



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 17, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.8 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 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 17, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through August 17, 2019 for the United States were 6.16 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 13, 2019	July 20, 2019	July 27, 2019	August 3, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,044	31,338	32,190	30,539	31,215	32,385
Arkansas	24,801	24,739	24,775	24,989	24,364	24,350
Delaware	5,058	5,366	5,152	5,338	5,175	4,880
Florida	1,163	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	34,945	35,114	34,680	34,741	34,576	34,905
Kentucky	7,831	7,756	7,460	7,814	7,874	7,749
Louisiana	3,712	3,727	3,619	3,713	3,697	3,713
Maryland	7,920	8,068	7,866	8,097	7,958	7,748
Mississippi	18,263	18,276	18,566	18,490	18,490	18,348
Missouri	8,297	8,631	8,618	8,614	8,494	8,663
North Carolina	23,608	23,987	23,800	24,044	23,934	23,597
Oklahoma	7,530	7,648	7,237	7,617	7,131	7,335
Pennsylvania	5,619	5,803	5,596	5,508	5,365	5,448
South Carolina	5,794	5,675	5,676	5,698	5,828	5,890
Texas	17,548	17,338	17,640	17,558	17,714	17,422
Virginia	6,423	6,425	6,425	6,349	6,062	6,349
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,640	12,244	12,379	11,788	11,762	12,261
Other States	9,644	9,557	10,328	10,383	10,139	10,036
United States	231,840	232,870	233,185	232,458	230,956	232,257
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	101	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	July 13, 2019	July 20, 2019	July 27, 2019	August 3, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,418	22,791	23,483	22,746	22,050	22,558
Arkansas	21,709	21,846	23,584	23,543	23,640	23,254
Delaware	4,652	4,704	4,722	5,967	4,641	5,125
Florida	1,167	1,289	1,303	1,303	1,319	1,239
Georgia	27,995	26,644	27,471	27,753	29,887	28,401
Kentucky	5,712	6,067	6,565	6,860	6,143	6,011
Louisiana	3,400	2,955	3,213	3,228	3,202	3,138
Maryland	6,182	5,164	5,287	5,642	6,205	5,305
Mississippi	15,842	15,718	16,021	15,421	15,519	15,558
Missouri	5,778	5,718	5,834	6,104	6,025	6,590
North Carolina	19,808	18,852	19,275	18,944	18,977	19,211
Oklahoma	4,313	5,552	4,120	3,605	3,426	3,525
Pennsylvania	4,163	3,857	4,223	4,284	4,302	4,192
South Carolina	5,058	5,880	4,670	4,843	4,684	5,466
Texas	14,515	14,024	14,535	14,183	14,236	14,311
Virginia	5,571	6,403	6,380	5,041	5,746	6,108
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,374	10,881	10,575	10,867	10,703	11,197
Other States	7,831	6,797	7,462	7,278	7,547	7,838
United States	188,488	185,142	188,723	187,612	188,252	189,027
Percent of previous year	101	100	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.

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