



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 26, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 26, 2016, down 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 26, 2016, up 2 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 26, 2016, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through March 26, 2016 for the United States were 2.12 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 20, 2016	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,021	29,094	28,684	29,167	28,963	28,732
Arkansas	22,156	21,975	22,516	22,784	22,319	21,817
Delaware	4,741	4,827	4,838	4,965	4,938	4,885
Florida	1,220	1,218	1,217	1,225	1,225	1,224
Georgia	34,789	35,045	34,413	34,950	34,590	34,735
Kentucky	8,052	8,017	7,816	7,633	7,423	7,511
Louisiana	3,712	3,697	3,651	3,605	3,422	3,378
Maryland	7,505	7,695	7,575	7,564	7,986	7,613
Mississippi	17,494	17,648	17,881	17,732	17,607	17,354
Missouri	7,913	8,010	7,984	7,992	7,962	8,094
North Carolina	20,980	21,281	21,223	21,345	21,150	21,263
Oklahoma	6,872	6,659	6,712	6,638	6,876	6,730
Pennsylvania	4,645	4,651	4,628	4,706	4,801	4,629
South Carolina	4,990	5,570	5,411	5,001	5,503	5,545
Texas	15,420	15,463	15,541	15,384	15,711	15,415
Virginia	6,383	6,408	6,745	6,510	6,378	6,334
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,838	11,737	12,354	12,988	12,310	12,263
19 State total	207,731	208,995	209,189	210,189	209,164	207,522
Percent of previous year	100	101	102	103	102	100
Other States	8,095	8,130	8,505	8,309	8,689	8,499
United States	215,826	217,125	217,694	218,498	217,853	216,021
Percent of previous year	100	101	102	102	102	100

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

State	Week ending					
	February 20, 2016	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,292	21,314	21,527	21,731	21,356	21,101
Arkansas	20,051	19,647	19,126	20,995	21,011	19,134
Delaware	5,178	4,792	4,766	5,190	5,645	6,495
Florida	1,252	1,186	1,145	1,175	1,131	973
Georgia	27,719	28,417	28,000	27,474	27,860	27,813
Kentucky	5,985	6,329	6,557	6,089	6,076	6,426
Louisiana	3,182	3,271	3,271	3,044	3,183	3,160
Maryland	6,889	5,557	6,310	6,114	6,108	5,583
Mississippi	15,188	15,078	15,160	14,703	14,946	15,032
Missouri	5,887	5,034	6,629	5,673	6,103	6,032
North Carolina	17,026	16,694	16,609	16,896	16,737	16,359
Oklahoma	4,675	5,259	4,372	3,363	3,366	5,779
Pennsylvania	3,628	3,842	3,791	3,772	3,500	3,599
South Carolina	4,535	4,339	4,957	5,183	4,706	4,821
Texas	12,466	12,750	12,764	13,029	12,690	12,630
Virginia	4,301	5,943	5,628	5,428	5,215	5,267
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,982	10,020	9,827	10,271	11,407	11,247
19 State total	170,236	169,472	170,439	170,130	171,040	171,451
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	100	101	102
Other States	6,654	6,771	6,566	6,685	6,534	6,816
United States	176,890	176,243	177,005	176,815	177,574	178,267
Percent of previous year	102	101	100	101	101	102

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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