



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.2 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 Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through March 21, 2020 for the United States were 2.29 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	February 15, 2020	February 22, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,827	33,887	34,075	34,066	34,216	33,305
Arkansas	23,714	24,495	24,141	24,285	23,858	24,254
Delaware	5,245	5,223	5,430	5,063	5,306	5,319
Florida	1,193	1,191	1,209	1,225	1,207	1,194
Georgia	35,129	35,004	35,334	35,324	34,849	35,082
Kentucky	7,884	7,870	7,873	7,111	7,760	7,829
Louisiana	3,835	3,774	3,744	3,850	3,879	3,139
Maryland	8,113	7,970	8,495	8,503	8,486	8,503
Mississippi	18,351	17,915	18,354	18,213	18,082	18,162
Missouri	8,660	8,849	8,890	9,096	8,809	8,952
North Carolina	24,763	25,254	25,138	24,983	25,292	25,004
Oklahoma	7,464	7,923	7,407	7,357	7,692	7,196
Pennsylvania	5,741	6,088	6,135	6,023	6,084	5,856
South Carolina	5,888	5,513	5,809	5,643	5,751	5,812
Texas	17,250	17,681	17,907	17,245	17,706	17,868
Virginia	6,512	6,434	6,438	6,498	6,485	6,485
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,243	13,193	13,173	12,915	12,734	12,720
Other States	11,104	11,138	11,540	11,721	11,988	11,549
United States	237,916	239,402	241,092	239,121	240,184	238,229
Percent of previous year	103	103	104	103	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	February 15, 2020	February 22, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,750	25,635	24,510	24,465	24,988	24,863
Arkansas	20,203	22,190	22,396	22,025	21,417	22,025
Delaware	4,534	6,108	5,574	4,854	4,939	5,241
Florida	1,281	1,316	1,349	1,314	1,225	1,325
Georgia	28,702	25,984	27,625	27,638	27,064	28,341
Kentucky	6,233	6,612	6,435	6,555	6,073	6,187
Louisiana	3,327	3,357	3,281	3,297	3,269	3,234
Maryland	6,306	5,024	4,683	5,761	5,051	5,900
Mississippi	15,255	14,984	15,127	15,513	14,888	15,254
Missouri	6,424	5,800	5,596	5,989	5,935	5,655
North Carolina	19,736	20,185	19,854	20,355	20,003	20,545
Oklahoma	5,401	4,321	4,247	4,070	5,161	4,092
Pennsylvania	4,427	4,419	4,196	4,172	4,468	4,441
South Carolina	5,279	5,301	5,263	4,644	5,265	4,556
Texas	14,387	13,643	14,235	13,202	14,120	14,071
Virginia	5,851	5,587	6,514	6,331	6,582	5,651
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,513	11,458	11,432	11,093	11,536	11,410
Other States	8,172	8,348	8,546	8,604	9,072	9,128
United States	191,781	190,272	190,863	189,882	191,056	191,919
Percent of previous year	104	103	104	103	103	104

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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