



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 26, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.7 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 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 26, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through December 26, 2020 for the United States were 9.60 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					
	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,054	33,328	32,647	32,624	33,476	33,216
Arkansas	24,051	24,073	23,853	23,479	23,401	23,978
Delaware	4,669	4,546	4,546	4,669	4,620	4,546
Florida	1,209	1,212	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	34,443	35,641	32,966	34,575	34,925	34,304
Kentucky	7,798	8,326	6,827	7,684	7,838	7,889
Louisiana	3,364	3,319	3,122	3,485	3,500	3,532
Maryland	7,636	7,638	7,544	7,631	7,622	7,636
Mississippi	17,784	17,149	17,330	17,701	17,648	17,532
Missouri	9,199	9,168	9,094	9,183	9,183	9,198
North Carolina	24,503	23,386	23,689	24,406	24,649	24,273
Oklahoma	7,083	6,949	6,507	6,737	7,153	6,936
Pennsylvania	6,293	6,292	6,290	6,319	6,319	6,124
South Carolina	5,449	5,631	5,580	5,530	5,848	5,802
Texas	18,235	18,949	17,418	18,330	18,317	18,062
Virginia	6,460	6,967	6,136	6,535	6,383	6,415
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,299	13,840	11,041	13,055	13,229	13,191
Other States	11,834	11,717	11,335	11,948	12,084	11,831
United States	236,363	238,131	227,134	235,100	237,404	235,674
Percent of previous year	100	100	97	99	99	99

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

State	Week ending					
	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,491	22,469	23,719	23,915	24,285	23,293
Arkansas	20,586	21,647	21,038	21,847	22,137	22,115
Delaware	4,333	4,501	4,889	4,579	4,773	4,453
Florida	1,339	1,335	1,328	1,258	1,332	1,291
Georgia	24,356	25,140	26,236	26,899	27,391	25,096
Kentucky	6,190	6,013	6,262	6,442	5,987	5,479
Louisiana	2,892	2,696	2,907	2,938	2,920	2,677
Maryland	6,268	5,348	5,718	5,552	5,588	5,903
Mississippi	13,885	14,693	14,829	14,798	14,539	14,794
Missouri	5,750	5,295	6,074	5,686	6,214	5,516
North Carolina	19,599	19,618	20,059	20,003	19,280	19,397
Oklahoma	3,264	4,261	4,402	4,299	3,299	4,096
Pennsylvania	4,712	4,777	4,768	4,768	4,767	4,760
South Carolina	4,738	4,633	5,480	4,738	5,402	5,869
Texas	14,793	13,676	14,313	14,715	15,358	14,083
Virginia	4,301	5,625	5,027	6,125	6,154	4,874
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,190	10,214	11,320	10,907	11,888	10,218
Other States	7,543	8,535	9,490	9,139	9,386	9,101
United States	176,230	180,476	187,859	188,608	190,700	183,015
Percent of previous year	98	98	99	100	100	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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