



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 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 7, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 7, 2018, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through July 7, 2018 for the United States were 4.96 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2018

State	Week ending					
	June 2, 2018	June 9, 2018	June 16, 2018	June 23, 2018	June 30, 2018	July 7, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,199	30,608	30,603	30,665	30,758	30,855
Arkansas	25,083	24,668	24,465	24,322	24,303	24,570
Delaware	5,280	5,164	4,941	5,195	5,047	4,990
Florida	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,351	35,741	35,699	35,728	35,292	35,680
Kentucky	8,117	7,760	8,049	7,761	7,895	7,881
Louisiana	3,621	3,651	3,621	3,621	3,440	3,712
Maryland	8,247	8,240	8,230	8,229	8,193	8,223
Mississippi	18,589	18,710	17,663	18,589	18,511	18,802
Missouri	8,842	8,841	8,742	8,687	8,712	8,605
North Carolina	22,674	22,227	22,466	22,374	22,005	22,212
Oklahoma	7,753	7,843	7,625	7,522	7,654	8,113
Pennsylvania	5,866	5,864	5,690	5,949	5,756	5,811
South Carolina	5,718	5,439	5,647	5,505	5,630	5,738
Texas	16,832	16,745	16,652	17,046	16,862	16,853
Virginia	6,335	6,295	6,335	6,333	6,289	6,423
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,576	12,662	12,557	12,475	12,630	12,966
Other States	9,793	9,592	9,571	9,362	9,325	9,496
United States	233,100	231,275	229,781	230,588	229,527	232,155
Percent of previous year	104	102	103	103	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	June 2, 2018	June 9, 2018	June 16, 2018	June 23, 2018	June 30, 2018	July 7, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,848	24,876	23,996	24,000	23,199	23,972
Arkansas	22,190	22,274	23,548	24,207	23,289	23,752
Delaware	5,772	5,696	5,663	5,147	6,060	4,457
Florida	1,317	1,233	1,359	1,287	1,529	1,390
Georgia	27,916	27,434	26,170	27,325	28,184	26,790
Kentucky	6,032	5,991	6,003	6,572	6,070	6,247
Louisiana	3,070	3,092	3,159	3,205	3,205	3,239
Maryland	5,425	5,841	5,084	6,607	5,496	6,175
Mississippi	15,423	15,508	15,444	15,550	15,366	14,409
Missouri	6,512	6,265	6,485	6,310	6,313	5,571
North Carolina	18,150	19,064	18,264	18,338	17,881	18,354
Oklahoma	4,072	4,763	3,370	3,107	3,788	4,053
Pennsylvania	4,143	4,271	4,283	4,336	4,251	4,208
South Carolina	4,239	4,743	5,150	5,083	5,346	5,400
Texas	13,289	13,400	13,691	13,809	13,583	13,434
Virginia	6,202	5,218	5,926	5,494	5,481	5,956
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,601	10,377	11,666	11,117	10,944	11,030
Other States	7,214	7,565	7,647	7,566	7,730	7,795
United States	185,415	187,611	186,908	189,060	187,715	186,232
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	103	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.

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