



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 229 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 28, 2018, up 1 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 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 28, 2018, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through July 28, 2018 for the United States were 5.52 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 23, 2018	June 30, 2018	July 7, 2018	July 14, 2018	July 21, 2018	July 28, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,614	30,758	30,821	30,896	30,707	30,402
Arkansas	24,524	24,303	24,570	24,679	24,779	24,738
Delaware	4,691	4,593	4,990	4,743	4,637	4,725
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,854	35,292	35,680	35,632	35,325	35,179
Kentucky	7,761	7,895	7,881	8,020	7,859	7,963
Louisiana	3,621	3,440	3,712	3,712	3,556	3,712
Maryland	8,229	8,193	8,223	8,190	8,188	8,195
Mississippi	18,589	18,511	18,802	18,284	18,166	18,077
Missouri	8,687	8,712	8,605	8,590	8,620	8,357
North Carolina	22,369	21,967	22,204	21,518	22,206	21,887
Oklahoma	7,522	7,654	8,113	7,497	7,847	8,003
Pennsylvania	6,019	5,712	5,544	5,915	5,738	5,750
South Carolina	5,505	5,630	5,738	5,679	5,419	5,730
Texas	17,046	16,862	16,853	16,091	16,031	16,275
Virginia	6,333	6,289	6,422	6,423	6,425	6,439
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,200	12,053	12,425	12,299	12,604	12,466
Other States	9,521	9,382	9,413	9,324	9,564	9,507
United States	230,310	228,471	231,221	228,717	228,896	228,630
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	101	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	June 23, 2018	June 30, 2018	July 7, 2018	July 14, 2018	July 21, 2018	July 28, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,000	23,199	23,917	22,951	23,404	23,596
Arkansas	24,207	23,288	23,762	22,348	21,830	22,140
Delaware	5,147	6,116	4,695	4,968	5,153	4,902
Florida	1,287	1,528	1,389	1,333	1,257	1,354
Georgia	27,325	28,182	26,793	28,795	27,760	27,666
Kentucky	6,572	6,074	6,193	5,904	6,864	6,774
Louisiana	3,205	3,205	3,239	3,395	3,249	3,300
Maryland	6,608	5,182	5,999	6,265	5,826	6,038
Mississippi	15,550	15,366	14,409	15,331	15,242	15,648
Missouri	6,310	6,309	5,571	5,854	6,284	6,160
North Carolina	18,338	17,882	18,340	17,832	18,393	18,301
Oklahoma	3,107	3,788	4,053	4,500	4,833	4,923
Pennsylvania	4,222	4,259	4,426	4,289	4,195	4,128
South Carolina	5,083	5,345	5,400	5,094	4,199	4,665
Texas	13,809	13,581	13,460	13,894	13,819	13,584
Virginia	5,693	5,746	5,963	5,581	5,145	6,099
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,953	10,869	10,928	10,717	10,611	10,169
Other States	7,578	7,727	7,781	7,773	7,201	7,267
United States	188,994	187,646	186,318	186,824	185,265	186,714
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	102	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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