



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 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 9, 2021, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.6 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 9, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through October 9, 2021 for the United States were 7.44 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					
	September 4, 2021	September 11, 2021	September 18, 2021	September 25, 2021	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,682	33,252	32,713	32,912	31,759	32,174
Arkansas	24,384	22,738	22,908	24,842	24,678	24,101
Delaware	3,957	3,967	3,952	3,960	3,962	3,954
Florida	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,198	1,194
Georgia	34,680	34,724	33,863	33,879	34,241	33,122
Kentucky	7,534	7,060	7,568	7,543	7,905	7,018
Louisiana	3,169	2,780	3,093	3,108	2,880	3,122
Maryland	7,665	7,794	7,613	7,945	7,944	7,773
Mississippi	16,191	16,676	16,248	17,224	15,747	16,769
Missouri	9,508	9,503	8,728	9,510	9,224	9,659
North Carolina	24,015	23,126	23,932	24,654	23,607	23,875
Oklahoma	7,501	6,572	7,342	7,700	7,125	7,168
Pennsylvania	6,726	6,709	6,771	6,450	6,596	6,667
South Carolina	4,680	5,753	5,892	5,847	5,818	5,593
Texas	17,199	18,043	16,411	17,375	17,084	16,885
Virginia	6,752	6,780	6,559	6,674	6,468	6,591
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,819	12,503	11,735	12,692	12,780	12,832
Other States	12,235	12,343	12,595	11,240	11,738	12,791
United States	233,883	231,509	229,109	234,741	230,754	231,288
Percent of previous year	101	103	102	106	102	107

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

State	Week ending					
	September 4, 2021	September 11, 2021	September 18, 2021	September 25, 2021	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,518	23,457	23,650	24,216	24,062	22,874
Arkansas	21,387	20,564	20,238	20,700	18,924	20,107
Delaware	4,142	5,810	4,230	5,283	3,866	4,328
Florida	1,282	1,178	1,250	1,284	1,302	1,311
Georgia	27,181	25,739	26,322	26,174	26,436	25,310
Kentucky	5,298	6,263	5,960	5,374	5,967	5,681
Louisiana	2,804	2,816	2,801	2,705	2,060	2,679
Maryland	5,902	4,086	5,451	4,332	5,651	4,641
Mississippi	14,116	14,217	13,660	13,430	13,604	13,445
Missouri	6,428	6,024	6,308	6,360	6,793	5,173
North Carolina	19,307	19,994	18,832	19,139	18,490	18,694
Oklahoma	3,566	4,690	4,448	3,902	3,629	4,362
Pennsylvania	4,949	4,901	4,797	4,938	4,814	4,878
South Carolina	4,896	5,138	4,949	3,794	4,650	5,451
Texas	14,314	14,331	13,929	13,663	14,371	12,815
Virginia	5,318	5,746	5,855	5,475	5,932	5,848
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,863	11,325	11,063	11,259	10,067	10,935
Other States	9,432	9,202	8,949	9,050	9,251	9,293
United States	184,703	185,481	182,692	181,078	179,869	177,825
Percent of previous year	99	99	98	97	100	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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