



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 7, 2019, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.7 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 7, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through September 7, 2019 for the United States were 6.72 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	August 3, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,835	32,306	32,385	32,650	32,924	32,638
Arkansas	24,989	24,364	24,279	24,347	24,216	23,476
Delaware	5,338	5,175	5,338	5,337	5,338	5,343
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,131	1,147	1,147
Georgia	34,938	34,681	35,110	35,258	35,207	34,724
Kentucky	7,814	7,874	7,749	7,606	7,850	7,443
Louisiana	3,713	3,697	3,713	3,788	3,682	3,743
Maryland	8,097	7,958	7,810	7,810	7,448	7,385
Mississippi	18,490	18,490	18,348	18,152	17,653	17,500
Missouri	8,614	8,494	8,663	8,616	8,679	8,629
North Carolina	23,768	23,630	23,702	23,777	23,804	22,749
Oklahoma	7,618	7,131	7,510	7,687	7,724	7,742
Pennsylvania	5,538	5,272	5,491	5,504	5,339	5,460
South Carolina	5,698	5,828	5,890	5,822	5,828	5,737
Texas	17,558	17,714	17,422	17,117	16,759	16,210
Virginia	6,349	6,062	6,348	6,047	6,213	6,174
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,788	11,762	12,261	11,532	12,279	11,605
Other States	10,353	10,119	10,151	9,787	10,148	9,904
United States	233,676	231,735	233,348	231,968	232,238	227,609
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	103	105	105

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

State	Week ending					
	August 3, 2019	August 10, 2019	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,774	22,096	22,595	23,228	23,852	23,613
Arkansas	23,543	23,640	23,280	22,555	20,245	22,637
Delaware	5,967	4,537	5,061	5,453	5,150	5,319
Florida	1,303	1,319	1,239	1,339	1,333	1,298
Georgia	27,690	29,819	28,351	27,917	27,267	27,994
Kentucky	6,860	6,143	6,009	5,863	6,172	6,161
Louisiana	3,228	3,202	3,138	3,208	3,452	3,198
Maryland	5,642	6,458	5,258	5,592	5,607	6,119
Mississippi	15,421	15,519	15,557	15,480	15,388	15,368
Missouri	6,105	6,025	6,590	6,450	6,686	6,266
North Carolina	18,990	19,004	19,287	19,532	19,201	19,371
Oklahoma	3,605	3,426	3,519	4,596	5,673	3,936
Pennsylvania	4,236	4,266	4,217	4,116	4,065	3,975
South Carolina	4,843	4,684	5,466	4,924	5,327	5,244
Texas	14,183	14,236	14,301	14,585	14,289	14,388
Virginia	5,000	5,553	6,117	5,453	5,817	5,189
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,870	10,703	11,202	10,849	10,446	10,826
Other States	7,296	7,553	7,750	8,226	7,731	7,794
United States	187,556	188,183	188,937	189,366	187,701	188,696
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	101	102	103

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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