



Broiler Hatchery

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Special Note

Data for the weeks ending November 17 through December 22, 2018 will be in quick stats only.

Average hatchability for chicks hatched during week ending December 22, 2018 in the United States was 82.1.

Average hatchability for chicks hatched during week ending December 29, 2018 in the United States was 82.3.

Average hatchability for chicks hatched during week ending January 5, 2019 in the United States was 82.1.

Average hatchability for chicks hatched during week ending January 12, 2019 in the United States was 82.0.

Average hatchability for chicks hatched during week ending January 19, 2019 in the United States was 82.2.

Average hatchability for chicks hatched during week ending January 26, 2019 in the United States was 82.2.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 229 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 2, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.1 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 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 2, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through February 2, 2019 for the United States were 913 million. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	December 29, 2018	January 5, 2019	January 12, 2019	January 19, 2019	January 26, 2019	February 2, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,486	31,567	31,614	30,312	30,997	31,788
Arkansas	24,830	24,787	24,558	24,203	24,626	23,759
Delaware	4,804	4,683	5,253	5,195	5,034	5,185
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,209
Georgia	34,842	35,130	35,218	35,262	35,102	34,879
Kentucky	7,692	7,796	7,588	7,554	7,784	7,758
Louisiana	3,713	3,713	3,713	3,668	3,652	3,774
Maryland	7,674	7,692	7,576	7,756	7,864	7,807
Mississippi	18,318	18,239	18,286	18,347	18,240	18,317
Missouri	7,969	8,231	8,145	8,095	8,272	8,217
North Carolina	23,168	23,021	23,268	23,036	23,258	23,206
Oklahoma	7,709	7,582	7,438	7,651	7,499	7,750
Pennsylvania	5,349	5,212	5,096	5,288	5,297	5,297
South Carolina	5,897	5,702	5,759	5,874	5,707	5,651
Texas	16,256	14,759	16,151	16,756	16,330	16,280
Virginia	6,439	6,328	6,146	6,341	6,330	6,454
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,008	11,529	11,407	12,030	12,021	11,868
Other States	9,340	9,647	9,793	9,875	9,700	9,743
United States	228,688	226,812	228,203	228,437	228,907	228,942
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	102	102	101

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

State	Week ending					
	December 29, 2018	January 5, 2019	January 12, 2019	January 19, 2019	January 26, 2019	February 2, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,467	22,662	22,507	23,115	23,239	23,240
Arkansas	22,560	22,027	24,098	22,517	22,979	22,669
Delaware	4,334	5,441	5,307	4,639	3,944	4,743
Florida	1,310	1,371	1,253	1,350	1,480	1,323
Georgia	26,255	28,144	27,352	27,468	27,002	27,649
Kentucky	6,020	6,288	6,444	6,044	5,929	5,789
Louisiana	3,104	3,394	3,278	3,231	3,204	3,195
Maryland	5,139	5,132	5,488	6,179	5,287	6,210
Mississippi	15,451	15,456	15,138	15,493	15,428	15,477
Missouri	5,630	5,656	5,624	5,338	5,763	6,157
North Carolina	17,379	17,257	18,754	18,889	18,859	18,891
Oklahoma	4,109	4,718	3,328	5,225	4,176	3,682
Pennsylvania	4,005	4,098	4,070	4,073	4,070	3,957
South Carolina	4,506	4,801	4,728	4,282	4,729	4,579
Texas	12,554	11,681	13,113	13,204	12,018	13,049
Virginia	5,223	5,912	5,157	5,260	5,297	4,528
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,869	9,734	10,427	10,502	10,529	10,027
Other States	6,566	7,531	7,359	7,351	7,367	7,770
United States	176,481	181,303	183,425	184,160	181,300	182,935
Percent of previous year	99	98	100	101	100	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.

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.

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