



# 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 12, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 12, 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 12, 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 12, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through March 12, 2016 for the United States were 1.77 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					
	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,156	29,447	29,021	29,094	28,684	29,177
Arkansas .....	21,231	21,648	22,156	21,975	22,139	22,329
Delaware .....	4,759	4,816	4,741	4,827	4,777	4,784
Florida .....	1,220	1,220	1,220	1,218	1,217	1,225
Georgia .....	34,658	34,501	34,789	35,045	34,632	34,941
Kentucky .....	7,992	8,024	8,052	8,017	8,029	7,872
Louisiana .....	3,788	3,803	3,712	3,697	3,651	3,605
Maryland .....	7,854	7,788	7,505	7,695	7,575	7,574
Mississippi .....	17,933	17,948	17,494	17,648	17,881	17,732
Missouri .....	7,961	8,008	7,913	8,010	7,984	7,992
North Carolina .....	20,907	21,144	20,980	21,281	21,243	21,530
Oklahoma .....	6,748	7,006	6,872	6,659	6,712	6,638
Pennsylvania .....	4,975	4,817	4,645	4,674	4,612	4,706
South Carolina .....	5,421	5,576	4,990	5,570	5,411	5,097
Texas .....	15,396	15,272	15,420	15,463	15,535	15,397
Virginia .....	6,340	6,344	6,383	6,408	6,745	6,510
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,024	11,314	11,829	11,727	12,455	12,900
19 State total .....	207,363	208,676	207,722	209,008	209,282	210,009
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	101	102	102
Other States .....	8,196	8,052	8,035	8,115	8,425	8,306
United States .....	215,559	216,728	215,757	217,123	217,707	218,315
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	101	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,562	20,936	21,292	21,314	21,527	21,731
Arkansas .....	19,533	21,166	20,051	19,647	19,123	20,967
Delaware .....	4,303	4,803	5,178	4,792	4,792	4,977
Florida .....	1,238	1,143	1,252	1,187	1,145	1,174
Georgia .....	26,800	27,823	27,719	28,417	28,005	27,635
Kentucky .....	6,207	5,993	5,985	6,329	6,560	6,057
Louisiana .....	3,028	2,969	3,182	3,271	3,271	3,044
Maryland .....	7,137	6,441	6,889	5,557	6,368	6,210
Mississippi .....	15,043	15,239	15,188	15,078	15,160	14,703
Missouri .....	6,163	5,138	5,887	5,034	6,629	5,673
North Carolina .....	16,366	16,694	17,026	16,694	16,614	16,599
Oklahoma .....	4,737	3,925	4,675	5,259	4,372	3,287
Pennsylvania .....	3,987	3,391	3,628	3,881	3,808	3,746
South Carolina .....	4,549	4,937	4,535	4,338	4,957	5,209
Texas .....	12,332	12,571	12,466	12,749	12,753	13,012
Virginia .....	6,079	5,430	4,301	5,943	5,626	5,618
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,368	12,145	10,982	10,019	9,826	10,291
19 State total .....	169,432	170,744	170,236	169,509	170,536	169,933
Percent of previous year .....	100	102	101	101	100	100
Other States .....	6,617	6,285	6,654	6,798	6,572	6,660
United States .....	176,049	177,029	176,890	176,307	177,108	176,593
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	102	101	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.

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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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