



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 17, 2021, up 2 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 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 17, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through July 17, 2021 for the United States were 5.24 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	June 12, 2021	June 19, 2021	June 26, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 10, 2021	July 17, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,756	32,889	33,001	32,605	32,963	32,944
Arkansas	24,369	24,180	24,369	24,949	25,041	25,057
Delaware	4,997	4,988	4,715	4,624	4,623	4,621
Florida	1,187	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,124
Georgia	34,807	34,452	34,176	33,923	34,819	33,639
Kentucky	7,924	7,347	7,949	7,428	7,979	7,773
Louisiana	3,319	3,179	3,351	3,319	3,114	3,290
Maryland	7,940	7,938	7,936	7,940	7,867	7,942
Mississippi	17,182	16,910	16,941	17,225	16,981	16,784
Missouri	9,610	9,596	9,596	9,674	9,437	9,610
North Carolina	25,089	25,104	25,143	24,741	24,387	24,400
Oklahoma	7,959	7,563	7,644	7,937	7,664	7,767
Pennsylvania	6,469	6,631	6,784	6,334	6,478	6,552
South Carolina	5,924	5,945	5,758	5,677	5,906	5,969
Texas	18,254	18,391	18,229	18,168	18,084	17,781
Virginia	6,558	6,559	6,585	6,497	6,434	6,381
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,880	12,828	12,431	13,103	13,124	12,916
Other States	12,442	12,627	12,779	12,594	12,749	12,758
United States	239,666	238,313	238,573	237,924	238,836	237,308
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	102	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	June 12, 2021	June 19, 2021	June 26, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 10, 2021	July 17, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,308	24,462	23,225	23,690	24,041	23,650
Arkansas	21,878	22,403	21,519	20,719	20,874	21,457
Delaware	4,636	5,063	4,309	4,553	5,085	4,128
Florida	1,302	1,266	1,245	1,166	1,262	1,206
Georgia	27,118	25,393	27,202	26,039	26,675	26,109
Kentucky	5,880	6,134	5,904	5,767	6,299	6,474
Louisiana	2,813	2,775	2,568	2,795	2,660	2,825
Maryland	5,711	5,588	5,498	5,849	5,371	6,037
Mississippi	14,100	14,108	14,287	14,454	13,999	14,318
Missouri	6,405	6,304	6,554	7,477	6,329	6,378
North Carolina	20,204	20,148	20,052	19,713	19,336	20,273
Oklahoma	4,346	3,621	4,124	3,769	4,268	4,043
Pennsylvania	4,787	4,758	4,819	4,749	4,758	5,009
South Carolina	4,765	5,091	5,274	4,938	5,015	4,588
Texas	15,039	14,532	14,707	14,363	14,449	14,293
Virginia	6,164	5,514	6,540	5,664	6,001	5,645
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,316	10,763	10,901	11,550	10,080	10,416
Other States	9,469	9,933	10,090	9,868	9,629	9,524
United States	188,241	187,856	188,818	187,123	186,131	186,373
Percent of previous year	102	99	100	98	97	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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