



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 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 11, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 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 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 11, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through May 11, 2019 for the United States were 3.52 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					
	April 6, 2019	April 13, 2019	April 20, 2019	April 27, 2019	May 4, 2019	May 11, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,247	30,117	30,638	30,339	30,125	30,362
Arkansas	25,227	25,194	24,897	24,562	24,912	25,253
Delaware	5,368	5,433	5,489	5,303	5,452	5,416
Florida	1,194	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	35,239	35,146	35,499	34,942	33,950	34,676
Kentucky	7,787	7,850	7,951	7,849	7,963	7,918
Louisiana	3,592	3,834	3,848	3,606	3,818	3,788
Maryland	7,960	8,349	8,307	8,361	7,913	7,975
Mississippi	19,183	19,111	19,334	19,081	18,956	19,303
Missouri	8,431	8,490	8,585	8,416	8,296	7,967
North Carolina	22,944	23,718	23,980	23,804	23,869	23,234
Oklahoma	7,346	7,791	7,730	7,992	7,564	7,831
Pennsylvania	4,765	5,428	5,649	5,559	5,619	5,615
South Carolina	5,840	5,980	5,594	5,832	6,029	5,892
Texas	17,374	17,373	17,338	17,706	17,850	17,487
Virginia	6,467	6,467	6,469	6,468	6,318	6,440
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,398	12,156	12,430	12,357	12,441	12,633
Other States	9,567	9,943	9,938	9,736	9,808	9,822
United States	230,929	233,558	234,854	233,091	232,061	232,790
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	101	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	April 6, 2019	April 13, 2019	April 20, 2019	April 27, 2019	May 4, 2019	May 11, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,076	22,164	22,699	21,467	22,175	22,842
Arkansas	21,877	22,754	22,714	22,548	22,052	24,205
Delaware	4,919	4,785	5,730	4,645	5,650	5,364
Florida	1,323	1,298	1,332	1,315	1,212	1,309
Georgia	27,252	27,342	27,569	29,061	28,594	27,844
Kentucky	5,370	6,552	6,021	5,879	5,955	6,206
Louisiana	3,307	3,313	3,220	3,224	3,418	3,450
Maryland	6,509	6,030	5,875	6,649	5,484	5,867
Mississippi	15,214	16,041	16,015	16,106	16,003	16,286
Missouri	5,631	5,785	6,679	5,974	5,834	5,781
North Carolina	19,048	19,408	18,625	18,898	19,010	19,143
Oklahoma	4,718	4,083	3,481	4,445	5,538	3,405
Pennsylvania	4,012	3,991	3,445	3,373	3,961	4,122
South Carolina	5,333	5,304	5,112	4,418	5,207	5,508
Texas	14,216	13,991	14,096	14,182	14,141	14,054
Virginia	6,205	5,413	5,713	5,486	5,957	5,901
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,328	10,455	10,664	11,079	10,687	10,588
Other States	8,027	7,275	7,715	7,463	7,899	7,820
United States	187,365	185,984	186,705	186,212	188,777	189,695
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	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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