



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 8, 2018, up 2 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 8, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through September 8, 2018 for the United States were 6.63 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					
	August 4, 2018	August 11, 2018	August 18, 2018	August 25, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 8, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,571	30,235	30,420	30,922	29,894	30,325
Arkansas	24,704	24,705	24,581	24,428	24,365	23,253
Delaware	4,890	4,889	4,890	4,653	4,635	4,424
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,178	1,225
Georgia	34,987	35,067	33,468	34,158	34,283	33,795
Kentucky	7,815	7,870	7,822	7,792	7,510	6,923
Louisiana	3,712	3,705	3,618	3,707	3,554	3,709
Maryland	8,228	8,198	8,207	8,199	8,128	8,009
Mississippi	18,384	18,208	18,205	17,225	18,117	17,912
Missouri	8,707	8,616	8,523	8,528	8,474	8,437
North Carolina	22,537	22,335	22,186	22,209	21,192	20,708
Oklahoma	7,684	7,672	7,859	7,694	7,510	6,783
Pennsylvania	5,351	5,348	5,886	5,473	5,498	5,493
South Carolina	5,759	5,337	5,980	5,826	5,405	5,899
Texas	16,500	15,874	15,823	15,969	13,629	15,489
Virginia	6,440	6,422	6,410	6,410	6,247	6,104
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,360	12,147	12,209	11,084	11,876	11,929
Other States	9,530	9,264	9,426	9,534	9,300	9,312
United States	229,384	227,117	226,738	225,036	220,795	219,729
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	100	100	102

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

State	Week ending					
	August 4, 2018	August 11, 2018	August 18, 2018	August 25, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 8, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,177	23,802	23,190	23,742	23,189	22,664
Arkansas	23,335	23,305	23,099	21,899	23,144	22,799
Delaware	5,415	5,724	4,997	5,382	5,469	5,977
Florida	1,255	1,405	1,249	1,374	1,445	946
Georgia	27,455	28,203	27,318	27,348	27,570	26,849
Kentucky	6,444	5,959	6,299	5,919	6,529	5,820
Louisiana	3,029	3,256	3,387	3,240	3,276	3,234
Maryland	5,438	5,340	6,710	6,141	5,892	4,976
Mississippi	15,245	14,846	14,659	15,160	14,930	15,012
Missouri	6,130	6,422	6,276	7,014	6,088	5,903
North Carolina	18,329	17,861	17,971	17,473	17,114	17,968
Oklahoma	3,440	3,586	3,507	4,378	3,898	4,254
Pennsylvania	4,266	4,286	4,225	3,923	4,031	4,430
South Carolina	4,787	4,573	5,034	5,154	4,911	5,680
Texas	13,353	12,927	13,165	13,455	13,024	13,135
Virginia	5,404	5,490	5,398	5,742	5,941	5,449
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,525	11,183	10,735	11,694	10,500	11,443
Other States	7,366	7,642	7,499	7,571	7,482	7,250
United States	184,393	185,810	184,718	186,609	184,433	183,789
Percent of previous year	100	101	100	101	101	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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