



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 5, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.6 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 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 5, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through September 5, 2020 for the United States were 6.69 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					
	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,771	32,813	32,911	33,136	32,842	32,628
Arkansas	23,431	23,326	23,489	23,251	23,075	23,197
Delaware	4,548	4,825	4,825	4,826	4,826	4,826
Florida	1,163	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia	34,071	33,647	33,949	34,159	34,275	33,711
Kentucky	7,657	6,726	7,504	7,725	6,838	7,521
Louisiana	3,319	3,319	3,185	3,272	3,319	3,319
Maryland	8,092	8,140	8,135	8,122	8,131	8,145
Mississippi	16,764	16,863	17,218	16,752	16,473	15,835
Missouri	8,937	8,857	8,853	8,857	8,888	8,851
North Carolina	24,549	24,614	24,667	24,058	23,996	23,770
Oklahoma	7,145	6,966	7,084	6,928	7,279	6,747
Pennsylvania	6,493	6,515	6,401	6,411	6,387	6,441
South Carolina	5,583	5,726	5,719	5,791	5,725	5,825
Texas	17,171	17,354	17,315	17,502	16,794	16,664
Virginia	6,206	6,082	6,216	6,218	6,161	6,132
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,850	12,571	11,937	12,815	12,974	12,405
Other States	10,564	10,872	10,632	10,818	11,147	11,273
United States	231,314	230,378	231,203	231,804	230,293	228,453
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	100	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,396	22,789	24,631	23,485	24,424	23,828
Arkansas	22,846	20,569	21,635	21,267	21,150	21,337
Delaware	4,981	4,999	4,746	4,395	4,350	4,957
Florida	1,251	1,326	1,339	1,202	1,315	1,315
Georgia	26,748	27,167	26,208	27,126	26,512	26,977
Kentucky	6,863	6,696	6,321	5,801	5,376	6,013
Louisiana	2,922	2,717	2,791	2,920	2,744	2,729
Maryland	5,357	4,959	5,294	5,470	6,019	5,858
Mississippi	14,614	13,538	14,283	14,245	14,369	14,566
Missouri	5,321	7,442	6,675	6,019	6,433	5,826
North Carolina	19,249	19,603	19,419	19,851	20,346	20,016
Oklahoma	3,180	3,149	2,849	4,440	4,028	4,702
Pennsylvania	4,924	4,897	4,810	4,941	4,962	4,850
South Carolina	4,940	4,754	4,644	5,628	4,346	4,632
Texas	13,823	13,819	13,892	14,266	14,558	14,532
Virginia	5,816	6,002	5,283	5,590	6,083	5,814
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,672	9,097	10,687	10,642	10,403	8,837
Other States	8,998	9,462	8,347	8,395	8,630	8,532
United States	186,901	182,985	183,854	185,683	186,048	185,321
Percent of previous year	99	97	97	98	99	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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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