



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 27, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 27, 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through February 27, 2016 for the United States were 1.41 billion. 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					
	January 23, 2016	January 30, 2016	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,261	29,621	29,156	29,447	29,021	29,091
Arkansas .....	21,778	21,767	21,231	21,648	22,156	22,004
Delaware .....	4,803	4,741	4,759	4,816	4,741	4,772
Florida .....	1,224	1,175	1,220	1,220	1,220	1,218
Georgia .....	34,409	34,811	34,658	34,201	34,789	35,074
Kentucky .....	7,967	7,934	7,992	8,024	8,052	8,005
Louisiana .....	3,470	3,726	3,788	3,138	3,712	3,697
Maryland .....	7,796	7,333	7,854	7,788	7,505	7,470
Mississippi .....	18,125	18,051	17,933	17,948	17,494	17,648
Missouri .....	7,877	8,071	7,961	8,008	7,913	8,010
North Carolina .....	21,421	21,145	20,907	21,144	20,980	21,232
Oklahoma .....	6,738	7,036	6,748	7,006	6,872	6,659
Pennsylvania .....	4,312	4,555	4,975	4,817	4,642	4,665
South Carolina .....	5,612	5,539	5,421	5,576	4,897	5,540
Texas .....	15,200	15,231	15,396	15,272	15,420	15,426
Virginia .....	6,305	5,941	6,340	6,344	6,383	6,408
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,491	12,101	10,997	11,298	11,774	11,849
19 State total .....	208,789	208,778	207,336	207,695	207,571	208,768
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	100	100	100	100
Other States .....	7,979	7,896	8,139	8,040	8,077	8,080
United States .....	216,768	216,674	215,475	215,735	215,648	216,848
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	100	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	January 23, 2016	January 30, 2016	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,369	21,739	21,562	20,936	21,292	21,314
Arkansas .....	20,540	19,569	19,533	21,166	20,051	19,651
Delaware .....	6,439	5,725	4,303	4,803	5,178	4,824
Florida .....	1,098	1,283	1,238	1,143	1,252	1,187
Georgia .....	25,339	27,576	26,800	27,823	27,719	28,135
Kentucky .....	6,295	6,062	6,207	5,993	5,985	6,317
Louisiana .....	2,994	2,997	3,028	2,969	3,182	3,271
Maryland .....	5,211	6,561	7,137	6,441	6,889	7,090
Mississippi .....	14,400	15,142	15,043	15,239	15,188	15,078
Missouri .....	6,126	5,675	6,163	5,138	5,887	5,034
North Carolina .....	16,135	15,993	16,366	16,694	17,026	16,645
Oklahoma .....	3,856	4,912	4,737	3,925	4,675	5,259
Pennsylvania .....	3,901	3,913	3,987	3,391	3,628	3,783
South Carolina .....	5,680	5,152	4,549	4,949	4,546	4,302
Texas .....	11,754	11,852	12,332	12,571	12,466	12,745
Virginia .....	5,528	5,085	6,079	5,430	4,301	4,887
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,671	11,351	10,418	12,172	10,971	9,955
19 State total .....	168,336	170,587	169,482	170,783	170,236	169,477
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	100	102	101	100
Other States .....	6,036	6,580	6,617	6,277	6,617	6,752
United States .....	174,372	177,167	176,099	177,060	176,853	176,229
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	102	102	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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