



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 227 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 28, 2019, up 6 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.9 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 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 2019, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through September 28, 2019 for the United States were 7.28 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019	September 14, 2019	September 21, 2019	September 28, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,650	32,924	32,638	32,208	31,506	32,091
Arkansas	24,347	24,216	23,476	19,684	23,392	24,267
Delaware	5,337	5,245	5,058	4,778	4,778	4,778
Florida	1,131	1,147	1,147	1,147	1,163	1,178
Georgia	35,258	35,207	34,724	34,621	33,985	34,778
Kentucky	7,606	7,850	7,443	7,314	7,208	7,359
Louisiana	3,788	3,682	3,743	3,688	3,577	3,879
Maryland	7,810	7,435	7,377	7,245	7,990	7,869
Mississippi	18,152	17,653	17,500	17,191	17,621	17,289
Missouri	8,616	8,679	8,629	8,497	8,063	7,654
North Carolina	23,748	23,855	22,102	23,154	23,013	23,357
Oklahoma	7,687	7,724	7,742	6,658	7,394	7,610
Pennsylvania	5,088	5,500	5,209	5,459	5,441	5,066
South Carolina	5,822	5,828	5,737	5,535	5,965	5,740
Texas	17,117	16,759	16,240	16,876	17,473	16,573
Virginia	6,047	6,213	6,174	6,349	6,349	6,160
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,875	11,024	10,946	11,048	11,104	12,407
Other States	9,787	10,148	9,913	9,794	10,175	9,416
United States	230,866	231,089	225,798	221,246	226,197	227,471
Percent of previous year	103	105	104	104	102	106

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

State	Week ending					
	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019	September 14, 2019	September 21, 2019	September 28, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,228	23,852	23,897	24,080	24,702	23,508
Arkansas	22,555	20,245	22,655	21,519	21,856	21,937
Delaware	5,453	5,270	5,432	5,272	4,558	4,586
Florida	1,340	1,335	1,298	1,167	1,249	1,254
Georgia	27,913	27,267	27,693	27,530	26,650	28,329
Kentucky	5,865	6,172	6,161	6,417	6,456	5,686
Louisiana	3,208	3,452	3,198	3,236	3,178	3,240
Maryland	5,592	5,497	5,777	5,537	6,251	5,537
Mississippi	15,480	15,388	15,340	15,134	14,742	14,912
Missouri	6,450	6,686	6,266	5,785	6,101	5,839
North Carolina	19,532	19,147	19,344	19,076	19,315	18,141
Oklahoma	4,596	5,673	3,935	5,469	4,921	4,561
Pennsylvania	4,174	4,156	3,957	3,816	4,100	3,885
South Carolina	4,923	5,327	5,244	5,615	5,732	4,573
Texas	14,585	14,290	14,394	14,191	13,921	13,439
Virginia	5,423	5,811	5,338	5,249	5,231	5,734
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,857	10,431	10,502	9,736	9,901	9,815
Other States	8,230	7,731	7,763	7,252	7,599	7,773
United States	189,404	187,730	188,194	186,081	186,463	182,749
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	103	105	105

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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