



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 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 30, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 30, 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 30, 2016, down 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 April 30, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through April 30, 2016 for the United States were 3.01 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 26, 2016	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,737	28,279	28,070	27,892	28,655	28,833
Arkansas	21,467	22,593	22,329	22,262	22,036	22,009
Delaware	4,926	4,916	4,950	4,984	4,941	4,943
Florida	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,879	34,573	34,684	35,213	34,589	34,075
Kentucky	7,511	7,707	7,866	7,892	8,090	7,623
Louisiana	3,378	3,606	3,742	3,772	3,695	3,695
Maryland	7,614	7,772	7,273	8,123	8,174	8,091
Mississippi	17,354	18,045	17,987	17,679	18,120	18,032
Missouri	8,094	7,398	7,725	8,117	7,526	7,852
North Carolina	21,263	20,836	21,235	20,889	20,694	19,994
Oklahoma	6,730	7,057	6,769	6,576	6,749	6,851
Pennsylvania	4,727	4,587	4,631	4,841	4,649	4,695
South Carolina	5,575	5,199	5,614	5,529	5,353	5,500
Texas	15,415	15,660	15,548	15,425	15,661	15,503
Virginia	6,339	6,402	6,556	6,571	6,587	6,604
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,152	12,318	12,639	12,247	11,948	11,842
19 State total	207,385	208,173	208,843	209,237	208,692	207,367
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	100	100	99
Other States	8,558	8,185	8,234	8,299	8,712	8,774
United States	215,943	216,358	217,077	217,536	217,404	216,141
Percent of previous year	100	99	99	99	101	99

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

State	Week ending					
	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,062	21,823	21,653	21,558	20,443	20,843
Arkansas	19,134	20,728	21,453	19,699	20,547	20,442
Delaware	7,024	5,532	4,969	4,374	5,016	4,381
Florida	973	1,132	1,359	1,155	1,142	1,138
Georgia	27,814	27,512	27,304	27,698	28,369	27,973
Kentucky	6,426	6,476	6,096	6,123	6,204	6,378
Louisiana	3,160	3,210	3,083	2,980	3,069	3,185
Maryland	5,135	6,497	7,155	6,087	6,685	7,441
Mississippi	15,032	14,821	14,759	14,541	15,191	15,038
Missouri	6,032	5,628	5,514	5,568	5,512	6,041
North Carolina	16,359	17,035	17,049	17,539	17,115	16,883
Oklahoma	5,779	4,588	4,042	4,690	4,588	3,906
Pennsylvania	3,621	3,640	3,792	3,625	3,502	3,575
South Carolina	4,857	4,434	4,654	4,899	5,055	4,643
Texas	12,631	12,610	12,876	12,740	12,942	12,774
Virginia	5,183	5,288	5,262	5,782	4,801	5,568
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,228	11,710	11,059	11,091	11,004	11,105
19 State total	171,450	172,664	172,079	170,149	171,185	171,314
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	99	99	99
Other States	6,811	6,477	7,279	7,082	6,924	6,622
United States	178,261	179,141	179,358	177,231	178,109	177,936
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	100	100	99

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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