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**United States Poultry Value of Production and Sales Up 8 Percent**

The United States combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2018 was \$46.3 billion, up 8 percent from \$42.7 billion in 2017. Of the combined total, 69 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from eggs, 8 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2018 was \$31.7 billion, up 5 percent from 2017. Values across the Southern Region were also up. In Georgia, the leading broiler state, value of production was up 4 percent. Value in Alabama, the fourth largest broiler-producing state, was also up 4 percent. Florida value rose by 7 percent and South Carolina increased by 3 percent.

Nationally, value of all egg production - hatching and market (table) eggs - in 2018 was \$10.6 billion, up 39 percent from \$7.60 billion in 2017. Egg production totaled 109 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 107 billion eggs produced in 2017.

Broiler-type chicks hatched across the United States Broiler-type chicks hatched during 2018 totaled 9.71 billion, up 1 percent from 2017. Placements of broiler chicks for meat production totaled 9.46 billion during the 52 week period ending December 29, 2018, up 1 percent from the 52 week period ending December 30, 2017. Egg-type chicks hatched during 2018 totaled 634 million, up 9 percent from 2017. Georgia and Alabama ranked first and second, respectively, in eggs set, chicks hatched, and chicks placed during the year and accounts for more than 27 percent of the U.S. total in each category.

**Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, Eggs Set, and Chicks Placed — States and United States: 2017 and 2018**

State	Broiler Chicks Hatched			Broiler Eggs Set			Broiler Chicks Placed		
	2017	2018	Percent of previous year	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2018 <sup>2</sup>	Percent of previous year	2017	2018	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1,286,633	1,297,034	101	1,548,480	1,572,289	102	1,138,893	1,187,031	104
Florida .....	50,268	49,705	99	61,589	61,386	100	68,672	63,428	92
Georgia.....	1,487,111	1,482,559	100	1,797,361	1,808,364	101	1,426,247	1,408,873	99
South Carolina.....	240,433	242,287	101	292,270	295,746	101	254,773	252,780	99
19 State total <sup>3</sup>	9,221,318	9,308,107	101	11,096,402	11,264,194	102	9,008,495	9,081,248	101
United States	9,617,305	9,707,741	101	11,579,275	11,753,384	102	9,381,418	9,464,268	101

<sup>1</sup> January 7, 2017 through December 30, 2017

<sup>2</sup> January 6, 2018 through December 29, 2018

<sup>3</sup> States in the weekly hatchery estimating program.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Hatchery Production 2018 Summary*, May 2019

## Poultry Value of Production — States and United States: 2017 and 2018

Livestock / State	2017	2018	Percent of previous year (percent)
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	
<b>Broilers</b>			
Alabama.....	3,337,005	3,454,844	104
Florida.....	202,150	215,718	107
Georgia.....	4,375,990	4,566,136	104
South Carolina.....	978,602	1,010,281	103
United States.....	30,232,203	31,746,230	105
<b>Eggs</b>			
Alabama.....	349,437	382,196	109
Florida.....	112,225	154,784	138
Georgia.....	585,786	656,656	112
South Carolina.....	92,746	118,383	128
United States.....	7,597,091	10,586,262	139
<b>Chickens</b>			
Alabama.....	6,472.5	7,057.1	109
Florida.....	214.0	216.1	101
Georgia.....	7,282.6	7,805.4	107
South Carolina.....	807.0	1,046.0	130
United States.....	46,996.3	49,364.4	105

Source: USDA-NASS, *Poultry - Production and Value 2018 Summary*, May 2019

## Broiler Value of Production — Southern Region: 2017 and 2018

Billion dollars

