



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 5, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.6 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 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 2019, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through October 5, 2019 for the United States were 7.46 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					
	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019	September 14, 2019	September 21, 2019	September 28, 2019	October 5, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,924	32,638	32,208	31,506	32,091	30,098
Arkansas .....	24,216	23,476	19,684	23,392	24,267	22,557
Delaware .....	5,245	5,058	4,778	4,778	4,657	4,754
Florida .....	1,147	1,147	1,147	1,163	1,178	1,163
Georgia .....	35,207	34,724	34,621	33,985	34,778	33,359
Kentucky .....	7,850	7,443	7,314	7,208	7,359	7,199
Louisiana .....	3,682	3,743	3,688	3,577	3,879	3,295
Maryland .....	7,435	7,377	7,245	7,990	7,869	7,870
Mississippi .....	17,653	17,500	17,191	17,621	17,289	15,748
Missouri .....	8,679	8,629	8,497	8,063	7,654	8,387
North Carolina .....	23,841	22,088	23,141	23,013	22,954	23,127
Oklahoma .....	7,724	7,742	6,658	7,394	7,610	7,760
Pennsylvania .....	5,500	5,194	5,569	5,527	5,254	5,453
South Carolina .....	5,828	5,737	5,535	5,965	5,740	5,516
Texas .....	16,759	16,240	16,876	17,473	16,573	16,049
Virginia .....	6,213	6,174	6,349	6,349	6,160	5,635
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,024	10,946	11,048	11,104	12,407	11,591
Other States .....	10,148	9,913	9,794	10,175	9,416	9,533
United States .....	231,075	225,769	221,343	226,283	227,135	219,094
Percent of previous year .....	105	104	104	102	106	101

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

State	Week ending					
	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019	September 14, 2019	September 21, 2019	September 28, 2019	October 5, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,941	24,037	24,280	24,921	23,683	22,679
Arkansas .....	20,245	22,655	21,519	21,856	21,939	18,236
Delaware .....	5,270	5,432	5,271	4,558	4,281	4,267
Florida .....	1,335	1,297	1,169	1,246	1,254	1,264
Georgia .....	27,196	27,574	27,394	26,500	28,229	28,059
Kentucky .....	6,172	6,162	6,416	6,454	5,685	5,729
Louisiana .....	3,452	3,198	3,236	3,178	3,240	3,207
Maryland .....	5,497	5,776	5,536	6,250	5,848	5,890
Mississippi .....	15,388	15,340	15,134	14,742	14,912	14,537
Missouri .....	6,686	6,266	5,785	6,101	5,839	5,684
North Carolina .....	19,148	19,325	19,073	19,311	18,156	18,794
Oklahoma .....	5,673	3,935	5,470	4,921	4,561	4,406
Pennsylvania .....	4,156	3,993	3,829	4,095	3,937	4,094
South Carolina .....	5,327	5,243	5,617	5,731	4,573	4,949
Texas .....	14,290	14,395	14,192	13,921	13,432	13,902
Virginia .....	5,811	5,434	5,247	5,433	5,818	5,634
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,431	10,502	9,736	9,900	9,816	10,037
Other States .....	7,731	7,756	7,260	7,595	7,776	7,449
United States .....	187,749	188,320	186,164	186,713	182,979	178,817
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	103	105	105	105

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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