



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 29, 2018, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.6 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 29, 2018, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through September 29, 2018 for the United States were 7.16 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 25, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 8, 2018	September 15, 2018	September 22, 2018	September 29, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,788	29,894	30,186	29,379	30,042	28,133
Arkansas .....	24,528	24,365	22,011	22,798	24,286	24,198
Delaware .....	4,653	4,635	4,424	4,367	4,609	4,732
Florida .....	1,225	1,178	1,225	1,225	1,100	1,100
Georgia .....	34,158	34,283	33,795	31,729	34,653	32,656
Kentucky .....	7,792	7,510	6,923	6,848	7,260	7,566
Louisiana .....	3,707	3,554	3,802	3,636	3,225	3,455
Maryland .....	8,199	8,128	8,009	7,381	7,923	8,166
Mississippi .....	17,225	17,753	17,311	17,521	18,270	17,004
Missouri .....	8,528	8,474	8,437	7,689	8,331	7,114
North Carolina .....	22,147	21,082	20,169	20,453	21,471	19,264
Oklahoma .....	7,694	7,510	6,783	7,479	7,446	7,799
Pennsylvania .....	5,406	5,481	5,295	5,747	5,330	5,488
South Carolina .....	5,826	5,405	5,899	5,622	5,972	5,670
Texas .....	15,969	13,612	15,446	15,304	15,429	14,877
Virginia .....	6,410	6,247	6,104	5,776	6,396	6,255
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,084	11,876	11,170	10,760	11,090	11,187
Other States .....	9,522	9,276	9,352	9,573	8,718	8,949
United States .....	224,861	220,263	216,341	213,287	221,551	213,613
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	99	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	August 25, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 8, 2018	September 15, 2018	September 22, 2018	September 29, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,672	23,150	22,720	23,520	22,654	22,539
Arkansas .....	21,899	23,144	22,753	23,643	21,311	19,257
Delaware .....	5,382	5,487	6,087	4,866	5,055	5,562
Florida .....	1,373	1,446	1,338	1,351	1,332	1,331
Georgia .....	27,344	27,573	26,725	26,419	26,419	27,515
Kentucky .....	5,918	6,530	5,819	6,248	6,066	5,686
Louisiana .....	3,240	3,276	3,234	3,282	3,099	3,314
Maryland .....	6,140	5,761	4,796	5,901	5,658	5,320
Mississippi .....	15,160	14,930	14,965	14,129	14,651	13,898
Missouri .....	7,015	6,088	5,905	6,043	5,923	5,802
North Carolina .....	17,472	17,115	17,966	17,675	17,455	15,813
Oklahoma .....	4,378	3,898	4,253	3,208	5,307	4,740
Pennsylvania .....	4,025	4,145	4,035	3,966	4,063	4,021
South Carolina .....	5,153	4,911	5,681	4,664	4,451	4,739
Texas .....	13,455	13,024	13,131	13,002	11,388	12,903
Virginia .....	5,697	5,969	5,475	6,191	5,722	5,404
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,634	10,528	11,434	9,679	10,765	9,325
Other States .....	7,567	7,464	7,245	7,372	7,562	7,335
United States .....	186,524	184,439	183,562	181,159	178,881	174,504
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	101	99	100	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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