



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 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 1, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.4 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 1, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through August 1, 2020 for the United States were 5.77 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,498	32,158	32,662	32,670	33,109	32,598
Arkansas	22,628	22,967	23,420	22,825	23,093	23,506
Delaware	4,838	5,026	5,004	4,825	4,547	4,548
Florida	1,069	1,069	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia	34,514	33,947	34,375	33,895	34,119	33,924
Kentucky	7,756	7,295	7,828	7,838	7,767	7,657
Louisiana	3,219	3,319	3,364	3,211	3,364	3,319
Maryland	8,263	8,040	8,208	8,154	8,518	8,092
Mississippi	17,659	17,463	17,159	17,098	17,522	16,841
Missouri	8,378	8,489	8,362	8,988	9,042	8,937
North Carolina	25,153	24,740	23,914	23,535	24,646	23,389
Oklahoma	6,479	6,444	7,290	6,874	6,863	7,145
Pennsylvania	6,389	6,284	6,508	6,399	6,335	6,493
South Carolina	5,656	5,672	5,835	5,550	5,312	5,583
Texas	17,891	17,370	16,718	17,335	17,045	17,322
Virginia	6,327	6,357	6,322	6,157	5,990	6,206
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,559	12,462	12,723	11,758	12,399	12,572
Other States	11,584	11,378	11,407	12,321	11,076	11,077
United States	232,860	230,480	232,261	230,596	231,910	230,372
Percent of previous year	101	99	100	99	99	98

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

State	Week ending					
	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,442	24,336	24,984	24,446	23,536	24,589
Arkansas	20,589	21,167	20,154	21,699	21,022	22,933
Delaware	4,376	5,074	4,768	4,734	4,901	4,981
Florida	1,339	1,319	1,352	1,251	1,260	1,245
Georgia	28,046	27,539	27,212	26,995	26,519	26,520
Kentucky	5,942	6,149	4,559	6,516	5,718	6,862
Louisiana	2,939	3,047	2,787	2,845	2,913	2,923
Maryland	6,075	5,862	5,474	5,054	5,292	5,357
Mississippi	14,830	15,003	15,235	15,161	15,008	14,690
Missouri	5,790	5,922	5,522	5,206	5,639	5,307
North Carolina	20,050	20,864	19,543	19,284	19,727	19,320
Oklahoma	5,061	4,497	5,261	3,347	3,909	3,182
Pennsylvania	5,049	4,483	5,006	4,934	4,829	4,923
South Carolina	4,844	4,831	5,427	5,557	5,041	4,939
Texas	14,949	14,846	15,732	14,808	14,172	13,864
Virginia	5,578	5,562	6,463	6,469	5,832	5,814
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,725	11,529	10,721	10,975	11,167	10,717
Other States	9,126	9,157	9,400	9,324	8,991	8,988
United States	190,750	191,187	189,600	188,605	185,476	187,154
Percent of previous year	100	102	100	102	98	100

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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