



# 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 226 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 12, 2020, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 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 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 12, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through September 12, 2020 for the United States were 6.88 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,813	32,911	32,919	32,842	32,192	32,288
Arkansas .....	23,326	23,489	23,251	23,075	23,197	22,189
Delaware .....	4,825	4,825	4,797	4,082	4,797	4,826
Florida .....	1,162	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia .....	33,647	33,918	34,131	34,275	33,556	33,933
Kentucky .....	6,726	7,504	7,488	6,838	7,521	6,467
Louisiana .....	3,319	3,185	3,272	3,319	3,319	3,160
Maryland .....	8,140	8,135	8,122	8,131	8,145	7,111
Mississippi .....	16,863	17,218	16,752	16,473	15,835	16,694
Missouri .....	8,857	8,853	8,857	8,888	8,851	8,825
North Carolina .....	24,675	24,667	23,982	23,963	22,574	23,232
Oklahoma .....	6,966	7,084	6,928	7,279	6,747	7,242
Pennsylvania .....	6,515	6,401	6,411	6,387	6,360	6,405
South Carolina .....	5,726	5,719	5,791	5,725	5,825	5,724
Texas .....	17,354	17,315	17,502	16,794	16,100	16,820
Virginia .....	6,082	6,216	6,218	6,161	6,005	6,021
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,571	11,937	12,790	12,974	12,405	12,959
Other States .....	10,872	10,632	10,813	11,147	11,273	11,340
United States .....	230,439	231,172	231,187	229,516	225,865	226,399
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	100	99	100	102

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

State	Week ending					
	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,789	24,631	23,485	24,424	23,980	24,268
Arkansas .....	20,569	21,635	21,267	21,148	21,113	21,235
Delaware .....	4,999	4,746	4,228	4,443	4,407	4,813
Florida .....	1,326	1,339	1,202	1,315	1,310	1,304
Georgia .....	27,167	26,208	27,126	26,523	27,377	26,173
Kentucky .....	6,696	6,321	5,801	5,376	5,758	5,873
Louisiana .....	2,717	2,791	2,920	2,744	2,829	2,722
Maryland .....	4,959	5,294	5,862	5,500	6,581	5,378
Mississippi .....	13,538	14,283	14,245	14,369	14,566	14,221
Missouri .....	7,442	6,675	6,019	6,433	5,874	5,733
North Carolina .....	19,628	19,419	19,905	20,360	20,008	19,491
Oklahoma .....	3,149	2,849	4,440	4,028	4,840	4,896
Pennsylvania .....	4,897	4,810	4,941	4,962	4,886	4,855
South Carolina .....	4,754	4,644	5,628	4,346	4,354	5,676
Texas .....	13,819	13,892	14,266	14,540	14,465	14,469
Virginia .....	6,002	5,283	5,436	5,883	5,205	5,862
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,097	10,687	10,642	10,397	10,345	10,891
Other States .....	9,462	8,347	8,395	8,630	8,532	8,352
United States .....	183,010	183,854	185,808	185,421	186,430	186,212
Percent of previous year .....	97	97	98	99	99	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.

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