



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 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through March 9, 2019 for the United States were 1.84 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					
	February 2, 2019	February 9, 2019	February 16, 2019	February 23, 2019	March 2, 2019	March 9, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,440	31,704	31,611	31,515	31,832	31,635
Arkansas	23,914	24,599	24,776	25,105	24,898	25,181
Delaware	5,467	5,467	5,225	5,342	5,127	5,326
Florida	1,209	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,194
Georgia	34,390	33,914	34,607	34,406	34,627	34,760
Kentucky	7,903	7,710	7,675	7,803	7,760	7,621
Louisiana	3,774	3,743	3,803	3,803	3,803	3,803
Maryland	8,093	8,172	7,896	8,253	8,173	8,005
Mississippi	18,317	18,231	18,498	18,655	16,721	17,724
Missouri	8,217	8,150	8,381	8,478	8,421	8,717
North Carolina	23,634	22,454	23,780	23,252	24,136	24,182
Oklahoma	7,750	7,702	7,549	7,683	7,505	7,585
Pennsylvania	5,344	5,075	5,174	5,220	5,167	5,206
South Carolina	5,651	5,704	5,690	5,906	5,832	5,936
Texas	16,925	16,802	16,992	17,256	17,249	17,359
Virginia	6,454	6,351	6,312	6,489	6,621	6,469
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,884	11,500	11,462	12,692	12,646	12,593
Other States	9,757	9,841	9,827	9,665	9,747	9,856
United States	230,123	228,344	230,483	232,748	231,490	233,152
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	102	101	102

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

State	Week ending					
	February 2, 2019	February 9, 2019	February 16, 2019	February 23, 2019	March 2, 2019	March 9, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,984	22,739	23,481	22,978	22,190	22,595
Arkansas	22,669	21,397	20,899	20,982	24,162	22,522
Delaware	5,221	4,669	5,096	5,382	4,470	4,797
Florida	1,323	1,335	1,303	1,221	1,342	1,335
Georgia	27,644	27,609	26,798	27,515	27,917	28,857
Kentucky	5,790	5,982	6,060	6,209	5,788	6,836
Louisiana	3,195	3,149	3,167	3,222	3,234	3,274
Maryland	5,725	6,609	6,137	5,963	6,601	6,017
Mississippi	15,477	15,490	15,380	15,521	15,577	15,815
Missouri	6,157	5,978	6,155	6,069	4,789	6,139
North Carolina	18,960	18,339	17,729	18,746	17,583	18,709
Oklahoma	3,727	4,660	5,002	4,653	3,260	3,727
Pennsylvania	3,867	3,964	3,951	3,909	3,810	3,835
South Carolina	4,782	5,117	5,433	5,189	5,265	4,206
Texas	13,021	13,568	13,118	13,653	13,649	13,874
Virginia	5,463	5,084	6,096	5,686	6,019	5,701
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,229	9,833	10,462	10,022	10,222	9,936
Other States	7,776	7,759	7,321	7,379	7,755	7,702
United States	184,010	183,281	183,588	184,299	183,633	185,877
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	102	101	101

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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