



# 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 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 9, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 9, 2016, up 1 percent 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 Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 9, 2016, down 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 9, 2016, down slightly from the year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016	January 9, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,806	29,536	29,902	29,859	29,249	29,490
Arkansas .....	21,682	22,038	21,398	21,924	21,735	21,660
Delaware .....	4,755	4,751	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224
Georgia .....	33,369	33,901	34,094	33,892	33,441	34,019
Kentucky .....	7,979	8,091	8,083	7,870	7,801	7,496
Louisiana .....	3,636	3,833	3,651	3,470	3,419	3,455
Maryland .....	7,577	7,868	7,773	7,980	7,777	8,118
Mississippi .....	17,798	18,006	18,360	17,535	16,942	17,798
Missouri .....	7,968	7,984	7,881	7,844	8,062	7,964
North Carolina .....	20,188	20,918	20,585	20,490	20,890	20,950
Oklahoma .....	6,299	6,186	7,237	6,660	6,752	6,689
Pennsylvania .....	4,643	4,858	4,932	4,758	4,651	4,740
South Carolina .....	5,233	5,234	5,725	5,541	5,701	5,660
Texas .....	14,349	14,911	14,603	14,937	14,522	14,557
Virginia .....	5,740	6,320	6,378	6,329	6,315	6,374
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,301	11,457	12,150	11,705	11,787	11,653
19 State total .....	202,548	207,117	208,732	206,774	205,024	206,602
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	101	100	99	101
Other States .....	7,670	7,921	7,836	8,059	7,219	8,184
United States .....	210,218	215,038	216,568	214,833	212,243	214,786
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	100	99	101

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

State	Week ending					
	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016	January 9, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,609	21,674	21,424	21,106	21,587	22,560
Arkansas .....	20,735	20,450	19,440	19,105	19,060	18,805
Delaware .....	4,873	6,057	4,225	5,473	5,831	5,124
Florida .....	1,272	1,289	1,373	1,476	1,311	1,292
Georgia .....	26,263	27,096	27,491	26,182	27,464	26,098
Kentucky .....	6,310	5,827	6,209	6,292	6,111	6,095
Louisiana .....	3,225	3,060	3,050	3,117	3,291	3,164
Maryland .....	5,058	5,557	7,912	5,190	4,919	5,977
Mississippi .....	14,923	15,087	14,825	15,185	15,215	15,560
Missouri .....	6,080	6,352	6,039	5,200	5,657	6,059
North Carolina .....	16,204	16,961	16,475	16,300	16,802	16,434
Oklahoma .....	3,963	3,436	4,332	5,226	5,014	5,218
Pennsylvania .....	4,408	3,935	4,314	4,047	4,018	3,992
South Carolina .....	5,695	5,230	4,649	4,872	4,580	4,755
Texas .....	12,250	12,749	13,037	12,203	12,623	12,184
Virginia .....	6,043	4,909	4,939	5,286	5,936	5,056
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,951	11,090	11,698	10,179	10,302	11,191
19 State total .....	169,862	170,759	171,432	166,439	169,721	169,564
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	99	100	100
Other States .....	5,980	6,735	6,164	6,311	6,582	6,412
United States .....	175,842	177,494	177,596	172,750	176,303	175,976
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	99	100	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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