



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 223 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 7, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.9 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 7, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through November 7, 2020 for the United States were 8.31 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 3, 2020	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,556	31,994	31,563	31,018	30,042	30,360
Arkansas	23,183	21,748	21,345	21,979	21,502	23,680
Delaware	4,264	4,264	4,264	4,446	4,458	4,264
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	32,711	32,874	32,774	32,906	32,578	31,925
Kentucky	7,710	7,025	7,021	7,846	7,200	7,184
Louisiana	3,062	3,288	3,133	3,409	3,289	3,138
Maryland	7,631	7,635	7,640	7,631	7,602	7,605
Mississippi	15,568	16,319	15,907	16,804	16,667	17,004
Missouri	8,521	8,938	8,072	8,149	8,091	8,345
North Carolina	22,027	22,193	22,018	23,586	22,952	23,691
Oklahoma	6,170	6,451	6,215	6,443	6,195	6,342
Pennsylvania	6,091	6,305	6,311	6,098	6,089	6,322
South Carolina	5,339	5,389	5,605	5,639	4,708	5,593
Texas	15,682	16,601	16,711	16,667	17,447	16,576
Virginia	5,054	6,320	6,205	6,212	5,744	5,951
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,055	13,138	11,997	11,936	11,193	12,114
Other States	10,598	11,642	11,516	10,139	10,109	11,270
United States	216,431	223,333	219,506	222,117	217,075	222,573
Percent of previous year	99	102	98	97	96	98

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

State	Week ending					
	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,792	22,722	23,846	21,468	22,956	23,045
Arkansas	20,857	21,643	20,993	20,480	19,868	18,377
Delaware	4,170	5,120	4,933	4,645	5,108	4,296
Florida	1,279	1,219	1,305	1,338	1,249	1,340
Georgia	26,170	25,324	26,195	23,887	25,818	25,494
Kentucky	5,298	6,040	5,825	5,780	5,682	4,909
Louisiana	2,782	3,081	2,950	2,671	2,925	2,696
Maryland	5,539	4,197	4,920	4,581	3,781	4,766
Mississippi	13,919	13,587	14,313	13,275	13,936	13,633
Missouri	6,454	5,404	5,371	5,564	6,213	5,074
North Carolina	18,214	18,517	19,129	18,333	17,679	18,110
Oklahoma	3,781	3,111	4,242	4,329	3,692	5,055
Pennsylvania	4,802	4,796	4,698	4,595	4,784	4,775
South Carolina	5,191	5,139	5,113	4,069	4,982	4,566
Texas	13,675	13,389	13,590	12,953	13,750	13,542
Virginia	5,229	5,422	6,019	4,762	6,302	6,113
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,374	9,963	10,030	9,884	10,658	10,154
Other States	8,737	8,574	8,174	8,389	9,364	9,319
United States	181,263	177,248	181,646	171,003	178,747	175,264
Percent of previous year	101	97	99	97	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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