



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 225 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 2018, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.1 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2018, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through December 15, 2018 for the United States were 9.09 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2018

State	Week ending					
	November 10, 2018	November 17, 2018	November 24, 2018	December 1, 2018	December 8, 2018	December 15, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,051	30,481	30,842	31,136	30,568	30,946
Arkansas	24,091	24,415	24,815	24,683	24,309	24,559
Delaware	4,696	4,722	4,696	5,045	4,674	4,895
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	33,497	34,631	34,934	34,371	35,564	35,540
Kentucky	7,829	7,740	7,873	8,027	7,221	7,702
Louisiana	3,562	3,668	3,653	3,834	3,532	3,774
Maryland	7,863	7,939	7,994	7,993	7,744	7,582
Mississippi	17,659	18,367	18,569	18,585	18,569	18,553
Missouri	7,711	8,567	8,375	8,460	7,733	8,172
North Carolina	22,058	22,439	22,423	23,064	21,251	22,092
Oklahoma	7,837	7,725	7,500	7,645	6,669	7,283
Pennsylvania	5,080	5,528	5,319	5,577	5,251	5,312
South Carolina	5,616	5,939	5,562	5,881	5,560	5,469
Texas	15,994	16,007	16,343	16,710	15,325	14,387
Virginia	5,632	6,380	6,406	6,771	6,074	6,424
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,875	12,341	12,182	12,614	11,448	11,763
Other States	9,362	9,704	9,712	10,023	8,845	9,817
United States	221,607	227,787	228,392	231,613	221,531	225,464
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	100	100	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2018

State	Week ending					
	November 10, 2018	November 17, 2018	November 24, 2018	December 1, 2018	December 8, 2018	December 15, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,519	22,735	21,661	22,485	23,014	23,151
Arkansas	19,908	20,111	21,483	21,870	22,062	22,699
Delaware	5,043	3,892	5,765	5,449	4,993	5,246
Florida	739	1,301	1,327	1,360	1,358	1,341
Georgia	25,632	25,614	25,169	26,323	26,741	26,358
Kentucky	4,772	4,489	5,389	6,118	5,802	6,204
Louisiana	3,353	3,480	3,006	3,144	3,163	3,167
Maryland	4,707	7,194	5,537	5,189	5,396	6,123
Mississippi	15,232	15,423	14,228	14,666	15,212	15,460
Missouri	5,425	5,637	4,729	5,417	5,798	6,316
North Carolina	17,267	17,704	17,137	17,711	17,496	17,641
Oklahoma	4,564	4,390	4,349	4,399	4,759	3,897
Pennsylvania	3,941	3,824	3,928	4,037	4,104	4,041
South Carolina	4,484	4,134	4,804	4,325	4,893	5,466
Texas	12,936	12,943	11,904	12,973	12,937	13,019
Virginia	5,309	5,418	4,829	5,136	5,887	5,287
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,180	9,937	10,627	10,315	11,038	10,087
Other States	7,215	6,950	7,183	7,270	7,790	7,778
United States	172,226	175,176	173,055	178,187	182,443	183,281
Percent of previous year	98	98	99	100	99	100

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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