



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 24, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2018, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through November 24, 2018 for the United States were 8.55 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					
	October 20, 2018	October 27, 2018	November 3, 2018	November 10, 2018	November 17, 2018	November 24, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,939	29,342	28,798	30,051	30,532	30,593
Arkansas .....	21,289	23,340	22,882	24,091	24,415	24,815
Delaware .....	4,738	4,667	4,667	4,696	4,722	4,696
Florida .....	1,105	1,100	1,147	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia .....	32,539	33,204	33,205	33,686	34,890	34,648
Kentucky .....	6,910	6,290	7,086	7,829	7,740	7,873
Louisiana .....	3,741	3,833	3,879	3,562	3,668	3,653
Maryland .....	7,353	8,013	7,926	7,863	7,939	7,986
Mississippi .....	17,963	18,497	17,159	17,659	18,367	18,569
Missouri .....	8,183	8,222	7,333	7,711	8,567	8,375
North Carolina .....	20,608	22,079	21,899	22,083	22,459	22,367
Oklahoma .....	7,618	6,053	7,574	7,837	5,888	7,500
Pennsylvania .....	5,571	5,198	5,055	5,080	5,402	5,377
South Carolina .....	5,890	5,483	4,976	5,616	5,939	5,562
Texas .....	15,872	15,955	14,659	15,994	16,007	16,343
Virginia .....	5,817	6,142	5,794	5,632	6,380	6,406
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,500	11,217	11,597	11,875	12,341	12,303
Other States .....	9,215	8,697	9,234	9,398	9,642	9,677
United States .....	214,851	217,332	214,870	221,857	226,092	227,937
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	100	100	99	101

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

State	Week ending					
	October 20, 2018	October 27, 2018	November 3, 2018	November 10, 2018	November 17, 2018	November 24, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,135	22,526	22,886	21,519	22,735	21,312
Arkansas .....	21,596	22,292	22,100	19,908	20,111	21,495
Delaware .....	4,695	4,850	4,311	5,043	3,892	4,469
Florida .....	694	741	828	739	1,301	1,328
Georgia .....	24,790	26,984	26,330	25,632	25,614	25,508
Kentucky .....	6,010	5,952	5,917	4,772	4,489	5,389
Louisiana .....	2,875	2,856	3,143	3,353	3,480	3,006
Maryland .....	6,072	5,233	6,840	4,707	7,193	6,929
Mississippi .....	13,800	14,378	13,844	15,232	15,423	14,228
Missouri .....	5,580	5,932	5,303	5,425	5,637	4,731
North Carolina .....	15,472	15,364	15,614	17,273	17,679	16,973
Oklahoma .....	4,349	3,374	3,241	4,564	4,390	4,349
Pennsylvania .....	4,045	3,955	4,216	3,941	3,841	3,890
South Carolina .....	4,862	4,151	4,889	4,484	4,134	4,804
Texas .....	12,206	12,235	12,685	12,936	12,943	11,884
Virginia .....	5,833	5,624	4,964	5,309	5,267	4,892
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,103	10,269	9,457	10,180	10,008	10,608
Other States .....	7,043	7,190	7,213	7,215	6,951	7,112
United States .....	172,160	173,906	173,781	172,232	175,088	172,907
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	98	98	99

## 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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