



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Special Note

Starting in 2018, the 19 State totals have been discontinued. Please contact the Livestock Branch at (202) 720-3570 or email at [HQ\\_SD\\_LB@nass.usda.gov](mailto:HQ_SD_LB@nass.usda.gov) with any questions or concerns.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 226 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 6, 2018, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82 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 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 6, 2018, up 2 percent from a year ago.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017 and 2018

State	Week ending					
	December 2, 2017	December 9, 2017	December 16, 2017	December 23, 2017	December 30, 2017	January 6, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,763	29,850	30,899	30,407	30,186	30,467
Arkansas .....	23,860	23,718	24,149	23,994	24,096	23,992
Delaware .....	4,913	4,916	4,916	4,916	4,916	4,915
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,225	1,221
Georgia .....	35,616	34,411	35,369	34,709	34,467	35,373
Kentucky .....	7,977	7,709	7,993	8,017	7,350	7,830
Louisiana .....	4,029	2,926	3,591	3,591	3,621	3,621
Maryland .....	8,256	8,249	8,253	8,240	8,232	7,689
Mississippi .....	18,451	18,663	18,544	18,499	18,512	17,844
Missouri .....	8,317	8,316	8,201	8,288	7,867	7,932
North Carolina .....	23,120	20,883	22,871	22,661	22,376	22,535
Oklahoma .....	7,611	7,288	7,369	7,656	7,604	7,673
Pennsylvania .....	5,894	5,362	5,666	5,575	5,688	5,637
South Carolina .....	5,865	5,494	5,544	5,757	5,631	5,715
Texas .....	16,613	15,534	16,071	16,275	15,086	15,713
Virginia .....	6,785	6,289	6,602	6,630	6,618	6,639
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,585	11,026	12,150	12,334	12,119	12,124
19 State total <sup>1</sup> .....	221,880	211,859	219,413	218,772	215,594	
Percent of previous year .....	105	100	104	104	102	
Other States .....	9,514	8,866	9,280	9,203	9,322	9,115
United States .....	231,394	220,725	228,693	227,975	224,916	226,035
Percent of previous year .....	105	101	104	104	102	103

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## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017 and 2018

State	Week ending					
	December 2, 2017	December 9, 2017	December 16, 2017	December 23, 2017	December 30, 2017	January 6, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,280	22,941	22,038	21,559	21,863	22,772
Arkansas .....	21,916	22,270	22,621	21,380	21,419	23,369
Delaware .....	5,667	5,108	5,204	6,293	5,758	6,336
Florida .....	1,430	1,532	1,254	1,392	1,398	1,411
Georgia .....	27,014	27,004	27,468	29,067	26,854	27,715
Kentucky .....	6,411	6,447	5,938	6,192	5,937	5,790
Louisiana .....	2,689	3,291	3,127	3,253	2,602	3,132
Maryland .....	5,086	6,533	6,392	6,064	5,783	5,331
Mississippi .....	14,881	15,709	15,616	15,587	15,796	15,562
Missouri .....	5,889	6,758	5,654	5,683	6,242	5,912
North Carolina .....	17,566	17,549	18,236	17,990	16,787	18,327
Oklahoma .....	4,378	3,207	4,133	5,403	4,369	2,861
Pennsylvania .....	4,049	3,895	4,121	4,076	3,939	4,179
South Carolina .....	4,441	5,263	4,149	4,943	4,837	4,616
Texas .....	13,047	13,322	13,316	13,589	12,617	13,376
Virginia .....	5,262	5,404	5,518	5,508	4,951	5,233
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,694	10,170	10,320	10,401	10,018	10,854
19 State total <sup>1</sup> .....	170,700	176,403	175,105	178,380	171,170	
Percent of previous year .....	100	102	102	103	99	
Other States .....	7,324	7,242	6,687	7,442	7,121	7,001
United States .....	178,024	183,645	181,792	185,822	178,291	183,777
Percent of previous year .....	100	102	101	104	99	102

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## 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. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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