



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 6, 2018, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 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 Down 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 6, 2018, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through October 6, 2018 for the United States were 7.33 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					
	September 1, 2018	September 8, 2018	September 15, 2018	September 22, 2018	September 29, 2018	October 6, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,894	30,186	29,379	30,042	28,133	29,578
Arkansas .....	24,365	22,011	22,554	24,286	24,198	23,058
Delaware .....	4,635	4,424	4,367	4,609	4,732	4,735
Florida .....	1,178	717	929	1,100	1,100	1,100
Georgia .....	34,283	33,795	31,729	34,653	32,656	33,891
Kentucky .....	7,510	6,923	6,848	7,260	7,566	7,383
Louisiana .....	3,554	3,802	3,636	3,225	3,455	3,313
Maryland .....	8,128	8,009	7,381	7,923	8,200	7,682
Mississippi .....	18,117	17,311	17,521	18,270	17,004	17,605
Missouri .....	8,474	8,437	7,689	8,331	7,114	8,641
North Carolina .....	21,115	20,978	20,453	21,295	19,813	18,621
Oklahoma .....	7,510	6,783	7,479	7,446	7,799	7,637
Pennsylvania .....	5,481	5,295	5,696	5,330	5,465	5,505
South Carolina .....	5,405	5,899	5,622	5,972	5,670	5,727
Texas .....	13,629	15,446	15,304	15,429	14,877	14,662
Virginia .....	6,247	6,104	5,776	6,396	6,255	6,116
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,876	11,170	10,760	11,090	11,271	11,639
Other States .....	9,276	9,352	9,542	8,718	8,970	9,156
United States .....	220,677	216,642	212,665	221,375	214,278	216,049
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	100	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	September 1, 2018	September 8, 2018	September 15, 2018	September 22, 2018	September 29, 2018	October 6, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,150	22,720	23,520	22,654	22,539	22,879
Arkansas .....	23,144	22,753	23,643	21,311	19,254	21,153
Delaware .....	5,487	6,087	4,866	5,055	5,702	5,426
Florida .....	1,446	947	856	588	632	341
Georgia .....	27,573	26,725	26,419	26,419	27,527	24,853
Kentucky .....	6,530	5,819	6,248	6,066	5,686	5,173
Louisiana .....	3,276	3,234	3,282	3,099	3,314	3,178
Maryland .....	5,761	4,796	5,901	5,658	5,294	5,158
Mississippi .....	14,930	14,965	14,129	14,651	13,887	14,169
Missouri .....	6,088	5,905	6,043	5,923	5,802	5,068
North Carolina .....	17,115	17,966	18,215	17,466	16,352	15,882
Oklahoma .....	3,898	4,253	3,208	5,307	4,740	4,155
Pennsylvania .....	4,145	4,035	3,995	4,063	4,039	4,025
South Carolina .....	4,911	5,681	4,664	4,451	4,739	5,096
Texas .....	13,024	13,131	13,002	11,388	12,866	12,512
Virginia .....	5,969	5,475	6,135	5,722	5,321	4,722
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,528	11,434	9,705	10,765	9,325	9,479
Other States .....	7,464	7,245	7,373	7,562	7,335	7,464
United States .....	184,439	183,171	181,204	178,148	174,354	170,733
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	100	100	98

## 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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