



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 6 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 234 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 23, 2021, up 6 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.2 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 23, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through October 23, 2021 for the United States were 7.80 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 18, 2021	September 25, 2021	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,713	32,378	31,759	32,292	30,262	31,803
Arkansas .....	22,908	24,842	24,678	24,101	23,088	24,667
Delaware .....	3,952	4,053	4,055	4,047	4,161	4,163
Florida .....	1,186	1,186	1,198	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia .....	33,863	34,103	34,241	32,855	33,834	33,572
Kentucky .....	7,568	7,543	7,905	7,018	7,460	7,866
Louisiana .....	3,093	3,108	2,880	2,858	2,976	3,123
Maryland .....	7,583	7,915	7,915	7,744	7,590	7,807
Mississippi .....	16,248	17,224	15,747	16,769	16,362	16,839
Missouri .....	8,728	9,510	9,224	9,659	9,188	9,274
North Carolina .....	23,475	24,744	23,118	23,583	23,698	24,499
Oklahoma .....	7,342	7,700	7,125	7,382	7,316	7,734
Pennsylvania .....	6,771	6,450	6,583	6,551	6,593	6,595
South Carolina .....	5,892	5,847	5,818	5,663	5,823	5,652
Texas .....	16,411	17,375	17,084	16,885	17,734	18,159
Virginia .....	6,559	6,674	6,468	6,591	6,710	6,726
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,735	12,692	12,780	12,427	12,616	12,613
Other States .....	12,595	11,240	11,738	12,738	12,351	11,250
United States .....	228,622	234,584	230,316	230,357	228,956	233,536
Percent of previous year .....	101	106	102	107	102	106

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

State	Week ending					
	September 18, 2021	September 25, 2021	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,650	24,216	24,062	22,573	22,520	21,819
Arkansas .....	20,238	20,700	18,924	20,065	20,896	21,029
Delaware .....	3,750	4,809	3,681	3,847	4,522	4,291
Florida .....	1,250	1,284	1,302	1,311	1,301	1,256
Georgia .....	26,322	26,174	26,436	25,236	26,435	26,164
Kentucky .....	5,960	5,374	5,964	5,681	6,104	5,877
Louisiana .....	2,801	2,705	2,060	2,676	2,711	2,414
Maryland .....	5,809	4,736	5,335	4,796	5,405	5,434
Mississippi .....	13,660	13,430	13,604	13,445	14,034	12,775
Missouri .....	6,308	6,360	6,793	5,189	7,044	6,718
North Carolina .....	18,752	18,821	18,032	18,438	19,481	18,838
Oklahoma .....	4,448	3,902	3,629	4,512	3,772	3,475
Pennsylvania .....	4,797	4,938	4,814	4,884	4,668	4,701
South Carolina .....	4,949	3,794	4,650	5,496	4,804	4,881
Texas .....	13,929	13,663	14,371	12,842	13,813	13,577
Virginia .....	6,051	5,475	6,388	6,248	5,564	5,323
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,063	11,259	10,051	10,937	9,388	10,441
Other States .....	8,949	9,050	9,251	9,297	8,488	8,954
United States .....	182,686	180,690	179,347	177,473	180,950	177,967
Percent of previous year .....	98	97	99	98	102	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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