



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 223 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 14, 2019, up 5 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 14, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through September 14, 2019 for the United States were 6.91 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					
	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019	September 14, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama	32,306	32,385	32,650	32,924	32,638	32,556
Arkansas	24,364	24,279	24,347	24,216	23,476	21,069
Delaware	5,175	5,338	5,337	5,338	5,338	5,343
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,131	1,147	1,147	1,147
Georgia	34,681	35,110	35,258	35,207	34,724	34,469
Kentucky	7,874	7,749	7,606	7,850	7,443	7,314
Louisiana	3,697	3,713	3,788	3,682	3,743	3,536
Maryland	7,958	7,810	7,810	7,448	7,385	7,256
Mississippi	18,490	18,348	18,152	17,653	17,500	17,062
Missouri	8,494	8,663	8,616	8,679	8,629	8,497
North Carolina	23,630	23,702	23,748	23,804	22,749	23,176
Oklahoma	7,131	7,510	7,687	7,724	7,742	6,658
Pennsylvania	5,272	5,312	5,157	5,244	5,273	5,252
South Carolina	5,828	5,890	5,822	5,828	5,737	5,535
Texas	17,714	17,422	17,117	16,759	16,210	16,709
Virginia	6,062	6,348	6,047	6,213	6,174	6,349
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,762	11,830	10,875	11,024	10,946	11,048
Other States	10,119	10,151	9,787	10,148	9,904	10,093
United States	231,735	232,738	230,935	230,888	226,758	223,069
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	105	105	105

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

State	Week ending					
	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019	September 14, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	22,096	22,595	23,228	23,852	23,887	24,081
Arkansas	23,640	23,280	22,555	20,245	22,637	21,512
Delaware	4,537	5,061	5,453	5,150	5,626	4,900
Florida	1,319	1,239	1,339	1,333	1,298	1,159
Georgia	29,819	28,351	27,917	27,267	27,693	27,517
Kentucky	6,143	6,009	5,863	6,172	6,161	6,417
Louisiana	3,202	3,138	3,208	3,452	3,198	3,253
Maryland	6,458	5,258	5,592	5,607	5,791	5,770
Mississippi	15,519	15,557	15,480	15,388	15,368	15,212
Missouri	6,025	6,590	6,450	6,686	6,266	5,704
North Carolina	19,004	19,287	19,532	19,201	19,349	19,087
Oklahoma	3,426	3,519	4,596	5,673	3,936	5,025
Pennsylvania	4,266	4,234	4,143	4,140	3,915	3,754
South Carolina	4,684	5,466	4,924	5,327	5,244	5,615
Texas	14,236	14,301	14,585	14,289	14,393	14,167
Virginia	5,553	6,117	5,453	5,817	5,189	5,583
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,703	11,217	10,857	10,431	10,475	9,737
Other States	7,553	7,750	8,226	7,731	7,794	7,293
United States	188,183	188,969	189,401	187,761	188,220	185,786
Percent of previous year	101	102	101	102	103	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.

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