



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 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 7, 2018, up 2 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 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 7, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through April 7, 2018 for the United States were 2.54 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					
	March 3, 2018	March 10, 2018	March 17, 2018	March 24, 2018	March 31, 2018	April 7, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,320	29,857	30,355	30,271	30,169	30,030
Arkansas	24,513	24,468	24,375	23,796	23,996	24,435
Delaware	5,083	5,033	5,310	5,215	5,296	5,276
Florida	1,219	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,165	35,062	35,035	35,056	35,213	35,428
Kentucky	7,602	7,714	7,593	7,790	7,761	7,870
Louisiana	3,621	3,621	3,651	3,500	3,591	3,712
Maryland	8,226	8,226	8,235	8,242	8,245	8,255
Mississippi	18,559	18,470	18,098	18,577	18,457	18,489
Missouri	8,027	8,071	8,138	7,987	7,934	7,951
North Carolina	22,864	22,687	22,573	22,746	22,742	22,490
Oklahoma	7,480	7,561	7,177	7,314	7,292	7,450
Pennsylvania	5,249	5,332	5,487	5,519	5,655	5,635
South Carolina	5,681	5,662	5,597	5,846	5,485	5,613
Texas	16,192	16,206	16,304	15,986	16,192	16,115
Virginia	6,537	6,668	6,620	6,168	6,381	6,271
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,670	12,517	12,770	12,455	12,709	12,311
Other States	9,282	9,690	9,586	9,397	9,618	9,589
United States	228,290	228,067	228,129	227,090	227,961	228,145
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	103	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	March 3, 2018	March 10, 2018	March 17, 2018	March 24, 2018	March 31, 2018	April 7, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,135	22,904	22,943	22,279	22,316	23,780
Arkansas	22,550	21,872	21,850	20,627	22,788	22,783
Delaware	6,279	5,864	6,139	5,488	4,577	5,548
Florida	1,268	1,474	1,295	1,360	1,327	1,269
Georgia	27,712	26,626	27,774	27,966	27,091	26,486
Kentucky	6,327	6,409	5,853	5,700	5,577	5,988
Louisiana	2,999	3,003	2,764	2,970	2,943	2,958
Maryland	5,599	6,249	6,173	5,824	6,670	5,317
Mississippi	15,520	15,277	15,187	15,248	15,230	14,922
Missouri	5,707	5,791	5,917	6,440	5,567	6,217
North Carolina	16,700	16,888	17,756	18,261	18,166	18,657
Oklahoma	3,304	3,871	3,987	4,987	3,781	2,759
Pennsylvania	3,934	4,098	3,951	3,844	3,932	3,954
South Carolina	4,458	5,572	4,750	4,896	4,964	4,820
Texas	13,457	13,112	13,112	13,110	13,129	13,347
Virginia	5,074	5,762	5,100	5,690	5,927	6,024
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,214	11,164	10,943	11,360	11,687	11,185
Other States	6,908	7,278	7,342	7,272	7,391	7,297
United States	181,145	183,214	182,836	183,322	183,063	183,311
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	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.

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