



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 21, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 21, 2016, up 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 21, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 21, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through May 21, 2016 for the United States were 3.55 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 16, 2016	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,892	28,655	28,833	28,972	28,312	28,674
Arkansas	22,262	22,036	22,000	22,520	22,878	22,416
Delaware	4,984	4,892	5,071	5,075	5,066	4,883
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	35,213	34,589	34,061	33,888	34,472	34,740
Kentucky	7,892	8,090	7,369	8,345	6,798	8,145
Louisiana	3,772	3,695	3,695	3,712	3,620	3,651
Maryland	8,123	8,174	8,091	8,070	7,879	8,163
Mississippi	17,679	18,120	18,032	17,975	17,932	18,169
Missouri	8,117	7,526	7,852	7,400	7,627	8,083
North Carolina	20,889	20,694	19,964	20,661	20,920	21,718
Oklahoma	6,576	6,749	6,851	6,581	6,826	6,439
Pennsylvania	4,846	4,651	4,762	4,506	4,693	4,707
South Carolina	5,529	5,333	5,450	5,554	5,481	5,491
Texas	15,425	15,661	15,503	15,617	15,701	15,846
Virginia	6,571	6,587	6,604	6,634	6,631	6,576
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,573	12,086	12,561	12,484	12,527	12,229
19 State total	207,568	208,763	207,924	209,219	208,588	211,155
Percent of previous year	99	101	99	99	99	101
Other States	8,299	8,758	8,838	8,192	8,490	8,657
United States	215,867	217,521	216,762	217,411	217,078	219,812
Percent of previous year	99	101	99	99	99	101

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

State	Week ending					
	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,558	20,443	20,843	20,980	21,436	22,390
Arkansas	19,699	20,547	20,458	20,743	19,671	21,142
Delaware	4,374	4,731	4,505	5,345	5,185	6,444
Florida	1,155	1,142	1,137	1,138	1,141	1,157
Georgia	27,698	28,369	27,976	28,464	27,446	27,368
Kentucky	6,123	6,204	6,384	6,182	6,864	5,956
Louisiana	2,980	3,069	3,185	3,251	3,246	3,279
Maryland	6,087	6,978	7,350	6,252	6,404	5,104
Mississippi	14,541	15,191	15,038	14,704	15,180	14,737
Missouri	5,568	5,512	6,041	5,947	5,953	5,735
North Carolina	17,539	17,115	16,895	16,511	16,436	16,285
Oklahoma	4,690	4,588	3,906	4,212	4,211	3,437
Pennsylvania	3,630	3,521	3,632	3,749	3,586	3,715
South Carolina	4,899	5,078	4,669	5,257	5,015	5,108
Texas	12,740	12,942	12,779	12,707	13,056	12,924
Virginia	5,780	4,790	5,537	5,518	5,832	5,798
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,105	11,000	11,185	9,621	11,005	11,416
19 State total	170,166	171,220	171,520	170,581	171,667	171,995
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	99	100	99
Other States	7,082	6,923	6,627	6,909	6,697	7,254
United States	177,248	178,143	178,147	177,490	178,364	179,249
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	99	100	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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