



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 30, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 30, 2016, up 2 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 30, 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 30, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through January 30, 2016 for the United States were 705 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 26, 2015	January 2, 2016	January 9, 2016	January 16, 2016	January 23, 2016	January 30, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,859	29,249	29,562	29,902	29,261	29,669
Arkansas	21,924	21,735	21,680	21,764	21,764	21,753
Delaware	4,936	4,888	4,856	4,876	4,853	4,822
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,224	1,175
Georgia	33,892	33,441	34,019	33,273	34,409	34,811
Kentucky	7,870	7,801	7,496	7,828	7,967	7,934
Louisiana	3,470	3,419	3,455	3,500	3,470	3,726
Maryland	7,980	7,777	8,118	8,113	7,796	7,333
Mississippi	17,535	16,942	17,798	17,692	18,125	18,051
Missouri	7,844	8,062	7,964	8,071	7,877	8,071
North Carolina	20,490	20,890	20,731	20,915	21,421	21,101
Oklahoma	6,660	6,752	6,689	6,962	6,738	7,036
Pennsylvania	4,758	4,848	4,586	4,632	4,299	4,325
South Carolina	5,541	5,701	5,760	5,627	5,612	5,614
Texas	14,937	14,522	14,557	15,237	15,200	15,231
Virginia	6,329	6,315	6,374	6,349	6,305	5,941
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,705	12,078	12,292	12,040	12,442	12,402
19 State total	206,955	205,645	207,161	208,006	208,763	208,995
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	101	101	102
Other States	8,059	7,219	8,191	7,980	7,909	7,883
United States	215,014	212,864	215,352	215,986	216,672	216,878
Percent of previous year	100	99	101	101	101	102

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

State	Week ending					
	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016	January 9, 2016	January 16, 2016	January 23, 2016	January 30, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,106	21,587	22,653	22,745	22,369	21,707
Arkansas	19,105	19,067	18,792	21,043	20,540	19,567
Delaware	5,360	6,137	6,077	5,593	6,920	5,730
Florida	1,476	1,311	1,320	1,072	1,098	1,283
Georgia	26,182	27,462	26,306	27,244	25,339	27,577
Kentucky	6,292	6,119	6,051	5,731	6,295	6,068
Louisiana	3,117	3,291	3,164	3,042	2,994	2,997
Maryland	5,315	4,746	5,206	6,770	4,740	6,440
Mississippi	15,185	15,215	15,560	14,900	14,400	15,142
Missouri	5,200	5,657	6,059	6,111	6,126	5,675
North Carolina	16,300	16,818	16,455	16,487	16,134	16,008
Oklahoma	5,226	5,014	5,218	3,342	3,856	4,912
Pennsylvania	4,047	4,018	3,959	3,754	3,882	3,736
South Carolina	4,872	4,580	5,723	4,812	5,647	5,100
Texas	12,203	12,628	12,198	12,221	11,754	11,852
Virginia	5,286	5,936	5,087	4,755	5,527	5,014
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,179	10,327	11,192	10,668	10,671	11,348
19 State total	166,451	169,913	171,020	170,290	168,292	170,156
Percent of previous year	99	100	101	100	99	101
Other States	6,311	6,615	6,495	6,595	5,996	6,490
United States	172,762	176,528	177,515	176,885	174,288	176,646
Percent of previous year	99	100	101	101	99	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.

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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