



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 222 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 19, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 19, 2019, up 6 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through October 19, 2019 for the United States were 7.82 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					
	September 14, 2019	September 21, 2019	September 28, 2019	October 5, 2019	October 12, 2019	October 19, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,208	31,506	32,091	30,098	31,598	30,497
Arkansas	19,684	23,271	24,267	22,557	20,913	21,504
Delaware	4,778	4,778	4,657	5,034	5,058	5,029
Florida	1,147	1,163	1,178	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia	34,621	33,985	34,778	33,480	33,013	34,255
Kentucky	7,314	7,208	7,359	7,199	7,523	7,471
Louisiana	3,688	3,577	3,879	3,295	3,677	3,879
Maryland	7,245	7,977	7,869	7,870	7,102	7,102
Mississippi	17,191	17,621	17,289	15,641	16,619	17,509
Missouri	8,497	8,063	7,654	8,387	8,288	8,332
North Carolina	23,141	22,994	22,945	22,712	22,594	23,420
Oklahoma	6,658	7,394	7,610	7,760	6,224	6,433
Pennsylvania	5,569	5,527	5,092	5,714	5,681	5,305
South Carolina	5,535	5,965	5,740	5,516	5,505	5,727
Texas	16,876	17,473	16,573	16,110	16,788	16,944
Virginia	6,349	6,349	6,160	5,635	6,408	6,498
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,048	11,104	12,407	11,591	11,851	11,334
Other States	9,579	10,346	9,413	9,319	9,956	9,974
United States	221,128	226,301	226,961	219,081	219,961	222,376
Percent of previous year	104	102	106	101	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	September 14, 2019	September 21, 2019	September 28, 2019	October 5, 2019	October 12, 2019	October 19, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,280	24,921	23,683	22,695	21,722	23,474
Arkansas	21,519	21,856	21,939	18,232	21,487	22,836
Delaware	5,271	5,025	3,846	4,044	4,124	4,432
Florida	1,169	1,246	1,254	1,256	1,285	1,313
Georgia	27,394	26,500	28,229	28,085	28,355	27,838
Kentucky	6,416	6,454	5,685	5,729	5,406	5,831
Louisiana	3,236	3,178	3,240	3,208	3,078	3,367
Maryland	5,536	5,642	6,472	5,914	5,997	5,709
Mississippi	15,134	14,742	14,912	14,563	14,626	14,272
Missouri	5,785	6,101	5,838	5,682	6,274	6,227
North Carolina	19,073	19,376	18,216	19,129	19,165	18,707
Oklahoma	5,470	4,921	4,561	4,407	3,366	2,789
Pennsylvania	3,829	4,095	3,956	4,088	4,139	3,823
South Carolina	5,617	5,731	4,573	4,972	4,521	4,723
Texas	14,192	13,921	13,429	12,939	13,877	13,512
Virginia	5,247	5,553	5,634	5,849	6,046	5,935
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,736	9,900	9,806	9,964	9,508	10,645
Other States	7,241	7,562	7,654	7,467	8,518	7,424
United States	186,145	186,724	182,927	178,223	181,494	182,857
Percent of previous year	103	105	105	105	102	106

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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