



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 3, 2021, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.1 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 3, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through April 3, 2021 for the United States were 2.43 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	February 27, 2021	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021	March 27, 2021	April 3, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	34,061	34,020	33,704	33,599	33,091	33,587
Arkansas .....	24,152	24,115	23,506	24,044	24,354	24,360
Delaware .....	4,762	5,042	5,042	4,947	4,948	4,948
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,210	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	34,974	35,113	34,827	35,066	34,602	34,878
Kentucky .....	8,063	8,050	7,852	7,962	8,027	8,120
Louisiana .....	3,485	3,562	3,441	3,265	3,215	3,320
Maryland .....	7,942	7,942	7,944	7,914	7,912	7,912
Mississippi .....	16,962	17,160	16,750	16,244	16,275	16,384
Missouri .....	9,014	9,316	9,450	9,232	9,385	9,318
North Carolina .....	25,706	25,989	25,803	25,737	25,754	25,628
Oklahoma .....	8,113	7,348	7,106	6,961	7,291	7,327
Pennsylvania .....	6,457	6,318	6,282	6,364	6,491	6,488
South Carolina .....	5,732	5,824	5,931	5,829	5,729	5,733
Texas .....	18,927	17,207	17,545	18,139	18,202	18,215
Virginia .....	6,423	6,500	6,530	6,470	6,560	6,469
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,055	12,944	13,329	13,048	13,389	13,330
Other States .....	12,246	12,356	12,461	12,249	11,890	13,120
United States .....	241,283	240,015	238,712	238,280	238,324	240,346
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	100	100	102	104

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	February 27, 2021	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021	March 27, 2021	April 3, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,937	24,038	23,783	25,085	24,322	24,153
Arkansas .....	21,876	23,057	21,028	20,453	21,419	20,079
Delaware .....	3,958	5,578	5,257	5,028	5,245	4,758
Florida .....	1,354	1,278	1,362	1,351	1,325	1,288
Georgia .....	26,892	25,481	26,282	27,355	27,430	25,854
Kentucky .....	5,365	5,963	6,806	5,690	6,900	5,973
Louisiana .....	2,358	3,041	1,883	2,800	2,779	2,921
Maryland .....	6,207	4,666	5,421	5,664	5,019	5,385
Mississippi .....	14,387	14,345	14,248	13,902	14,332	13,966
Missouri .....	5,665	6,209	6,461	5,942	6,267	6,213
North Carolina .....	19,870	20,664	20,244	20,777	20,510	20,772
Oklahoma .....	4,341	2,423	3,354	4,585	3,613	4,557
Pennsylvania .....	4,929	4,714	4,497	4,736	4,699	4,637
South Carolina .....	5,211	5,910	5,444	4,598	4,136	5,716
Texas .....	14,959	14,091	11,556	14,832	13,689	14,034
Virginia .....	5,117	5,289	5,146	5,100	5,855	6,511
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,184	11,452	10,561	11,042	11,172	11,487
Other States .....	8,120	9,166	8,853	9,266	8,962	9,224
United States .....	186,730	187,365	182,186	188,206	187,674	187,528
Percent of previous year .....	98	98	96	98	98	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.

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