



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 with any questions or concerns.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 3, 2018, up 4 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 3, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through February 3, 2018 for the United States were 909 million. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 30, 2017	January 6, 2018	January 13, 2018	January 20, 2018	January 27, 2018	February 3, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,106	30,437	29,803	28,659	29,976	29,583
Arkansas	24,316	24,181	23,805	24,317	24,157	24,549
Delaware	5,086	5,252	5,253	4,801	5,331	5,269
Florida	1,225	1,221	1,188	1,225	1,221	1,006
Georgia	34,467	35,373	35,395	34,962	35,149	35,272
Kentucky	7,350	7,812	7,609	8,010	7,871	7,879
Louisiana	3,621	3,621	3,637	3,637	3,591	3,591
Maryland	8,232	7,686	7,593	7,306	7,899	8,253
Mississippi	18,512	17,844	18,331	18,106	18,225	18,213
Missouri	7,867	7,932	7,900	7,932	8,033	7,851
North Carolina	22,046	22,085	22,190	21,998	21,887	22,527
Oklahoma	7,604	7,673	7,547	7,965	7,540	7,638
Pennsylvania	5,450	5,491	5,461	5,478	4,796	5,454
South Carolina	5,791	5,757	5,690	5,685	5,666	5,824
Texas	15,086	15,792	16,088	16,070	16,183	16,446
Virginia	6,617	6,639	6,646	6,433	6,328	6,342
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,764	11,624	11,690	12,299	12,277	12,675
19 State total ¹	216,140					
Percent of previous year	102					
Other States	9,293	9,174	9,167	9,116	9,364	9,335
United States	225,433	225,594	224,993	223,999	225,494	227,707
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	102	104

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

State	Week ending					
	December 30, 2017	January 6, 2018	January 13, 2018	January 20, 2018	January 27, 2018	February 3, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,902	22,638	22,024	22,552	21,947	22,071
Arkansas	21,419	23,371	22,347	22,157	21,617	21,768
Delaware	5,758	6,486	5,552	5,153	4,273	5,604
Florida	1,398	1,410	1,531	1,310	1,199	1,258
Georgia	26,854	27,834	27,232	26,941	28,093	27,821
Kentucky	5,893	5,789	5,939	5,391	5,261	6,441
Louisiana	2,602	3,132	3,092	3,118	3,101	3,101
Maryland	5,783	5,237	5,507	6,062	6,329	5,591
Mississippi	15,796	15,562	15,485	15,470	14,733	15,223
Missouri	6,242	5,911	5,821	5,960	6,483	5,471
North Carolina	16,737	18,511	17,587	17,328	17,828	17,236
Oklahoma	4,369	2,792	4,258	3,762	3,750	3,976
Pennsylvania	4,166	4,191	4,180	4,109	4,119	4,112
South Carolina	4,845	4,641	5,109	4,702	4,838	4,708
Texas	12,617	13,413	13,175	12,220	12,699	12,856
Virginia	4,809	5,191	5,926	6,183	6,174	5,375
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,538	10,888	10,903	11,701	10,930	9,814
19 State total ¹	171,728					
Percent of previous year	100					
Other States	7,108	7,102	7,103	7,493	7,124	7,124
United States	178,836	184,099	182,771	181,612	180,498	179,550
Percent of previous year	100	103	103	101	101	101

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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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