



# 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 November 13, 2021, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.7 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 13, 2021, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through November 13, 2021 for the United States were 8.34 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					
	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 30, 2021	November 6, 2021	November 13, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	33,084	31,180	31,803	33,001	33,010	33,406
Arkansas .....	24,101	23,088	24,667	24,422	24,586	24,979
Delaware .....	4,047	4,161	4,440	4,670	4,554	4,581
Florida .....	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,225
Georgia .....	32,892	32,947	33,848	34,814	33,721	35,255
Kentucky .....	7,063	7,460	7,866	8,202	7,228	7,740
Louisiana .....	2,858	2,976	3,123	3,033	3,229	3,139
Maryland .....	7,825	7,643	7,932	7,957	7,918	7,857
Mississippi .....	16,769	16,362	16,839	16,735	16,768	16,182
Missouri .....	9,659	9,188	9,274	8,605	8,891	9,328
North Carolina .....	23,583	23,728	24,530	24,957	25,047	25,811
Oklahoma .....	7,382	7,316	7,734	7,541	6,412	7,748
Pennsylvania .....	6,578	6,569	6,431	6,409	6,801	6,574
South Carolina .....	5,669	5,823	5,859	5,475	5,190	5,613
Texas .....	17,453	17,734	18,159	18,020	17,045	18,475
Virginia .....	6,591	6,710	6,726	6,496	6,450	6,809
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,461	12,616	12,472	12,483	12,699	13,313
Other States .....	12,599	12,370	11,180	11,865	12,650	12,364
United States .....	231,808	229,065	234,077	235,879	233,393	240,399
Percent of previous year .....	107	102	106	105	106	107

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

State	Week ending					
	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 30, 2021	November 6, 2021	November 13, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,574	22,520	21,780	23,335	22,669	22,894
Arkansas .....	20,072	20,897	20,726	20,760	18,735	21,303
Delaware .....	3,487	4,683	4,634	4,903	4,852	4,828
Florida .....	1,311	1,302	1,257	1,335	1,340	1,281
Georgia .....	25,236	26,435	26,165	24,540	23,902	25,434
Kentucky .....	5,681	6,104	5,750	5,640	5,316	5,748
Louisiana .....	2,676	2,711	2,414	2,422	2,506	2,663
Maryland .....	5,074	5,250	4,839	4,683	4,997	5,514
Mississippi .....	13,445	14,034	12,775	13,745	13,634	14,060
Missouri .....	5,185	7,040	6,714	6,325	6,295	6,539
North Carolina .....	18,438	19,481	18,840	18,537	18,768	19,111
Oklahoma .....	4,513	3,772	3,678	3,563	5,259	4,438
Pennsylvania .....	4,884	4,674	4,693	4,755	4,750	4,628
South Carolina .....	5,515	4,770	4,916	4,758	5,268	4,398
Texas .....	12,843	13,814	13,676	13,537	13,613	14,127
Virginia .....	6,231	5,565	5,639	5,485	5,243	4,973
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,937	9,386	10,609	10,790	11,486	12,274
Other States .....	9,312	8,436	8,796	9,394	9,141	8,196
United States .....	177,414	180,874	177,901	178,507	177,774	182,409
Percent of previous year .....	98	102	98	104	99	104

## 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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