



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 16, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 16, 2016, up 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 16, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 16, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through January 16, 2016 for the United States were 354 million. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016	January 9, 2016	January 16, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,536	29,902	29,859	29,249	29,490	29,902
Arkansas .....	22,038	21,398	21,924	21,735	21,660	21,623
Delaware .....	4,873	4,929	4,936	4,888	4,856	4,876
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225
Georgia .....	33,901	34,094	33,892	33,441	34,019	33,273
Kentucky .....	8,091	8,083	7,870	7,801	7,496	7,701
Louisiana .....	3,833	3,651	3,470	3,419	3,455	3,500
Maryland .....	7,868	7,773	7,980	7,777	8,118	8,113
Mississippi .....	18,006	18,360	17,535	16,942	17,798	17,692
Missouri .....	7,984	7,881	7,844	8,062	7,964	8,071
North Carolina .....	20,918	20,585	20,490	20,890	20,950	20,785
Oklahoma .....	6,186	7,237	6,660	6,752	6,689	6,962
Pennsylvania .....	4,858	4,932	4,758	4,651	4,586	4,612
South Carolina .....	5,234	5,725	5,541	5,701	5,660	5,627
Texas .....	14,911	14,603	14,937	14,522	14,557	14,928
Virginia .....	6,320	6,378	6,329	6,315	6,374	6,352
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,482	12,150	11,705	12,050	12,279	11,872
19 State total .....	207,264	208,906	206,955	205,420	207,175	207,114
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	100	100	101	100
Other States .....	7,980	7,892	8,059	7,219	8,191	7,971
United States .....	215,244	216,798	215,014	212,639	215,366	215,085
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	100	100	101	100

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

State	Week ending					
	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016	January 9, 2016	January 16, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,674	21,424	21,106	21,587	22,584	22,745
Arkansas .....	20,450	19,440	19,105	19,067	18,792	21,030
Delaware .....	6,173	4,241	5,360	6,137	6,077	5,593
Florida .....	1,289	1,373	1,476	1,311	1,293	1,073
Georgia .....	27,096	27,491	26,182	27,462	26,306	27,245
Kentucky .....	5,827	6,209	6,292	6,119	6,051	5,743
Louisiana .....	3,060	3,050	3,117	3,291	3,164	3,042
Maryland .....	5,575	7,978	5,315	4,746	5,206	6,770
Mississippi .....	15,087	14,825	15,185	15,215	15,560	14,876
Missouri .....	6,352	6,039	5,200	5,657	6,059	6,111
North Carolina .....	16,961	16,475	16,300	16,818	16,452	16,536
Oklahoma .....	3,436	4,332	5,226	5,014	5,218	3,342
Pennsylvania .....	3,935	4,314	4,047	4,018	3,959	3,751
South Carolina .....	5,230	4,649	4,872	4,580	5,723	4,811
Texas .....	12,749	13,037	12,203	12,628	12,198	12,224
Virginia .....	4,909	4,939	5,286	5,936	5,087	4,732
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,090	11,698	10,179	10,327	11,192	10,665
19 State total .....	170,893	171,514	166,451	169,913	170,921	170,289
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	100	100	100
Other States .....	6,735	6,164	6,311	6,615	6,495	6,573
United States .....	177,628	177,678	172,762	176,528	177,416	176,862
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	99	100	101	101

## 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.

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**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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