



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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 16, 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 16, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 16, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 16, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through April 16, 2016 for the United States were 2.66 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					
	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,248	28,963	28,737	28,279	28,075	27,897
Arkansas	22,784	22,319	21,467	22,593	22,567	22,262
Delaware	4,965	4,938	4,926	4,916	4,950	4,945
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,950	34,590	34,879	34,719	34,597	35,190
Kentucky	7,633	7,423	7,511	7,707	7,866	7,904
Louisiana	3,605	3,453	3,378	3,606	3,742	3,772
Maryland	7,564	7,992	7,614	7,772	7,275	8,079
Mississippi	17,732	17,607	17,354	18,045	17,987	17,679
Missouri	7,992	7,962	8,094	7,398	7,725	8,117
North Carolina	21,345	21,121	21,263	20,376	20,962	21,014
Oklahoma	6,638	6,876	6,730	7,057	6,769	6,576
Pennsylvania	4,706	4,898	4,727	4,662	4,660	4,740
South Carolina	5,010	5,505	5,575	5,180	5,604	5,568
Texas	15,384	15,712	15,415	15,660	15,548	15,425
Virginia	6,510	6,378	6,339	6,402	6,556	6,571
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,988	12,310	12,152	12,276	12,597	12,310
19 State total	210,279	209,272	207,385	207,873	208,705	209,274
Percent of previous year	103	102	99	99	99	100
Other States	8,378	8,689	8,499	8,048	8,119	8,240
United States	218,657	217,961	215,884	215,921	216,824	217,514
Percent of previous year	102	102	100	99	99	99

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

State	Week ending					
	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,679	21,356	21,062	21,823	21,654	21,558
Arkansas	20,995	21,011	19,134	20,728	21,453	19,701
Delaware	5,190	5,854	7,024	5,532	4,678	5,167
Florida	1,175	1,131	973	1,133	1,359	1,155
Georgia	27,474	27,860	27,814	27,510	27,292	27,894
Kentucky	6,089	6,076	6,426	6,475	6,096	6,122
Louisiana	3,044	3,183	3,160	3,210	3,083	2,980
Maryland	6,114	5,990	5,135	6,497	7,539	5,655
Mississippi	14,703	14,946	15,032	14,821	14,759	14,541
Missouri	5,673	6,104	6,032	5,628	5,514	5,568
North Carolina	16,896	16,738	16,359	17,035	17,050	17,123
Oklahoma	3,363	3,366	5,779	4,588	4,042	4,687
Pennsylvania	3,772	3,475	3,621	3,646	3,766	3,630
South Carolina	5,201	4,735	4,857	4,430	4,651	4,873
Texas	13,029	12,690	12,631	12,610	12,876	12,731
Virginia	5,428	5,137	5,183	5,288	5,163	5,780
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,271	11,408	11,228	11,719	11,144	11,093
19 State total	170,096	171,060	171,450	172,673	172,119	170,258
Percent of previous year	100	101	102	103	102	99
Other States	6,685	6,538	6,811	6,492	7,233	7,035
United States	176,781	177,598	178,261	179,165	179,352	177,293
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	103	103	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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