



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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 5, 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 March 5, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 5, 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 March 5, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through March 5, 2016 for the United States were 1.59 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 30, 2016	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,621	29,156	29,447	29,021	29,094	28,684
Arkansas	21,767	21,231	21,648	22,156	21,975	22,139
Delaware	4,741	4,759	4,816	4,741	4,827	4,777
Florida	1,175	1,220	1,220	1,220	1,218	1,217
Georgia	34,811	34,658	34,501	34,789	35,045	34,632
Kentucky	7,934	7,992	8,024	8,052	8,017	8,029
Louisiana	3,726	3,788	3,803	3,712	3,697	3,651
Maryland	7,333	7,854	7,788	7,505	7,662	7,541
Mississippi	18,051	17,933	17,948	17,494	17,648	17,881
Missouri	8,071	7,961	8,008	7,913	8,010	7,984
North Carolina	21,145	20,907	21,144	20,980	21,281	21,243
Oklahoma	7,036	6,748	7,006	6,872	6,659	6,712
Pennsylvania	4,555	4,975	4,817	4,642	4,674	4,737
South Carolina	5,539	5,421	5,576	4,990	5,570	5,411
Texas	15,231	15,396	15,272	15,420	15,463	15,535
Virginia	5,941	6,340	6,344	6,383	6,408	6,745
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,126	11,024	11,314	11,829	11,727	12,455
19 State total	208,803	207,363	208,676	207,719	208,975	209,373
Percent of previous year	102	100	100	100	101	102
Other States	7,945	8,196	8,052	8,096	8,115	8,400
United States	216,748	215,559	216,728	215,815	217,090	217,773
Percent of previous year	102	100	100	100	101	102

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

State	Week ending					
	January 30, 2016	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,739	21,562	20,936	21,292	21,314	21,500
Arkansas	19,569	19,533	21,166	20,051	19,647	19,123
Delaware	5,725	4,303	4,803	5,178	4,837	5,053
Florida	1,283	1,238	1,143	1,252	1,187	1,145
Georgia	27,576	26,800	27,823	27,719	28,417	28,005
Kentucky	6,062	6,207	5,993	5,985	6,329	6,560
Louisiana	2,997	3,028	2,969	3,182	3,271	3,271
Maryland	6,561	7,137	6,441	6,889	5,765	6,085
Mississippi	15,142	15,043	15,239	15,188	15,078	15,160
Missouri	5,675	6,163	5,138	5,887	5,034	6,629
North Carolina	15,993	16,366	16,694	17,026	16,694	16,614
Oklahoma	4,912	4,737	3,925	4,675	5,259	4,372
Pennsylvania	3,913	3,987	3,391	3,628	3,881	3,769
South Carolina	5,152	4,549	4,937	4,535	4,338	4,957
Texas	11,852	12,332	12,571	12,466	12,749	12,753
Virginia	5,085	6,079	5,430	4,301	5,691	5,638
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,291	10,368	12,145	10,982	10,019	9,840
19 State total	170,527	169,432	170,744	170,236	169,510	170,474
Percent of previous year	101	100	102	101	101	100
Other States	6,580	6,617	6,285	6,654	6,798	6,571
United States	177,107	176,049	177,029	176,890	176,308	177,045
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	102	101	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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