



# 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 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 16, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 16, 2016, up 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 Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 16, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 16, 2016, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through July 16, 2016 for the United States were 4.99 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					
	June 11, 2016	June 18, 2016	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,248	28,095	28,162	28,394	28,068	27,965
Arkansas .....	22,706	22,068	21,551	21,593	22,573	22,738
Delaware .....	5,078	5,104	5,080	4,942	4,578	4,947
Florida .....	1,225	1,221	1,145	1,224	1,224	1,225
Georgia .....	34,923	34,754	35,097	34,314	34,620	34,740
Kentucky .....	7,911	7,927	7,682	7,128	7,799	7,748
Louisiana .....	3,651	3,496	3,591	3,500	3,530	3,530
Maryland .....	8,075	8,080	8,081	7,974	7,950	7,950
Mississippi .....	18,422	17,635	17,993	18,288	18,439	18,333
Missouri .....	7,811	7,809	7,841	7,466	7,676	7,737
North Carolina .....	20,853	20,913	20,614	19,508	20,842	20,885
Oklahoma .....	7,216	6,972	7,025	7,338	7,385	7,203
Pennsylvania .....	4,613	4,397	4,564	4,531	4,446	4,563
South Carolina .....	6,202	6,129	6,428	5,601	5,533	5,290
Texas .....	16,064	15,162	15,734	15,300	15,676	15,627
Virginia .....	6,549	6,558	6,529	6,597	6,602	6,510
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,029	12,112	11,714	12,218	12,314	12,154
19 State total .....	211,576	208,432	208,831	205,916	209,255	209,145
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	100	100	101	100
Other States .....	8,314	8,538	8,662	8,563	8,325	8,252
United States .....	219,890	216,970	217,493	214,479	217,580	217,397
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	100	100	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	June 11, 2016	June 18, 2016	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,532	21,237	20,982	21,680	20,734	20,557
Arkansas .....	20,726	20,948	20,922	20,623	21,024	20,648
Delaware .....	6,185	4,649	4,817	4,126	5,401	5,412
Florida .....	1,369	1,215	1,211	1,198	1,189	1,205
Georgia .....	27,212	28,206	28,054	27,923	28,088	28,758
Kentucky .....	5,754	6,294	6,265	6,653	6,263	6,785
Louisiana .....	3,243	3,202	3,252	3,239	3,114	3,204
Maryland .....	5,192	6,725	6,693	7,747	6,170	6,307
Mississippi .....	15,320	15,321	15,126	15,031	14,732	15,071
Missouri .....	5,718	6,049	5,820	6,038	5,997	5,703
North Carolina .....	17,409	17,456	16,666	16,426	16,284	16,577
Oklahoma .....	4,123	4,370	4,095	4,900	3,822	4,015
Pennsylvania .....	3,633	3,787	3,595	3,603	3,561	3,606
South Carolina .....	5,456	5,203	5,765	5,848	5,616	5,687
Texas .....	13,128	13,007	12,978	13,152	12,401	12,935
Virginia .....	5,526	5,753	5,724	5,381	5,736	5,308
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,850	10,922	11,007	10,636	11,382	9,963
19 State total .....	173,376	174,344	172,972	174,204	171,514	171,741
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	101	99	100
Other States .....	7,125	6,864	7,019	6,557	6,854	6,852
United States .....	180,501	181,208	179,991	180,761	178,368	178,593
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	101	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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