



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 9, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 9, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through February 9, 2019 for the United States were 1.10 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	January 5, 2019	January 12, 2019	January 19, 2019	January 26, 2019	February 2, 2019	February 9, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,748	31,554	30,251	31,179	31,728	31,594
Arkansas	24,787	24,558	24,203	24,626	23,895	24,499
Delaware	4,683	5,253	5,195	5,034	5,354	5,318
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,209	1,225
Georgia	35,130	35,218	35,198	35,102	34,957	34,539
Kentucky	7,796	7,588	7,554	7,784	7,903	7,710
Louisiana	3,713	3,713	3,668	3,652	3,774	3,743
Maryland	7,692	7,576	7,756	7,864	7,807	7,892
Mississippi	18,370	18,417	18,320	18,278	18,317	18,231
Missouri	8,231	8,145	8,095	8,272	8,217	8,150
North Carolina	22,950	23,238	22,996	23,227	23,568	22,137
Oklahoma	7,582	7,438	7,651	7,499	7,750	7,702
Pennsylvania	5,212	5,096	5,288	5,297	5,297	5,295
South Carolina	5,702	5,759	5,874	5,707	5,651	5,704
Texas	14,759	16,151	16,756	16,330	16,925	16,802
Virginia	6,328	6,146	6,341	6,330	6,454	6,351
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,529	11,407	12,030	12,021	11,932	11,621
Other States	9,647	9,793	9,880	9,700	9,743	9,824
United States	227,053	228,244	228,250	229,096	230,481	228,337
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	102	102	101

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

State	Week ending					
	January 5, 2019	January 12, 2019	January 19, 2019	January 26, 2019	February 2, 2019	February 9, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,669	22,532	23,134	23,402	23,006	22,709
Arkansas	22,027	24,098	22,517	22,979	22,669	21,397
Delaware	5,441	5,307	4,639	4,604	5,259	4,843
Florida	1,371	1,253	1,350	1,480	1,323	1,333
Georgia	28,144	27,352	27,468	27,002	27,887	27,440
Kentucky	6,288	6,444	6,044	5,929	5,789	5,982
Louisiana	3,394	3,278	3,231	3,204	3,195	3,148
Maryland	5,132	5,488	6,179	5,727	5,780	6,613
Mississippi	15,415	15,107	15,477	15,462	15,477	15,491
Missouri	5,656	5,624	5,338	5,763	6,157	5,978
North Carolina	17,346	18,862	18,937	18,891	19,002	18,096
Oklahoma	4,718	3,328	5,225	4,176	3,727	4,660
Pennsylvania	4,098	4,070	4,073	4,070	3,957	4,058
South Carolina	4,801	4,728	4,282	4,729	4,579	5,320
Texas	11,681	13,113	13,204	12,018	13,021	13,566
Virginia	5,912	5,157	5,260	5,297	5,082	4,957
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,734	10,427	10,502	10,529	10,115	9,912
Other States	7,531	7,359	7,351	7,367	7,770	7,768
United States	181,358	183,527	184,211	182,629	183,795	183,271
Percent of previous year	99	100	101	101	102	103

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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