



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 August 4, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 4, 2018, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through August 4, 2018 for the United States were 5.70 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 30, 2018	July 7, 2018	July 14, 2018	July 21, 2018	July 28, 2018	August 4, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,758	30,821	30,595	30,766	30,446	30,513
Arkansas	24,353	24,570	24,571	24,779	24,738	24,588
Delaware	4,517	4,757	4,679	4,889	4,915	4,890
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,292	35,680	35,632	35,325	35,179	34,987
Kentucky	7,895	7,881	8,020	7,859	7,963	7,815
Louisiana	3,440	3,712	3,712	3,556	3,712	3,712
Maryland	8,164	8,194	8,190	8,193	8,222	8,228
Mississippi	18,511	18,802	18,284	18,166	18,077	18,384
Missouri	8,712	8,605	8,590	8,620	8,357	8,707
North Carolina	21,967	22,204	21,518	22,206	22,097	22,529
Oklahoma	7,654	8,113	7,497	7,847	8,003	7,684
Pennsylvania	5,758	5,544	5,915	5,900	5,758	5,712
South Carolina	5,630	5,738	5,679	5,419	5,730	5,630
Texas	16,862	16,853	16,091	16,031	16,275	16,500
Virginia	6,289	6,422	6,423	6,425	6,439	6,440
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,053	12,425	12,301	12,604	12,466	12,241
Other States	9,382	9,413	9,312	9,564	9,327	9,577
United States	228,462	230,959	228,234	229,374	228,929	229,362
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	101	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	June 30, 2018	July 7, 2018	July 14, 2018	July 21, 2018	July 28, 2018	August 4, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,199	23,917	22,951	23,447	23,409	23,074
Arkansas	23,288	23,762	22,348	21,830	22,139	23,346
Delaware	6,116	4,695	4,968	5,592	5,071	5,488
Florida	1,528	1,389	1,333	1,257	1,354	1,255
Georgia	28,182	26,793	28,795	27,713	28,093	27,457
Kentucky	6,074	6,193	5,904	6,836	6,755	6,445
Louisiana	3,205	3,239	3,395	3,249	3,300	3,029
Maryland	5,182	5,999	6,265	5,536	5,714	5,423
Mississippi	15,366	14,409	15,331	15,242	15,648	15,355
Missouri	6,309	5,571	5,854	6,284	6,161	6,130
North Carolina	17,882	18,340	17,832	18,393	18,236	18,454
Oklahoma	3,788	4,053	4,500	4,833	4,923	3,440
Pennsylvania	4,421	4,426	4,289	4,195	4,136	4,219
South Carolina	5,345	5,400	5,094	4,199	4,665	4,704
Texas	13,581	13,460	13,894	13,819	13,589	13,382
Virginia	5,627	5,963	5,581	5,145	6,099	5,328
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,982	10,928	10,717	10,611	10,170	10,410
Other States	7,682	7,781	7,773	7,201	7,267	7,373
United States	187,757	186,318	186,824	185,382	186,729	184,312
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	102	102	100

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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