



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 234 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 1, 2019, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.9 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 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 1, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through June 1, 2019 for the United States were 4.08 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	April 27, 2019	May 4, 2019	May 11, 2019	May 18, 2019	May 25, 2019	June 1, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,339	30,279	30,391	30,547	30,672	30,258
Arkansas	24,562	25,305	25,253	25,153	25,114	25,113
Delaware	5,303	5,152	4,872	5,151	5,151	5,151
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	35,876	33,950	34,676	35,386	35,268	35,184
Kentucky	7,849	7,963	7,918	8,034	7,885	7,860
Louisiana	3,606	3,818	3,788	3,652	3,758	3,725
Maryland	8,363	7,886	7,947	8,189	8,284	8,182
Mississippi	19,081	18,956	19,303	19,303	19,303	19,182
Missouri	8,416	8,296	7,967	8,490	8,564	8,515
North Carolina	23,804	24,220	23,741	24,230	24,584	24,409
Oklahoma	8,062	7,663	7,959	7,927	7,547	7,684
Pennsylvania	5,558	5,619	5,380	5,833	5,596	5,597
South Carolina	5,832	6,029	5,892	5,942	5,758	5,888
Texas	17,706	17,850	17,487	17,420	17,081	17,450
Virginia	6,468	6,318	6,440	6,440	6,440	6,440
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,357	12,441	12,633	12,402	12,091	12,294
Other States	9,736	9,808	9,891	9,763	9,787	9,880
United States	234,096	232,731	232,716	235,040	234,061	233,990
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	101	100

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

State	Week ending					
	April 27, 2019	May 4, 2019	May 11, 2019	May 18, 2019	May 25, 2019	June 1, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,556	22,203	22,912	22,175	22,849	23,786
Arkansas	22,563	22,076	23,854	22,580	23,178	24,546
Delaware	4,628	6,392	5,884	5,437	4,299	4,964
Florida	1,315	1,212	1,308	1,334	1,242	1,323
Georgia	29,004	28,536	27,855	28,741	27,101	26,954
Kentucky	5,881	5,955	6,207	5,933	6,331	6,938
Louisiana	3,224	3,418	3,450	3,206	3,528	3,343
Maryland	6,665	4,405	5,164	6,256	5,371	4,470
Mississippi	16,106	16,012	16,290	16,011	16,006	16,315
Missouri	5,974	5,834	5,781	5,339	5,582	5,169
North Carolina	18,898	18,965	19,257	19,400	19,205	19,203
Oklahoma	4,422	5,476	3,802	5,096	4,455	3,804
Pennsylvania	3,370	3,961	4,120	4,103	4,167	4,072
South Carolina	4,419	5,207	5,432	4,434	5,341	4,781
Texas	14,182	14,141	14,201	14,634	14,351	14,187
Virginia	5,512	6,480	6,249	5,215	6,780	7,096
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,079	10,687	10,583	11,486	10,584	10,473
Other States	7,474	7,899	7,792	7,982	7,854	7,345
United States	186,272	188,859	190,141	189,362	188,224	188,769
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	102	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.

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