



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 227 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 26, 2019, up 4 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through October 26, 2019 for the United States were 8.00 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					
	September 21, 2019	September 28, 2019	October 5, 2019	October 12, 2019	October 19, 2019	October 26, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,506	32,091	30,098	31,598	30,438	31,308
Arkansas	23,271	24,146	22,557	20,913	21,470	22,809
Delaware	4,778	4,657	5,034	5,058	5,058	5,029
Florida	1,163	1,178	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia	33,985	34,778	33,465	33,013	34,236	32,971
Kentucky	7,208	7,359	7,199	7,523	7,326	7,881
Louisiana	3,577	3,879	3,295	3,677	3,879	3,864
Maryland	7,977	7,869	7,867	7,102	7,592	7,101
Mississippi	17,621	17,289	14,838	16,619	17,742	17,530
Missouri	8,063	7,654	8,387	8,288	8,332	8,136
North Carolina	22,994	23,404	22,396	22,594	23,629	23,995
Oklahoma	7,394	7,610	7,760	6,224	6,433	7,782
Pennsylvania	5,741	5,099	5,787	5,760	5,719	4,967
South Carolina	5,965	5,740	5,516	5,505	5,727	5,860
Texas	17,473	16,573	16,049	16,788	16,944	17,356
Virginia	6,349	6,160	5,635	6,408	6,498	6,454
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,104	12,407	11,591	11,851	11,316	12,548
Other States	10,346	9,413	9,319	9,956	9,974	9,954
United States	226,515	227,306	217,956	220,040	223,476	226,708
Percent of previous year	103	106	101	102	104	104

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

State	Week ending					
	September 21, 2019	September 28, 2019	October 5, 2019	October 12, 2019	October 19, 2019	October 26, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,921	23,683	22,695	21,722	23,495	23,587
Arkansas	21,856	21,939	18,232	21,487	22,902	21,462
Delaware	5,025	3,846	4,198	4,124	5,433	4,331
Florida	1,246	1,254	1,255	1,286	1,313	1,269
Georgia	26,500	28,229	28,478	28,353	27,522	25,270
Kentucky	6,454	5,685	5,728	5,406	5,912	6,097
Louisiana	3,178	3,240	3,208	3,078	3,367	2,804
Maryland	5,642	6,472	5,777	5,997	5,208	6,286
Mississippi	14,742	14,912	14,563	14,626	14,289	12,563
Missouri	6,101	5,838	5,682	6,274	6,227	5,731
North Carolina	19,376	18,216	19,126	19,162	19,023	18,460
Oklahoma	4,921	4,561	4,407	3,366	2,789	3,870
Pennsylvania	4,127	3,956	4,119	4,194	3,667	4,263
South Carolina	5,731	4,573	4,971	4,521	5,049	4,148
Texas	13,921	13,429	12,939	13,877	13,541	13,468
Virginia	5,553	5,634	5,842	6,013	5,630	5,529
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,900	9,806	9,964	9,507	10,634	9,651
Other States	7,562	7,654	7,451	8,500	7,424	7,319
United States	186,756	182,927	178,635	181,493	183,425	176,108
Percent of previous year	105	105	105	102	106	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.

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