



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 5, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.1 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 5, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through December 5, 2020 for the United States were 9.04 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 31, 2020	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,245	30,702	32,465	32,144	32,296	32,647
Arkansas .....	22,791	24,120	23,661	24,051	24,133	24,150
Delaware .....	4,669	4,762	4,669	4,669	4,546	4,546
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,212	1,209
Georgia .....	33,064	32,588	34,020	33,970	34,159	32,149
Kentucky .....	7,200	6,854	7,808	7,798	7,800	7,083
Louisiana .....	3,289	3,138	3,304	3,364	3,319	3,122
Maryland .....	7,602	7,605	7,409	7,636	7,638	7,544
Mississippi .....	16,185	17,180	17,513	17,784	17,149	17,330
Missouri .....	8,091	8,345	9,215	9,199	9,168	9,125
North Carolina .....	23,562	23,577	24,432	24,560	23,397	23,907
Oklahoma .....	6,472	6,600	6,923	7,083	6,949	6,507
Pennsylvania .....	6,231	6,322	6,295	6,293	6,292	6,290
South Carolina .....	4,708	5,640	5,765	5,449	5,631	5,580
Texas .....	17,719	16,476	17,733	18,183	18,238	17,493
Virginia .....	5,971	5,951	6,445	6,460	6,567	6,136
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,174	11,910	12,944	13,299	12,938	11,931
Other States .....	9,806	11,185	12,636	11,834	11,717	11,099
United States .....	219,988	224,164	234,446	234,985	233,149	227,848
Percent of previous year .....	98	98	99	99	98	97

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

State	Week ending					
	October 31, 2020	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,152	23,102	23,484	21,491	22,469	23,726
Arkansas .....	20,058	17,306	19,547	20,642	21,617	21,058
Delaware .....	4,353	3,844	4,771	4,333	4,501	4,889
Florida .....	1,249	1,340	1,341	1,339	1,335	1,320
Georgia .....	25,812	25,580	26,258	24,356	25,140	26,236
Kentucky .....	5,568	4,909	6,267	6,190	6,013	6,397
Louisiana .....	2,925	2,496	2,956	2,892	2,696	2,907
Maryland .....	4,650	5,323	5,118	6,268	5,348	5,718
Mississippi .....	13,950	13,278	14,249	13,885	14,693	14,829
Missouri .....	6,457	5,345	6,091	5,750	5,295	6,074
North Carolina .....	17,981	18,474	19,811	19,599	19,548	20,055
Oklahoma .....	3,179	5,588	3,625	3,208	4,261	4,402
Pennsylvania .....	4,781	4,775	4,597	4,712	4,777	4,768
South Carolina .....	5,098	4,584	4,672	4,738	4,633	5,471
Texas .....	13,737	13,443	13,684	14,793	13,656	14,375
Virginia .....	6,222	6,286	5,594	4,301	5,625	5,027
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,572	10,152	10,667	10,190	10,107	10,955
Other States .....	9,283	9,243	7,465	7,543	8,535	9,599
United States .....	179,027	175,068	180,197	176,230	180,249	187,806
Percent of previous year .....	101	97	98	98	98	99

## 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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