



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 31, 2019, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.7 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 31, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through August 31, 2019 for the United States were 6.54 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	July 27, 2019	August 3, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,190	31,835	32,306	32,385	32,650	32,894
Arkansas	24,775	24,989	24,364	24,279	24,347	24,219
Delaware	5,152	5,338	5,175	5,338	5,337	5,342
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,131	1,131
Georgia	34,876	34,938	34,681	35,110	35,258	35,260
Kentucky	7,460	7,814	7,874	7,749	7,606	7,860
Louisiana	3,619	3,713	3,697	3,713	3,788	3,682
Maryland	7,866	8,097	7,958	7,810	7,810	7,448
Mississippi	18,566	18,490	18,490	18,348	18,152	18,266
Missouri	8,618	8,614	8,494	8,663	8,616	8,489
North Carolina	23,838	24,082	23,942	23,760	23,777	23,798
Oklahoma	7,237	7,618	7,131	7,335	7,687	7,654
Pennsylvania	5,669	5,538	5,272	5,491	5,534	5,491
South Carolina	5,676	5,698	5,828	5,890	5,822	5,828
Texas	17,640	17,558	17,714	17,422	17,117	17,159
Virginia	6,425	6,349	6,062	6,349	6,047	6,213
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,379	11,788	11,762	12,261	11,532	12,294
Other States	10,181	10,353	10,119	10,151	10,002	9,909
United States	233,345	233,990	232,047	233,232	232,213	232,937
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	103	103	105

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	July 27, 2019	August 3, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,384	22,774	22,096	22,595	23,240	23,575
Arkansas	23,635	23,543	23,640	23,280	22,723	20,604
Delaware	4,722	5,967	4,537	5,061	5,453	5,258
Florida	1,303	1,303	1,319	1,239	1,339	1,339
Georgia	27,411	27,690	29,819	28,351	27,739	27,552
Kentucky	6,565	6,860	6,143	6,009	5,864	6,083
Louisiana	3,213	3,228	3,202	3,138	3,208	3,187
Maryland	5,287	5,642	6,458	5,258	5,592	5,406
Mississippi	16,021	15,421	15,519	15,557	15,480	15,400
Missouri	5,834	6,105	6,025	6,590	6,450	6,474
North Carolina	19,290	18,990	19,004	19,287	19,541	19,331
Oklahoma	4,120	3,605	3,426	3,519	4,596	5,616
Pennsylvania	4,142	4,236	4,266	4,217	4,092	4,003
South Carolina	4,670	4,843	4,684	5,466	4,924	5,359
Texas	14,536	14,183	14,236	14,301	14,588	14,499
Virginia	6,380	5,000	5,553	6,117	5,452	5,613
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,526	10,870	10,703	11,202	10,802	10,650
Other States	7,401	7,296	7,553	7,750	8,268	7,781
United States	188,440	187,556	188,183	188,937	189,351	187,730
Percent of previous year	101	102	101	102	101	102

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.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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