



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 23, 2019, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.9 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 23, 2019, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through November 23, 2019 for the United States were 8.72 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 19, 2019	October 26, 2019	November 2, 2019	November 9, 2019	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama	30,538	31,308	30,716	31,054	33,014	32,617
Arkansas	21,470	22,809	23,062	22,462	23,668	23,858
Delaware	5,152	5,274	5,023	4,960	4,961	5,038
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	33,859	33,255	32,090	33,012	34,607	36,915
Kentucky	7,326	7,882	7,980	6,892	7,791	7,806
Louisiana	3,879	3,864	3,334	3,607	3,456	3,864
Maryland	7,592	7,286	7,877	8,014	7,763	7,902
Mississippi	17,742	18,278	17,196	17,548	18,111	18,006
Missouri	8,332	8,136	8,104	7,710	8,961	8,952
North Carolina	23,908	23,500	23,803	23,594	24,166	24,595
Oklahoma	6,433	7,782	7,714	7,393	7,691	7,765
Pennsylvania	5,579	4,944	5,266	5,741	5,940	5,562
South Carolina	5,727	5,827	5,359	5,590	5,738	5,693
Texas	16,944	17,356	17,114	15,658	17,610	17,781
Virginia	6,498	6,454	5,990	6,302	6,294	5,903
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,154	12,386	12,730	11,510	12,611	12,925
Other States	9,927	9,975	9,832	10,599	11,359	10,597
United States	223,223	227,479	224,353	222,824	234,919	236,957
Percent of previous year	104	105	104	101	103	104

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

State	Week ending					
	October 19, 2019	October 26, 2019	November 2, 2019	November 9, 2019	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	23,447	23,657	23,497	22,663	24,400	22,368
Arkansas	22,902	21,444	19,661	18,661	20,409	21,213
Delaware	6,240	5,237	4,069	4,836	5,933	5,516
Florida	1,312	1,270	1,195	1,284	1,285	1,206
Georgia	27,362	25,577	26,480	27,001	23,817	24,547
Kentucky	5,912	6,165	6,307	5,846	6,353	6,125
Louisiana	3,367	2,804	3,192	3,291	3,560	2,743
Maryland	4,393	5,259	5,745	5,085	4,307	5,346
Mississippi	14,289	12,564	13,621	14,641	15,435	14,708
Missouri	6,227	5,731	5,621	5,650	5,900	4,815
North Carolina	19,080	18,282	18,397	18,929	19,824	19,331
Oklahoma	2,789	3,870	3,248	4,246	4,791	4,936
Pennsylvania	3,697	4,326	4,277	4,168	3,752	4,054
South Carolina	5,048	4,268	5,113	5,059	5,390	5,230
Texas	13,541	13,464	13,477	13,434	13,752	14,084
Virginia	5,537	4,929	5,761	6,100	5,723	4,916
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,925	10,429	10,414	10,320	10,565	10,825
Other States	7,399	7,274	7,557	7,568	7,551	7,446
United States	182,467	176,550	177,632	178,782	182,747	179,409
Percent of previous year	106	101	102	104	104	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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