



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 2, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 2, 2016, down slightly from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 2, 2016, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through January 2, 2016 for the United States were 9.10 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,196	28,806	29,536	29,902	29,859	29,267
Arkansas	21,425	21,682	22,038	21,486	21,924	21,735
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,751	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	33,889	33,369	33,901	34,094	33,892	33,348
Kentucky	7,979	7,979	8,091	8,083	7,870	7,783
Louisiana	3,561	3,636	3,833	3,651	3,470	3,419
Maryland	7,600	7,577	7,868	7,773	7,980	7,705
Mississippi	17,705	17,798	18,006	18,360	17,535	16,942
Missouri	7,892	7,968	7,984	7,881	7,844	8,062
North Carolina	20,617	20,188	20,918	20,585	20,490	20,873
Oklahoma	6,853	6,649	6,186	7,237	6,850	6,752
Pennsylvania	4,890	4,643	4,858	4,932	4,763	4,838
South Carolina	5,270	5,344	5,368	5,706	5,586	5,804
Texas	15,446	14,349	14,911	14,603	14,953	14,522
Virginia	6,596	5,740	6,320	6,433	6,329	6,315
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,739	11,256	11,471	11,971	11,630	11,775
19 State total	208,638	202,964	207,265	208,677	206,955	205,120
Percent of previous year	100	99	100	101	100	100
Other States	7,853	7,670	7,921	7,836	8,059	7,208
United States	216,491	210,634	215,186	216,513	215,014	212,328
Percent of previous year	100	99	100	100	100	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,054	21,609	21,674	21,424	21,106	21,587
Arkansas	19,073	20,735	20,450	19,440	19,324	19,060
Delaware	4,546	4,873	6,057	4,330	5,154	4,727
Florida	1,182	1,272	1,289	1,373	1,476	1,313
Georgia	25,339	26,263	27,096	27,491	26,182	27,517
Kentucky	5,900	6,310	5,827	6,209	6,292	6,129
Louisiana	2,999	3,225	3,060	3,050	3,117	3,291
Maryland	6,803	5,058	5,557	7,705	5,386	5,679
Mississippi	14,265	14,923	15,087	14,825	15,185	15,215
Missouri	5,524	6,080	6,352	6,039	5,200	5,657
North Carolina	16,002	16,204	16,961	16,475	16,300	16,891
Oklahoma	4,309	3,963	3,436	4,332	5,419	5,014
Pennsylvania	3,962	4,408	3,935	4,314	4,022	4,214
South Carolina	4,747	5,693	5,316	4,676	5,020	4,745
Texas	11,652	12,250	12,749	13,037	12,203	12,622
Virginia	5,132	6,043	4,909	5,018	5,380	6,066
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,938	10,966	11,068	11,622	10,109	10,289
19 State total	162,427	169,875	170,823	171,360	166,875	170,016
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	100	99	100
Other States	5,912	5,980	6,735	6,164	6,311	6,585
United States	168,339	175,855	177,558	177,524	173,186	176,601
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	100	99	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 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 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. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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