



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 May 7, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 7, 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 7, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 7, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through May 7, 2016 for the United States were 3.19 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					
	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,279	28,070	27,892	28,655	28,833	28,972
Arkansas	22,593	22,329	22,262	22,036	22,000	22,490
Delaware	4,916	4,950	4,984	4,892	5,071	5,105
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,573	34,684	35,213	34,589	34,061	33,888
Kentucky	7,707	7,866	7,892	8,090	7,623	8,388
Louisiana	3,606	3,742	3,772	3,695	3,695	3,712
Maryland	7,772	7,273	8,123	8,174	8,091	8,099
Mississippi	18,045	17,987	17,679	18,120	18,032	17,975
Missouri	7,398	7,725	8,117	7,526	7,852	7,400
North Carolina	20,836	21,235	20,889	20,694	19,994	20,780
Oklahoma	7,057	6,769	6,576	6,749	6,851	6,581
Pennsylvania	4,587	4,657	4,846	4,655	4,707	4,675
South Carolina	5,199	5,614	5,529	5,353	5,500	5,578
Texas	15,660	15,548	15,425	15,661	15,503	15,681
Virginia	6,402	6,556	6,571	6,587	6,604	6,634
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,213	12,639	10,573	12,069	12,195	12,473
19 State total	208,068	208,869	207,568	208,770	207,837	209,656
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	101	99	99
Other States	8,185	8,234	8,299	8,712	8,831	8,185
United States	216,253	217,103	215,867	217,482	216,668	217,841
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	101	99	99

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

State	Week ending					
	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,823	21,653	21,558	20,443	20,843	21,314
Arkansas	20,728	21,453	19,699	20,547	20,458	20,743
Delaware	5,532	4,969	4,374	4,731	4,505	5,321
Florida	1,132	1,359	1,155	1,142	1,137	1,138
Georgia	27,512	27,304	27,698	28,369	27,976	28,466
Kentucky	6,476	6,096	6,123	6,204	6,384	6,184
Louisiana	3,210	3,083	2,980	3,069	3,185	3,251
Maryland	6,497	7,155	6,087	6,979	7,349	6,282
Mississippi	14,821	14,759	14,541	15,191	15,038	14,370
Missouri	5,628	5,514	5,568	5,512	6,041	5,947
North Carolina	17,035	17,049	17,539	17,115	16,895	16,453
Oklahoma	4,588	4,042	4,690	4,588	3,906	4,212
Pennsylvania	3,640	3,816	3,630	3,508	3,625	3,718
South Carolina	4,434	4,654	4,899	5,055	4,642	5,228
Texas	12,610	12,876	12,740	12,942	12,779	12,707
Virginia	5,288	5,250	5,780	4,798	5,567	5,514
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,717	11,059	11,105	10,968	11,150	9,621
19 State total	172,671	172,091	170,166	171,161	171,480	170,469
Percent of previous year	103	102	99	99	99	99
Other States	6,477	7,277	7,082	6,923	6,628	6,985
United States	179,148	179,368	177,248	178,084	178,108	177,454
Percent of previous year	103	103	100	100	99	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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