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United States Poultry Value of Production and Sales Down 11 Percent

The United States combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2020 was \$35.5 billion, down 11 percent from \$40.0 billion in 2019. Of the combined total, 61 percent was from broilers, 24 percent from eggs, 15 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2020 was \$21.7 billion, down 23 percent from 2019. Values across the Southern Region were also down. In Georgia, the leading broiler state, the value of production was down 27 percent. Value in Alabama, the fourth largest broiler-producing state, was also down 21 percent. Florida value decreased by 18 percent and South Carolina decreased by 23 percent.

Nationally, the value of all egg production including hatching and market (table) eggs in 2020 was \$8.66 billion, up 18 percent from \$7.33 billion in 2019. Egg production totaled 112 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 113 billion eggs produced in 2019.

Broiler-type chicks hatched across the United States during 2020 totaled 9.87 billion, down slightly percent from 2019.

Placements of broiler chicks for meat production totaled 9.79 billion during the 53 week period ending January 2, 2021, up 1 percent from the 52 week period ending December 28, 2019. Egg-type chicks hatched during 2020 totaled 623 million, down 1 percent from 2019.

Georgia and Alabama ranked first and second in the nation, respectively, in broiler eggs set, broiler-type chicks hatched, and broiler chicks placed during the year. Combined, they account for more than 27 percent of the U.S. total in each category.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, Eggs Set, and Chicks Placed – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

State	Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched			Broiler Eggs Set			Broiler Chicks Placed		
	2019	2020	Percent of previous year	2019 ¹	2020 ²	Percent of previous year	2019 ¹	2020 ²	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	1,358,502	1,394,529	103	1,658,111	1,731,613	104	1,212,728	1,268,390	105
Florida	50,828	51,033	100	61,329	62,506	102	67,508	68,864	102
Georgia.....	1,481,956	1,442,566	97	1,801,885	1,808,604	100	1,426,676	1,400,983	98
South Carolina.....	243,159	235,050	97	299,917	297,602	99	260,791	260,743	100
United States	9,919,221	9,871,693	100	12,037,649	12,247,297	102	9,677,457	9,789,837	101

¹ January 5, 2019 through December 28, 2019

² January 4, 2020 through January 2, 2021

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Hatchery Production 2020 Summary](#), April 2021

Poultry Value of Production – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

Item / State	2019 (1,000 dollars)	2020 (1,000 dollars)	Percent of previous year (percent)
Broilers			
Alabama.....	3,032,786	2,410,825	79
Florida.....	173,939	142,788	82
Georgia.....	4,032,731	2,950,332	73
South Carolina.....	893,025	684,375	77
United States.....	28,313,919	21,683,052	77
Eggs			
Alabama.....	387,984	447,257	115
Georgia.....	564,014	626,561	111
South Carolina.....	83,830	92,559	110
United States.....	7,334,686	8,655,581	118
Chickens			
Alabama.....	5,348.2	2,664.3	50
Georgia.....	6,345.0	3,329.6	52
South Carolina.....	768.6	369.1	48
United States.....	37,559.9	18,776.5	50

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Poultry - Production and Value 2020 Summary](#), April 2021

Broiler Value of Production – States: 2019 and 2020

Billion dollars

