



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 224 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 2, 2019, up 4 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 2, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through November 2, 2019 for the United States were 8.18 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 28, 2019	October 5, 2019	October 12, 2019	October 19, 2019	October 26, 2019	November 2, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,091	30,098	31,598	30,438	31,308	30,782
Arkansas	24,146	22,557	20,913	21,470	22,809	22,872
Delaware	4,657	5,034	4,872	5,152	5,274	5,023
Florida	1,178	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163
Georgia	34,778	33,465	33,326	34,236	32,927	31,930
Kentucky	7,359	7,199	7,523	7,326	7,882	7,980
Louisiana	3,879	3,295	3,677	3,879	3,864	3,334
Maryland	7,869	7,867	7,102	7,592	7,286	7,877
Mississippi	17,289	14,838	16,385	17,742	17,530	17,196
Missouri	7,654	8,387	8,288	8,332	8,136	8,104
North Carolina	23,404	22,396	22,589	23,908	23,500	23,793
Oklahoma	7,610	7,760	6,224	6,433	7,782	7,714
Pennsylvania	5,018	5,820	5,760	5,719	4,967	5,472
South Carolina	5,740	5,516	5,505	5,727	5,857	5,390
Texas	16,573	16,049	16,183	16,944	17,356	17,114
Virginia	6,160	5,635	6,408	6,498	6,454	5,990
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,529	12,525	12,422	11,662	12,850	12,816
Other States	9,413	9,357	9,956	9,974	9,897	9,638
United States	226,347	218,961	219,894	224,195	226,842	224,188
Percent of previous year	106	101	102	104	104	104

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

State	Week ending					
	September 28, 2019	October 5, 2019	October 12, 2019	October 19, 2019	October 26, 2019	November 2, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,683	22,695	21,722	23,495	23,587	23,584
Arkansas	21,939	18,232	21,487	22,902	21,444	19,451
Delaware	3,846	4,198	5,370	6,240	5,237	4,069
Florida	1,254	1,255	1,286	1,313	1,269	1,196
Georgia	28,229	28,478	28,353	27,522	25,268	26,348
Kentucky	5,685	5,728	5,406	5,912	6,165	6,307
Louisiana	3,240	3,208	3,078	3,367	2,804	3,191
Maryland	6,481	5,786	5,093	4,394	5,259	5,745
Mississippi	14,912	14,563	14,626	14,289	12,563	13,621
Missouri	5,838	5,682	6,274	6,227	5,731	5,621
North Carolina	18,216	19,126	19,212	19,084	18,284	18,429
Oklahoma	4,561	4,407	3,366	2,789	3,870	3,248
Pennsylvania	3,984	3,998	4,194	3,667	4,263	4,231
South Carolina	4,573	4,971	4,521	5,049	4,268	5,116
Texas	13,429	12,939	13,877	13,541	13,463	13,477
Virginia	5,650	5,935	5,616	5,585	5,034	5,801
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,657	10,794	9,673	9,880	10,360	10,817
Other States	7,654	7,450	8,500	7,424	7,344	7,572
United States	182,831	179,445	181,654	182,680	176,213	177,824
Percent of previous year	105	105	102	106	101	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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