



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 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2018, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2018, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through December 1, 2018 for the United States were 8.73 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2018

State	Week ending					
	October 27, 2018	November 3, 2018	November 10, 2018	November 17, 2018	November 24, 2018	December 1, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,342	28,798	30,051	30,532	30,622	31,136
Arkansas	23,340	22,882	24,091	24,415	24,815	24,683
Delaware	4,667	4,667	4,696	4,722	4,696	4,701
Florida	1,100	1,147	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	33,204	33,205	33,575	34,890	34,648	34,371
Kentucky	6,290	7,086	7,829	7,740	7,873	8,027
Louisiana	3,833	3,879	3,562	3,668	3,653	3,834
Maryland	8,013	7,926	7,863	7,939	7,986	7,993
Mississippi	18,497	17,159	17,659	18,367	18,569	18,584
Missouri	8,222	7,333	7,711	8,567	8,375	8,460
North Carolina	22,079	21,899	22,083	22,459	22,405	23,146
Oklahoma	6,053	7,574	7,837	5,888	7,500	7,645
Pennsylvania	5,198	5,055	5,080	5,528	5,306	5,262
South Carolina	5,483	4,976	5,616	5,939	5,562	5,881
Texas	15,955	14,659	15,994	16,007	16,343	16,710
Virginia	6,142	5,794	5,632	6,380	6,406	6,771
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,217	11,597	11,875	12,341	12,303	12,178
Other States	8,697	9,234	9,362	9,642	9,677	10,112
United States	217,332	214,870	221,710	226,218	227,933	230,688
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	99	101	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2018

State	Week ending					
	October 27, 2018	November 3, 2018	November 10, 2018	November 17, 2018	November 24, 2018	December 1, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,526	22,886	21,519	22,735	21,661	22,485
Arkansas	22,292	22,100	19,908	20,111	21,483	21,805
Delaware	4,850	4,311	5,043	3,892	4,469	4,570
Florida	741	828	739	1,301	1,328	1,358
Georgia	26,984	26,330	25,632	25,614	25,180	26,332
Kentucky	5,952	5,917	4,772	4,489	5,389	6,114
Louisiana	2,856	3,143	3,353	3,480	3,006	3,143
Maryland	5,233	6,840	4,707	7,194	6,929	5,412
Mississippi	14,378	13,844	15,232	15,423	14,228	14,662
Missouri	5,932	5,303	5,425	5,637	4,731	5,421
North Carolina	15,364	15,614	17,273	17,679	17,048	18,171
Oklahoma	3,374	3,241	4,564	4,390	4,349	4,399
Pennsylvania	3,955	4,216	3,941	3,824	3,938	3,945
South Carolina	4,151	4,889	4,484	4,134	4,804	4,325
Texas	12,235	12,685	12,936	12,943	11,904	13,031
Virginia	5,624	4,964	5,309	5,418	4,892	5,299
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,269	9,457	10,180	9,937	10,608	10,443
Other States	7,190	7,213	7,215	6,950	7,112	7,218
United States	173,906	173,781	172,232	175,151	173,059	178,133
Percent of previous year	100	99	98	98	99	100

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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