



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 222 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 9, 2019, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 9, 2019, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through November 9, 2019 for the United States were 8.36 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					
	October 5, 2019	October 12, 2019	October 19, 2019	October 26, 2019	November 2, 2019	November 9, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,098	31,598	30,538	31,308	30,782	30,956
Arkansas .....	22,557	20,913	21,470	22,809	22,872	22,448
Delaware .....	5,034	4,872	5,152	5,274	5,023	4,960
Florida .....	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,178
Georgia .....	33,655	33,326	33,859	33,255	31,930	33,012
Kentucky .....	7,199	7,523	7,326	7,882	7,980	6,892
Louisiana .....	3,295	3,677	3,879	3,864	3,334	3,607
Maryland .....	7,867	7,102	7,592	7,286	7,877	8,014
Mississippi .....	14,838	16,385	17,742	17,530	17,196	17,546
Missouri .....	8,387	8,288	8,332	8,136	8,104	7,751
North Carolina .....	22,396	22,589	23,908	23,500	23,851	23,594
Oklahoma .....	7,760	6,224	6,433	7,782	7,714	7,393
Pennsylvania .....	5,820	5,760	5,719	4,944	5,580	5,786
South Carolina .....	5,516	5,505	5,727	5,857	5,390	5,620
Texas .....	16,049	16,183	16,944	17,356	17,114	15,658
Virginia .....	5,635	6,408	6,498	6,454	5,990	6,302
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,525	11,967	11,154	12,416	12,730	11,160
Other States .....	9,357	9,956	9,927	9,975	9,832	10,319
United States .....	219,151	219,439	223,363	226,791	224,462	222,196
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	104	104	104	100

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

State	Week ending					
	October 5, 2019	October 12, 2019	October 19, 2019	October 26, 2019	November 2, 2019	November 9, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,662	21,680	23,447	23,561	23,392	22,213
Arkansas .....	18,232	21,487	22,902	21,444	19,661	18,846
Delaware .....	4,198	5,370	6,240	5,237	4,069	4,836
Florida .....	1,255	1,286	1,313	1,270	1,196	1,281
Georgia .....	28,115	28,389	27,366	25,489	26,384	27,395
Kentucky .....	5,728	5,406	5,912	6,165	6,307	5,846
Louisiana .....	3,208	3,078	3,367	2,804	3,192	3,286
Maryland .....	5,786	5,093	4,394	5,259	5,745	5,085
Mississippi .....	14,563	14,626	14,289	12,564	13,621	14,885
Missouri .....	5,682	6,274	6,227	5,731	5,621	5,431
North Carolina .....	19,126	19,212	19,084	18,282	18,399	18,934
Oklahoma .....	4,407	3,366	2,789	3,870	3,248	4,246
Pennsylvania .....	3,998	4,194	3,667	4,326	4,208	4,152
South Carolina .....	4,971	4,521	5,049	4,268	5,116	4,881
Texas .....	12,939	13,877	13,541	13,464	13,477	13,418
Virginia .....	5,935	5,616	5,585	4,929	5,801	6,200
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,794	9,719	9,926	10,429	10,414	10,419
Other States .....	7,450	8,500	7,424	7,274	7,568	7,551
United States .....	179,049	181,694	182,522	176,366	177,419	178,905
Percent of previous year .....	105	102	106	101	102	104

## 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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