



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 June 8, 2019, up 1 percent 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 8, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through June 8, 2019 for the United States were 4.27 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					
	May 4, 2019	May 11, 2019	May 18, 2019	May 25, 2019	June 1, 2019	June 8, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,279	30,391	30,547	30,642	29,925	30,224
Arkansas	25,305	25,253	25,153	25,094	25,132	25,134
Delaware	5,152	4,872	5,151	5,151	5,152	5,151
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	33,950	34,676	35,086	35,268	35,184	34,684
Kentucky	7,963	7,918	8,034	7,885	7,711	7,932
Louisiana	3,818	3,788	3,652	3,758	3,725	3,742
Maryland	7,886	7,947	8,189	8,284	8,182	8,217
Mississippi	18,956	19,303	19,303	19,334	19,212	18,938
Missouri	8,296	7,967	8,490	8,564	8,515	8,552
North Carolina	24,220	23,741	24,230	24,584	24,456	24,265
Oklahoma	7,663	7,959	7,927	7,547	7,684	7,643
Pennsylvania	5,619	5,478	5,850	5,636	5,569	5,661
South Carolina	6,029	5,892	5,942	5,758	5,888	5,917
Texas	17,850	17,487	17,420	17,081	17,531	17,378
Virginia	6,318	6,440	6,440	6,440	6,440	6,424
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,441	12,633	12,402	12,091	12,566	12,504
Other States	9,808	9,891	9,722	9,787	9,725	9,728
United States	232,731	232,814	234,716	234,082	233,775	233,272
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	May 4, 2019	May 11, 2019	May 18, 2019	May 25, 2019	June 1, 2019	June 8, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,203	22,912	22,211	22,822	23,748	22,341
Arkansas	22,076	23,854	22,684	23,210	24,577	23,784
Delaware	6,392	5,884	5,438	4,299	5,756	5,801
Florida	1,212	1,308	1,332	1,242	1,323	1,335
Georgia	28,536	27,857	28,737	27,101	26,975	27,542
Kentucky	5,955	6,207	5,935	6,331	6,836	6,686
Louisiana	3,418	3,450	3,206	3,527	3,342	3,321
Maryland	4,405	5,165	6,256	5,371	3,626	3,678
Mississippi	16,012	16,290	15,991	16,027	16,292	16,284
Missouri	5,834	5,781	5,339	5,581	5,237	6,180
North Carolina	18,965	19,257	19,400	19,204	19,196	19,967
Oklahoma	5,476	3,802	5,096	4,455	3,803	3,818
Pennsylvania	3,961	4,164	4,097	4,163	4,090	4,245
South Carolina	5,207	5,433	4,434	5,341	4,781	5,104
Texas	14,141	14,201	14,634	14,350	14,152	14,053
Virginia	6,480	6,195	5,216	6,780	7,108	7,413
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,687	10,582	11,480	10,583	10,772	11,074
Other States	7,899	7,800	7,978	7,814	7,339	7,502
United States	188,859	190,142	189,464	188,201	188,953	190,128
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	101	102	101

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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