



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 226 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 10, 2018, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81 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 February 10, 2018, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through February 10, 2018 for the United States were 1.09 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					
	January 6, 2018	January 13, 2018	January 20, 2018	January 27, 2018	February 3, 2018	February 10, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,437	29,803	28,659	29,976	29,583	29,955
Arkansas .....	24,181	23,805	24,317	24,157	24,549	24,023
Delaware .....	5,252	5,253	5,305	5,331	5,269	5,303
Florida .....	1,221	1,188	1,225	1,221	1,006	1,161
Georgia .....	35,373	35,395	34,962	35,149	35,272	35,226
Kentucky .....	7,812	7,609	8,010	7,871	7,879	7,645
Louisiana .....	3,621	3,637	3,637	3,591	3,591	3,591
Maryland .....	7,686	7,593	7,306	7,899	8,253	7,763
Mississippi .....	17,844	18,331	18,106	18,225	18,213	18,519
Missouri .....	7,932	7,900	7,932	8,033	7,851	8,025
North Carolina .....	22,085	22,089	21,897	21,786	22,426	21,282
Oklahoma .....	7,673	7,547	7,965	7,540	7,638	7,873
Pennsylvania .....	5,491	5,461	5,509	5,056	5,204	5,174
South Carolina .....	5,757	5,690	5,685	5,666	5,824	5,808
Texas .....	15,792	16,088	16,070	16,183	16,446	16,553
Virginia .....	6,639	6,646	6,433	6,328	6,342	6,546
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,624	11,690	11,664	11,949	12,675	12,430
Other States .....	9,174	9,167	9,056	9,364	9,203	9,041
United States .....	225,594	224,892	223,738	225,325	227,224	225,918
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	102	104	102

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

State	Week ending					
	January 6, 2018	January 13, 2018	January 20, 2018	January 27, 2018	February 3, 2018	February 10, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,638	22,024	22,552	21,947	22,071	20,984
Arkansas .....	23,371	22,347	22,157	21,617	21,783	22,477
Delaware .....	6,486	5,552	5,153	4,273	5,604	5,129
Florida .....	1,410	1,531	1,310	1,199	1,257	1,247
Georgia .....	27,834	27,232	26,947	28,093	27,823	27,808
Kentucky .....	5,789	5,939	5,391	5,262	6,441	6,334
Louisiana .....	3,132	3,092	3,118	3,101	3,101	3,073
Maryland .....	5,237	5,507	6,062	6,329	5,591	5,791
Mississippi .....	15,562	15,485	15,470	14,733	15,223	14,982
Missouri .....	5,911	5,821	5,960	6,483	5,469	5,654
North Carolina .....	18,511	17,598	17,333	17,831	17,144	17,260
Oklahoma .....	2,792	4,258	3,761	3,749	3,976	3,672
Pennsylvania .....	4,191	4,180	4,133	4,158	4,124	4,177
South Carolina .....	4,641	5,109	4,702	4,838	4,708	4,326
Texas .....	13,413	13,175	12,220	12,699	12,836	12,868
Virginia .....	5,191	5,926	6,183	6,227	5,482	5,595
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,888	10,903	11,701	10,909	9,813	10,077
Other States .....	7,102	7,103	7,485	7,170	7,117	6,816
United States .....	184,099	182,782	181,638	180,618	179,563	178,270
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	101	101	101	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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