



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 March 19, 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 19, 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 19, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 19, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through March 19, 2016 for the United States were 1.94 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 13, 2016	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,447	29,021	29,094	28,684	29,167	28,963
Arkansas	21,648	22,156	21,975	21,883	22,151	21,782
Delaware	4,816	4,741	4,827	4,838	4,965	4,818
Florida	1,220	1,220	1,218	1,217	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,501	34,789	35,045	34,632	34,950	34,590
Kentucky	8,024	8,052	8,017	7,816	7,633	7,456
Louisiana	3,803	3,712	3,697	3,651	3,605	3,422
Maryland	7,788	7,505	7,695	7,575	7,564	7,986
Mississippi	17,948	17,494	17,648	17,881	17,732	17,637
Missouri	8,008	7,913	8,010	7,984	7,992	7,962
North Carolina	21,144	20,980	21,281	21,223	21,345	21,176
Oklahoma	7,006	6,872	6,659	6,712	6,638	6,876
Pennsylvania	4,817	4,645	4,651	4,628	4,706	4,754
South Carolina	5,576	4,990	5,570	5,411	5,001	5,503
Texas	15,272	15,420	15,463	15,541	15,384	15,760
Virginia	6,344	6,383	6,408	6,745	6,510	6,378
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,314	11,838	11,737	12,344	12,988	12,384
19 State total	208,676	207,731	208,995	208,765	209,556	208,672
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	101	102	102
Other States	8,052	8,095	8,130	8,425	8,309	8,689
United States	216,728	215,826	217,125	217,190	217,865	217,361
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	102	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,936	21,292	21,314	21,527	21,731	21,356
Arkansas	21,166	20,051	19,647	19,126	20,995	21,160
Delaware	4,803	5,178	4,792	4,766	5,190	5,690
Florida	1,143	1,252	1,186	1,145	1,175	1,131
Georgia	27,823	27,719	28,417	28,000	27,474	27,867
Kentucky	5,993	5,985	6,329	6,557	6,089	6,081
Louisiana	2,969	3,182	3,271	3,271	3,044	3,183
Maryland	6,441	6,889	5,557	6,310	6,114	6,108
Mississippi	15,239	15,188	15,078	15,160	14,703	14,946
Missouri	5,138	5,887	5,034	6,629	5,673	6,072
North Carolina	16,694	17,026	16,694	16,609	16,896	16,742
Oklahoma	3,925	4,675	5,259	4,372	3,363	3,279
Pennsylvania	3,391	3,628	3,842	3,791	3,772	3,537
South Carolina	4,937	4,535	4,339	4,957	5,183	4,706
Texas	12,571	12,466	12,750	12,764	13,029	12,566
Virginia	5,430	4,301	5,943	5,628	5,428	5,196
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,145	10,982	10,020	9,827	10,271	11,416
19 State total	170,744	170,236	169,472	170,439	170,130	171,036
Percent of previous year	102	101	100	100	100	101
Other States	6,285	6,654	6,771	6,566	6,685	6,534
United States	177,029	176,890	176,243	177,005	176,815	177,570
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	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.

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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