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 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 24, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.8 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 24, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through August 24, 2019 for the United States were 6.35 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	July 20, 2019	July 27, 2019	August 3, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,338	32,190	31,835	31,215	32,385	32,650
Arkansas	24,739	24,775	24,989	24,364	24,279	24,347
Delaware	5,366	5,152	5,338	5,175	5,338	5,367
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,131
Georgia	35,114	34,876	34,938	34,681	35,110	35,252
Kentucky	7,756	7,460	7,814	7,874	7,749	7,606
Louisiana	3,727	3,619	3,713	3,697	3,713	3,788
Maryland	8,068	7,866	8,097	7,958	7,748	7,810
Mississippi	18,276	18,566	18,490	18,490	18,348	18,152
Missouri	8,631	8,618	8,614	8,494	8,663	8,616
North Carolina	23,982	23,838	23,782	23,942	23,723	23,755
Oklahoma	7,648	7,237	7,618	7,131	7,335	7,687
Pennsylvania	5,803	5,669	5,532	5,346	5,448	5,544
South Carolina	5,675	5,676	5,698	5,828	5,890	5,822
Texas	17,338	17,640	17,558	17,714	17,422	17,117
Virginia	6,425	6,425	6,349	6,062	6,349	6,047
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,244	12,379	11,788	11,762	12,261	11,532
Other States	9,557	10,181	10,353	10,139	10,151	10,002
United States	232,865	233,345	233,684	231,050	233,090	232,225
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	102	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	July 20, 2019	July 27, 2019	August 3, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,791	23,484	22,746	22,039	22,549	23,205
Arkansas	21,846	23,635	23,543	23,640	23,280	22,732
Delaware	4,704	4,722	5,967	4,641	4,839	5,604
Florida	1,289	1,303	1,303	1,319	1,239	1,339
Georgia	26,644	27,471	27,753	29,887	28,410	27,798
Kentucky	6,067	6,565	6,860	6,143	6,011	5,864
Louisiana	2,955	3,213	3,228	3,202	3,138	3,208
Maryland	5,164	5,287	5,642	6,205	5,303	5,364
Mississippi	15,718	16,021	15,421	15,519	15,557	15,480
Missouri	5,718	5,834	6,105	6,025	6,590	6,450
North Carolina	18,868	19,290	18,990	19,004	19,250	19,481
Oklahoma	5,552	4,120	3,605	3,426	3,519	4,559
Pennsylvania	3,857	4,142	4,237	4,254	4,192	4,095
South Carolina	5,880	4,670	4,843	4,684	5,466	4,924
Texas	14,024	14,536	14,183	14,236	14,301	14,588
Virginia	6,403	6,380	5,042	5,746	6,306	5,507
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,881	10,526	10,869	10,703	11,202	10,802
Other States	6,797	7,210	7,192	7,547	7,766	8,268
United States	185,158	188,409	187,529	188,220	188,918	189,268
Percent of previous year	100	101	102	101	102	101

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* S*ummary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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