



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 7 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 8, 2021, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.4 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 Up 14 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 8, 2021, up 14 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through May 8, 2021 for the United States were 3.36 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	April 3, 2021	April 10, 2021	April 17, 2021	April 24, 2021	May 1, 2021	May 8, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,593	33,184	33,261	33,201	33,186	33,335
Arkansas .....	24,234	24,369	23,940	24,480	24,546	24,633
Delaware .....	4,977	4,791	4,791	4,948	4,948	4,948
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	34,878	33,792	34,683	34,665	34,841	34,760
Kentucky .....	8,120	7,811	7,541	8,038	6,978	7,880
Louisiana .....	3,532	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,426	3,351
Maryland .....	7,941	7,934	7,932	7,944	7,686	7,928
Mississippi .....	15,618	16,147	16,446	16,512	16,576	16,322
Missouri .....	9,382	9,469	9,491	9,538	9,571	9,592
North Carolina .....	25,648	25,065	25,827	24,976	24,879	25,352
Oklahoma .....	7,327	7,545	7,542	7,540	7,418	7,485
Pennsylvania .....	6,546	6,594	6,543	6,718	6,536	6,495
South Carolina .....	5,733	5,514	5,859	5,822	5,850	5,955
Texas .....	18,215	18,369	18,298	18,564	18,519	18,365
Virginia .....	6,469	6,474	6,224	6,442	6,637	6,501
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,035	12,673	12,661	12,079	13,398	12,956
Other States .....	13,120	12,273	12,555	12,637	12,517	12,741
United States .....	239,577	236,654	238,244	238,754	238,721	239,808
Percent of previous year .....	104	107	110	107	111	107

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

State	Week ending					
	April 3, 2021	April 10, 2021	April 17, 2021	April 24, 2021	May 1, 2021	May 8, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,151	24,101	23,998	23,995	23,727	23,546
Arkansas .....	20,700	21,718	22,650	22,007	23,034	22,286
Delaware .....	4,746	4,395	4,896	3,907	4,534	4,082
Florida .....	1,288	1,310	1,312	1,245	1,321	1,241
Georgia .....	25,851	26,329	26,345	26,571	25,470	26,498
Kentucky .....	5,973	6,593	6,092	6,400	6,578	5,701
Louisiana .....	2,921	2,875	2,891	2,992	2,930	2,936
Maryland .....	5,442	6,043	5,387	6,379	5,834	6,199
Mississippi .....	13,918	13,349	13,794	12,971	13,393	13,796
Missouri .....	5,471	5,177	5,267	5,864	6,002	6,934
North Carolina .....	20,741	20,654	20,927	20,313	20,450	20,598
Oklahoma .....	4,485	4,537	4,088	4,042	3,214	2,802
Pennsylvania .....	4,616	4,775	4,829	4,751	4,829	4,784
South Carolina .....	5,654	5,209	4,750	5,511	4,596	4,833
Texas .....	14,034	14,517	14,646	14,742	14,813	14,509
Virginia .....	6,567	6,138	5,692	5,873	5,649	5,563
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,271	10,492	10,907	10,671	10,510	11,007
Other States .....	9,248	9,598	9,088	10,130	9,213	9,862
United States .....	187,077	187,810	187,559	188,364	186,097	187,177
Percent of previous year .....	98	100	106	106	109	114

## 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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