



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 14, 2019, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.7 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through December 14, 2019 for the United States were 9.28 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					
	November 9, 2019	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019	November 30, 2019	December 7, 2019	December 14, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,286	33,512	33,501	32,966	33,293	33,602
Arkansas	23,333	23,668	23,858	23,540	23,312	24,064
Delaware	5,472	5,474	5,470	5,466	5,467	5,469
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	33,012	34,607	34,915	34,770	34,371	32,629
Kentucky	6,892	7,791	7,806	7,747	7,268	8,014
Louisiana	3,607	3,456	3,864	3,758	3,668	3,774
Maryland	8,014	7,792	7,931	8,096	7,846	7,671
Mississippi	17,595	18,111	18,006	18,015	18,275	18,243
Missouri	8,102	8,961	8,952	8,664	8,929	8,983
North Carolina	24,945	24,386	24,807	24,735	24,338	25,029
Oklahoma	7,575	7,691	7,765	7,573	7,200	7,879
Pennsylvania	5,659	5,940	5,671	5,976	5,824	5,707
South Carolina	5,590	5,738	5,693	5,807	5,512	5,827
Texas	16,263	17,610	17,781	17,934	18,115	18,398
Virginia	6,484	6,294	5,816	6,662	6,134	6,439
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,615	12,611	12,925	12,769	12,177	12,810
Other States	10,776	11,359	10,818	10,962	11,118	11,204
United States	227,398	236,179	236,757	236,618	234,025	236,920
Percent of previous year	103	104	104	100	107	105

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

State	Week ending					
	November 9, 2019	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019	November 30, 2019	December 7, 2019	December 14, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,849	24,400	22,319	22,119	25,329	24,482
Arkansas	18,827	20,409	21,213	21,254	21,991	21,538
Delaware	4,317	5,391	4,955	5,454	4,901	4,601
Florida	1,284	1,283	1,214	1,325	1,338	1,319
Georgia	27,046	23,812	24,551	27,332	26,260	26,466
Kentucky	5,997	6,354	6,125	5,880	6,095	6,238
Louisiana	3,291	3,560	2,743	2,963	2,925	3,271
Maryland	5,774	4,727	5,917	5,506	6,202	6,194
Mississippi	14,865	15,435	14,708	14,891	15,400	15,398
Missouri	5,640	5,900	4,815	5,194	6,046	6,622
North Carolina	20,156	20,075	19,324	20,613	19,293	19,716
Oklahoma	4,309	4,791	4,936	5,020	4,420	4,281
Pennsylvania	4,159	3,711	4,127	4,333	4,401	4,167
South Carolina	5,057	5,391	5,229	4,320	5,118	5,560
Texas	13,596	13,752	14,084	13,169	13,891	14,214
Virginia	5,917	5,889	5,352	5,870	4,995	5,499
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,032	10,566	10,859	10,100	11,104	11,070
Other States	7,566	7,558	7,368	8,302	8,797	8,351
United States	180,682	183,004	179,839	183,645	188,506	188,987
Percent of previous year	105	104	104	103	103	103

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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