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United States Poultry Value of Production and Sales Down 13 Percent

The United States combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2019 was \$40.4 billion, down 13 percent from \$46.2 billion in 2018. Of the combined total, 70 percent was from broilers, 19 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2019 was \$28.3 billion, down 11 percent from 2018. Values across the Southern Region were also down. In Georgia, the leading broiler state, value of production was down 12 percent. Value in Alabama, the fourth largest broiler-producing state, was also down 12 percent. Florida value decreased by 19 percent and South Carolina increased by 12 percent.

Nationally, value of all egg production in 2019 was \$7.70 billion, down 28 percent from \$10.7 billion in 2018. Egg production totaled 113 billion eggs, up 3 percent from 110 billion eggs produced in 2018.

Broiler-type chicks hatched across the United States Broiler-type chicks hatched during 2019 totaled 9.92 billion, up 2 percent from 2018. Placements of broiler chicks for meat production totaled 9.68 billion during the 52 week period ending December 28, 2019, up 2 percent from the 52 week period ending December 29, 2018. Egg-type chicks hatched during 2019 totaled 631 million, down slightly from 2018. Georgia and Alabama ranked first and second, respectively, in eggs set, chicks hatched, and chicks placed during the year and account 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: 2018 and 2019

State	Broiler Chicks Hatched			Broiler Eggs Set			Broiler Chicks Placed		
	2018	2019	Percent of previous year	2018 ¹	2019 ²	Percent of previous year	2018	2019	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	1,298,881	1,358,502	105	1,574,757	1,658,111	105	1,188,886	1,212,728	102
Florida	49,705	50,828	102	61,386	61,329	100	63,428	67,508	106
Georgia.....	1,482,554	1,481,956	100	1,808,364	1,801,885	100	1,408,873	1,426,676	101
South Carolina.....	242,287	243,159	100	295,746	299,917	101	252,780	260,791	103
United States	9,709,599	9,919,197	102	11,755,852	12,037,649	102	9,466,123	9,677,457	102

¹ January 6, 2018 through December 29, 2018

² January 5, 2019 through December 28, 2019

³ States in the weekly hatchery estimating program.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Hatchery Production 2019 Summary](#), April 2020

Poultry Value of Production — States and United States: 2018 and 2019

Livestock / State	2018 (1,000 dollars)	2019 (1,000 dollars)	Percent of previous year (percent)
Broilers			
Alabama.....	3,458,533	3,032,786	88
Florida.....	215,718	173,939	81
Georgia.....	4,566,136	4,032,731	88
South Carolina.....	1,010,281	893,025	88
United States.....	31,749,919	28,313,919	89
Eggs			
Alabama.....	382,196	389,765	102
Georgia.....	656,656	575,543	88
South Carolina.....	113,848	87,146	77
United States.....	10,653,315	7,704,595	72
Chickens			
Alabama.....	7,057.1	5,348.2	76
Georgia.....	7,805.4	6,345.0	81
South Carolina.....	1,047.5	768.6	73
United States.....	49,364.6	37,585.0	76

Source: USDA-NASS, *Poultry - Production and Value 2019 Summary*, April 2020

Broiler Value of Production — Southern Region: 2018 and 2019

Billion dollars

