



# 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 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 9, 2018, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 9, 2018, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through June 9, 2018 for the United States were 4.21 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					
	May 5, 2018	May 12, 2018	May 19, 2018	May 26, 2018	June 2, 2018	June 9, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,459	30,124	32,991	32,937	32,888	32,210
Arkansas .....	24,883	24,680	24,937	24,942	25,083	24,680
Delaware .....	5,280	5,280	5,280	5,280	5,280	5,164
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,224	1,225
Georgia .....	35,285	35,335	35,243	33,672	35,351	35,741
Kentucky .....	7,872	7,800	7,795	7,982	8,117	7,977
Louisiana .....	3,470	3,637	3,621	3,621	3,621	3,651
Maryland .....	8,238	8,253	8,259	8,257	8,247	8,240
Mississippi .....	18,782	18,701	18,700	18,506	18,589	18,710
Missouri .....	8,689	8,366	8,721	8,844	8,842	8,841
North Carolina .....	22,834	22,758	22,733	22,625	22,605	22,248
Oklahoma .....	7,769	7,606	7,804	7,891	7,753	7,843
Pennsylvania .....	5,909	5,688	5,885	5,888	5,681	5,815
South Carolina .....	5,784	5,655	5,675	5,719	5,718	5,439
Texas .....	16,243	16,361	16,455	16,686	16,832	16,772
Virginia .....	6,255	6,207	6,256	6,466	6,335	6,295
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,336	12,409	12,619	12,538	12,477	12,571
Other States .....	9,513	9,630	9,592	9,422	9,808	9,585
United States .....	230,826	229,715	233,790	232,501	234,451	233,007
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	104	103	104	103

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

State	Week ending					
	May 5, 2018	May 12, 2018	May 19, 2018	May 26, 2018	June 2, 2018	June 9, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,633	22,810	22,296	22,789	22,848	26,248
Arkansas .....	22,890	21,024	20,608	22,782	22,190	22,260
Delaware .....	4,832	5,552	5,572	5,992	5,338	5,790
Florida .....	1,606	1,520	1,508	1,451	1,318	1,232
Georgia .....	27,325	27,641	28,726	27,012	27,921	27,231
Kentucky .....	6,375	6,303	6,152	6,354	6,034	5,830
Louisiana .....	2,989	2,997	2,828	2,765	3,070	3,092
Maryland .....	6,593	5,684	6,680	5,192	5,829	5,708
Mississippi .....	15,114	15,316	15,201	15,391	15,423	15,508
Missouri .....	5,516	5,656	6,592	5,835	6,512	6,265
North Carolina .....	17,929	17,782	18,269	18,458	18,141	19,051
Oklahoma .....	3,456	5,544	5,019	4,526	4,072	4,763
Pennsylvania .....	4,168	4,233	4,056	4,097	4,131	4,132
South Carolina .....	5,161	5,158	4,825	5,062	4,239	4,743
Texas .....	13,254	13,408	13,652	13,319	13,289	13,377
Virginia .....	5,556	5,588	4,506	5,529	6,291	5,297
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,579	11,208	11,263	11,467	11,570	10,669
Other States .....	7,681	8,001	7,663	7,402	7,191	7,622
United States .....	184,657	185,425	185,416	185,423	185,407	188,818
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	103	102	102	103

## 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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