

Hatchery Capacity Report

Survey Information Sheet

Overview:

- Project Code: **158 - Poultry Survey**
- Questionnaires:
 - Mailed December 20th
- Release:
 - *Hatchery Production*
 - April 7, 2020
- Note: Over 90% of the sample is also selected for monthly and/or weekly poultry hatchery surveys
- Contacting all operations with a hatchery capacity of 1,000 or more chicken or turkey eggs.
- Capacity questions will be first asked for Chicken and then Turkey
- Looking for any equipment and facilities for hatching
- Capacity for up to three locations for capacity of:
 - Setters
 - Hatchers
 - Total = Setter + Hatchers
- Did they hatch any chicks/poults on their operation
- What is the livability between the hatchery and the processor
- Type of chicks/poults sold or moved and average price received

Terms:

- **Chick** – a young bird, especially one newly hatched
- **Poult** – a young turkey before its sex can be determined
- **Incubator** – an apparatus or chamber which provides favorable environmental conditions for the hatching of eggs
- **Setter** – part of the incubator where eggs are frequently turned and spend the majority of the time during the incubating process
- **Hatcher** – incubator where eggs typically spend the last three days of the incubating process and are left stationary
- **Hatching** – a young bird emerges from its egg
- **Livability** – the sum of the factors that add up to quality of life. For example if a producer had a 5% mortality rate then that equals a 95% livability rate.