	1,336
Georgia	23,886	25,812	25,580	26,258	24,356	25,140
Kentucky	5,780	5,568	4,909	6,268	6,190	6,013
Louisiana	2,671	2,925	2,496	2,956	2,892	2,696
Maryland	4,845	4,650	5,323	5,118	6,269	5,349
Mississippi	13,275	13,950	13,278	14,249	13,885	14,693
Missouri	5,565	6,457	5,073	5,673	5,749	5,295
North Carolina	18,027	17,981	18,474	19,810	19,599	19,557
Oklahoma	4,329	3,179	5,860	4,042	3,208	4,261
Pennsylvania	4,594	4,781	4,775	4,597	4,713	4,777
South Carolina	4,130	5,098	4,584	4,669	4,798	4,693
Texas	12,953	13,737	13,443	13,684	14,788	13,653
Virginia	4,798	6,222	6,286	5,594	4,302	5,625
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,883	10,572	10,152	10,666	10,190	10,409
Other States	8,408	9,283	9,243	7,438	7,481	8,435
United States	170,828	179,027	175,068	180,164	176,226	180,520
Percent of previous year	97	101	97	98	98	98

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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