



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 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 30, 2019, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 30, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through November 30, 2019 for the United States were 8.90 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 26, 2019	November 2, 2019	November 9, 2019	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019	November 30, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,308	30,716	31,286	33,014	32,617	32,892
Arkansas	22,809	23,062	23,285	23,668	23,858	23,540
Delaware	5,274	5,023	4,960	4,961	5,038	5,034
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	33,255	32,090	33,012	34,607	36,915	32,575
Kentucky	7,882	7,980	6,892	7,791	7,806	7,747
Louisiana	3,864	3,334	3,607	3,456	3,864	3,758
Maryland	7,286	7,877	8,014	7,763	7,902	8,066
Mississippi	18,278	17,196	17,844	18,111	18,006	18,015
Missouri	8,136	8,104	8,106	8,961	8,952	8,664
North Carolina	23,500	23,803	23,546	24,137	24,566	24,483
Oklahoma	7,782	7,478	7,648	7,691	7,765	7,573
Pennsylvania	4,944	5,266	5,819	5,940	5,562	5,542
South Carolina	5,827	5,359	5,590	5,738	5,693	5,807
Texas	17,356	17,114	16,210	17,610	17,781	17,934
Virginia	6,454	5,990	6,484	6,294	5,903	6,662
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,386	12,730	11,615	12,611	12,925	12,769
Other States	9,975	9,832	10,777	11,359	10,818	10,962
United States	227,479	224,117	225,873	234,890	237,149	233,201
Percent of previous year	105	104	102	103	104	99

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

State	Week ending					
	October 26, 2019	November 2, 2019	November 9, 2019	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019	November 30, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,657	23,497	22,663	24,400	22,319	23,090
Arkansas	21,444	19,661	18,661	20,409	21,213	21,254
Delaware	5,237	4,047	4,638	5,871	5,516	5,494
Florida	1,270	1,195	1,284	1,285	1,213	1,328
Georgia	25,577	26,480	27,001	23,817	24,547	26,665
Kentucky	6,165	6,307	5,846	6,353	6,125	5,880
Louisiana	2,804	3,192	3,291	3,560	2,743	2,963
Maryland	5,259	5,782	5,289	4,365	5,346	4,918
Mississippi	12,564	13,621	14,641	15,435	14,708	14,891
Missouri	5,731	5,621	5,650	5,900	4,815	5,194
North Carolina	18,282	18,397	18,929	19,807	19,318	19,645
Oklahoma	3,870	3,248	4,246	4,791	4,936	5,020
Pennsylvania	4,326	4,277	4,168	3,752	4,054	4,374
South Carolina	4,268	5,113	5,059	5,390	5,230	4,107
Texas	13,464	13,477	13,434	13,752	14,084	13,199
Virginia	4,929	5,761	6,100	5,723	4,916	5,779
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,429	10,414	10,320	10,565	10,859	10,100
Other States	7,274	7,557	7,568	7,551	7,367	8,305
United States	176,550	177,647	178,788	182,726	179,309	182,206
Percent of previous year	101	102	104	104	104	102

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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