



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 2, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 2, 2016, down 1 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 2, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 2, 2016, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through April 2, 2016 for the United States were 2.30 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 27, 2016	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,094	28,684	29,248	28,963	28,737	28,279
Arkansas	21,975	22,516	22,784	22,319	21,817	22,804
Delaware	4,827	4,838	4,965	4,938	4,926	4,916
Florida	1,218	1,217	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225
Georgia	35,045	34,413	34,950	34,590	34,879	34,719
Kentucky	8,017	7,816	7,633	7,423	7,511	7,830
Louisiana	3,697	3,651	3,605	3,422	3,378	3,606
Maryland	7,695	7,575	7,564	7,992	7,614	7,772
Mississippi	17,648	17,881	17,732	17,607	17,354	18,045
Missouri	8,010	7,984	7,992	7,962	8,094	7,398
North Carolina	21,281	21,223	21,345	21,150	21,263	20,516
Oklahoma	6,659	6,712	6,638	6,876	6,730	7,057
Pennsylvania	4,651	4,628	4,706	4,898	4,692	4,703
South Carolina	5,570	5,467	5,010	5,505	5,575	5,180
Texas	15,463	15,541	15,384	15,712	15,415	15,785
Virginia	6,408	6,745	6,510	6,378	6,334	6,402
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,737	12,354	12,988	12,310	12,109	12,422
19 State total	208,995	209,245	210,279	209,270	207,652	208,659
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	102	100	99
Other States	8,130	8,505	8,378	8,689	8,499	8,048
United States	217,125	217,750	218,657	217,959	216,151	216,707
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	102	100	99

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

State	Week ending					
	February 27, 2016	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,314	21,527	21,679	21,356	21,101	21,828
Arkansas	19,647	19,126	20,995	21,011	19,134	20,728
Delaware	4,792	4,766	5,190	5,854	7,024	5,532
Florida	1,186	1,145	1,175	1,131	973	1,133
Georgia	28,417	28,000	27,474	27,860	27,814	27,510
Kentucky	6,329	6,557	6,089	6,076	6,426	6,475
Louisiana	3,271	3,271	3,044	3,183	3,160	3,210
Maryland	5,557	6,310	6,114	5,990	5,135	6,497
Mississippi	15,078	15,160	14,703	14,946	15,032	14,821
Missouri	5,034	6,629	5,673	6,104	6,032	5,628
North Carolina	16,694	16,609	16,896	16,738	16,359	17,035
Oklahoma	5,259	4,372	3,363	3,366	5,779	4,588
Pennsylvania	3,842	3,791	3,772	3,475	3,632	3,651
South Carolina	4,339	4,972	5,201	4,735	4,857	4,430
Texas	12,750	12,764	13,029	12,690	12,631	12,610
Virginia	5,943	5,628	5,428	5,137	5,173	5,288
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,020	9,827	10,271	11,408	11,240	11,719
19 State total	169,472	170,454	170,096	171,060	171,502	172,683
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	101	102	103
Other States	6,771	6,566	6,685	6,538	6,811	6,492
United States	176,243	177,020	176,781	177,598	178,313	179,175
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	101	102	103

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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