



# 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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 23, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 23, 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 23, 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 July 23, 2016, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through July 23, 2016 for the United States were 5.17 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 18, 2016	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,743	28,993	29,226	28,770	28,865	28,718
Arkansas .....	22,068	21,553	21,593	22,573	22,738	22,421
Delaware .....	5,104	5,080	4,942	4,578	4,947	4,950
Florida .....	1,221	1,145	1,224	1,224	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,754	35,097	34,314	34,620	34,762	34,867
Kentucky .....	7,927	7,682	7,128	7,799	7,887	7,993
Louisiana .....	3,496	3,591	3,500	3,530	3,530	3,530
Maryland .....	8,080	8,081	7,974	7,950	7,816	7,861
Mississippi .....	17,635	17,993	18,288	18,439	18,333	18,016
Missouri .....	7,809	7,841	7,466	7,676	7,737	7,878
North Carolina .....	20,913	20,614	19,589	20,842	20,850	20,871
Oklahoma .....	6,972	7,025	7,338	7,385	7,203	7,100
Pennsylvania .....	4,397	4,564	4,495	4,440	4,692	4,612
South Carolina .....	6,129	6,428	5,601	5,533	5,233	5,616
Texas .....	15,162	15,734	15,300	15,676	15,627	15,570
Virginia .....	6,558	6,529	6,597	6,602	6,510	6,519
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,112	11,554	11,959	12,314	12,154	12,022
19 State total .....	209,080	209,504	206,534	209,951	210,109	209,769
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	101	101	101
Other States .....	8,538	8,662	8,563	8,325	8,252	7,793
United States .....	217,618	218,166	215,097	218,276	218,361	217,562
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	101	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	June 18, 2016	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,237	20,982	22,068	20,961	21,184	21,599
Arkansas .....	20,948	20,911	20,623	21,024	19,985	21,460
Delaware .....	4,649	4,817	4,126	5,401	5,401	5,319
Florida .....	1,215	1,211	1,198	1,489	1,341	1,601
Georgia .....	28,206	28,054	27,923	28,088	28,953	28,119
Kentucky .....	6,294	6,265	6,653	6,263	6,820	5,808
Louisiana .....	3,202	3,252	3,239	3,114	3,204	3,113
Maryland .....	6,725	6,693	7,720	6,165	6,208	5,646
Mississippi .....	15,321	15,126	15,031	14,732	15,071	15,103
Missouri .....	6,049	5,820	6,038	5,997	5,703	4,972
North Carolina .....	17,456	16,666	16,426	16,284	16,424	16,050
Oklahoma .....	4,370	4,097	4,900	3,822	4,679	3,684
Pennsylvania .....	3,787	3,595	3,630	3,566	3,655	3,517
South Carolina .....	5,203	5,765	5,848	5,616	5,876	4,731
Texas .....	13,007	12,978	13,152	12,401	12,936	13,025
Virginia .....	5,753	5,724	5,369	5,733	5,232	5,953
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,922	11,007	10,636	11,382	9,847	10,435
19 State total .....	174,344	172,963	174,580	172,038	172,519	170,135
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	101	100	100	100
Other States .....	6,864	7,019	6,550	6,853	6,868	6,837
United States .....	181,208	179,982	181,130	178,891	179,387	176,972
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	101	100	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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