



Broiler Hatchery

ISSN: 1949-1840

Released April 10, 2019, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 6, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through April 6, 2019 for the United States were 2.58 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					
	March 2, 2019	March 9, 2019	March 16, 2019	March 23, 2019	March 30, 2019	April 6, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,678	29,911	30,006	30,327	30,476	29,862
Arkansas	24,898	24,522	24,410	24,621	24,875	25,122
Delaware	5,127	5,326	5,489	5,490	5,490	5,384
Florida	1,225	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,627	35,077	35,021	34,100	35,116	35,239
Kentucky	7,760	7,621	7,791	7,783	7,912	7,787
Louisiana	3,803	3,803	3,773	3,682	3,652	3,652
Maryland	8,204	8,036	8,326	7,590	7,584	7,960
Mississippi	16,719	18,089	17,951	18,880	18,896	19,183
Missouri	8,421	8,717	8,151	8,549	8,151	8,431
North Carolina	24,092	24,153	24,260	24,253	24,173	23,826
Oklahoma	7,505	7,585	7,885	7,643	7,696	7,252
Pennsylvania	5,167	5,215	5,264	5,025	4,664	4,667
South Carolina	5,832	5,936	5,926	6,036	5,774	5,840
Texas	17,249	17,359	17,405	17,267	17,430	17,374
Virginia	6,621	6,469	6,394	6,459	6,318	6,467
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,147	12,811	12,699	12,120	12,463	12,398
Other States	9,747	9,831	10,151	9,766	9,926	9,506
United States	230,822	231,655	232,096	230,785	231,790	231,144
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	102	102	101

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

State	Week ending					
	March 2, 2019	March 9, 2019	March 16, 2019	March 23, 2019	March 30, 2019	April 6, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,190	21,097	21,851	21,313	22,651	23,071
Arkansas	24,162	22,522	22,721	23,122	23,794	21,738
Delaware	5,061	5,204	6,034	5,642	5,414	5,203
Florida	1,342	1,334	1,230	1,324	1,320	1,321
Georgia	27,917	28,857	27,458	27,773	27,036	27,236
Kentucky	5,788	6,836	6,217	6,041	6,160	5,370
Louisiana	3,234	3,275	3,293	3,290	3,320	3,307
Maryland	6,005	5,612	5,604	5,334	5,696	6,377
Mississippi	15,577	15,814	15,969	13,800	14,359	15,260
Missouri	4,789	6,140	6,503	5,522	5,472	5,631
North Carolina	17,551	18,720	19,693	19,130	18,912	18,939
Oklahoma	3,260	3,728	3,552	4,566	3,988	4,983
Pennsylvania	3,810	3,858	3,907	3,868	3,853	3,847
South Carolina	5,265	4,206	4,191	4,909	5,174	5,333
Texas	13,649	13,875	13,812	13,862	13,779	14,193
Virginia	5,935	5,603	5,250	5,669	5,619	5,626
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,172	9,832	11,186	10,876	10,776	11,321
Other States	7,755	7,705	7,289	7,522	7,774	8,020
United States	183,462	184,218	185,760	183,563	185,097	186,776
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	100	101	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.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@nass.usda.gov

Travis Averill, Chief, Livestock Branch	(202) 720-3570
Tony Dorn, Head, Poultry and Specialty Commodities Section	(202) 690-3223
Holly Brenize – Poultry Slaughter.....	(202) 720-0585
Alissa Cowell-Mytar – Cold Storage, Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses	(202) 720-4751
Liana Cuffman – Catfish and Trout, Egg Products, Mink, Census of Aquaculture	(202) 720-8784
Adam Peters – Broiler Hatchery, Chicken Hatchery	(202) 690-3237
Kim Linonis – Layers, Eggs	(202) 690-3676
Fatema Haque – Turkey Hatchery, Turkeys Raised	(202) 720-3244
Erica Sadler – Cost of Pollination, Honey, Honey Bee Colonies	(202) 720-6147

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit www.nass.usda.gov and click on “National” or “State” in upper right corner above “search” box to create an account and select the reports you would like to receive.
- Cornell’s Mann Library has launched a new website housing NASS’s and other agency’s archived reports. The new website, <https://usda.library.cornell.edu>. All email subscriptions containing reports will be sent from the new website, <https://usda.library.cornell.edu>. To continue receiving the reports via e-mail, you will have to go to the new website, create a new account and re-subscribe to the reports. If you need instructions to set up an account or subscribe, they are located at: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/help>. You should whitelist notifications@usda-esmis.library.cornell.edu in your email client to avoid the emails going into spam/junk folders.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) (PDF), found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.