



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 230 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 12, 2018, up 3 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 12, 2018, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through May 12, 2018 for the United States were 3.46 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					
	April 7, 2018	April 14, 2018	April 21, 2018	April 28, 2018	May 5, 2018	May 12, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,939	30,122	30,254	30,426	30,612	30,051
Arkansas	24,523	24,056	24,668	24,492	24,883	24,682
Delaware	5,276	5,233	5,278	5,280	5,280	5,280
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,443	35,838	35,466	35,316	35,285	35,364
Kentucky	7,870	7,819	7,791	7,929	7,872	7,800
Louisiana	3,712	3,712	3,591	3,500	3,470	3,637
Maryland	8,255	8,224	8,251	8,248	8,238	8,253
Mississippi	18,579	18,414	18,579	18,579	18,782	18,701
Missouri	7,951	8,132	8,038	8,327	8,689	8,115
North Carolina	22,738	22,898	22,816	22,634	22,871	22,929
Oklahoma	7,450	7,518	7,756	7,786	7,769	7,606
Pennsylvania	6,113	5,851	5,846	5,798	5,882	5,898
South Carolina	5,613	5,702	5,691	5,737	5,784	5,655
Texas	16,115	16,111	16,148	16,226	16,243	16,361
Virginia	6,242	6,323	6,191	6,224	6,207	6,319
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,311	12,895	12,718	13,121	12,336	12,409
Other States	9,552	9,581	9,754	9,584	9,518	9,572
United States	228,907	229,654	230,061	230,432	230,946	229,857
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	104	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	April 7, 2018	April 14, 2018	April 21, 2018	April 28, 2018	May 5, 2018	May 12, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,038	23,631	22,554	22,642	22,633	22,914
Arkansas	22,794	22,277	21,991	24,125	22,890	21,109
Delaware	5,680	4,719	5,531	5,572	4,692	5,680
Florida	1,268	1,319	1,274	1,379	1,606	1,522
Georgia	26,221	27,427	27,174	26,475	27,325	27,623
Kentucky	5,988	6,407	5,959	5,978	6,375	6,304
Louisiana	2,958	2,813	2,647	2,994	2,989	2,998
Maryland	5,204	6,105	5,848	6,461	6,623	5,444
Mississippi	14,939	15,202	15,194	15,191	15,114	15,370
Missouri	6,162	5,508	5,598	5,326	5,516	5,589
North Carolina	18,605	18,441	17,993	18,221	17,929	17,672
Oklahoma	2,837	3,256	3,946	2,301	3,456	5,545
Pennsylvania	4,192	3,939	3,985	4,236	3,963	4,102
South Carolina	4,820	4,421	4,942	5,631	5,161	5,158
Texas	13,396	13,332	13,576	13,404	13,254	13,408
Virginia	6,135	5,834	5,481	5,188	5,601	5,719
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,287	10,646	11,467	11,208	11,618	11,134
Other States	7,458	6,868	7,685	7,536	7,570	7,991
United States	183,982	182,145	182,845	183,868	184,315	185,282
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	102	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.

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