



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 30, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 30, 2016, down 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 30, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 30, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through July 30, 2016 for the United States were 5.34 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 25, 2016	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,993	29,226	28,770	28,865	28,717	29,096
Arkansas .....	21,553	21,593	22,699	22,738	22,421	22,051
Delaware .....	5,080	4,942	4,578	4,947	4,950	4,900
Florida .....	1,145	1,224	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	35,097	34,314	34,620	34,762	34,897	33,882
Kentucky .....	7,682	7,128	7,799	7,887	7,993	7,400
Louisiana .....	3,591	3,500	3,530	3,530	3,530	3,440
Maryland .....	8,081	7,974	7,950	7,816	7,861	7,723
Mississippi .....	17,993	18,288	18,439	18,333	17,487	17,292
Missouri .....	7,841	7,466	7,676	7,737	7,878	7,993
North Carolina .....	20,614	19,641	20,842	20,850	20,871	20,874
Oklahoma .....	7,025	7,338	7,385	7,203	7,100	7,360
Pennsylvania .....	4,564	4,495	4,443	4,693	4,701	4,579
South Carolina .....	6,428	5,601	5,533	5,233	5,616	5,288
Texas .....	15,734	15,300	15,676	15,627	15,237	15,243
Virginia .....	6,529	6,597	6,602	6,510	6,519	6,500
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,554	12,065	12,537	12,149	12,022	11,840
19 State total .....	209,504	206,692	210,303	210,105	209,025	206,686
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	101	100	100
Other States .....	8,662	8,563	8,270	8,252	7,794	8,515
United States .....	218,166	215,255	218,573	218,357	216,819	215,201
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	101	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,982	22,068	20,961	21,184	21,576	21,516
Arkansas .....	20,911	20,623	21,024	19,985	21,134	20,763
Delaware .....	4,817	4,126	5,401	5,401	5,319	4,928
Florida .....	1,211	1,198	1,489	1,341	1,602	1,241
Georgia .....	28,054	27,923	28,088	28,953	28,106	27,833
Kentucky .....	6,265	6,653	6,263	6,820	5,808	6,219
Louisiana .....	3,252	3,239	3,114	3,204	3,113	3,134
Maryland .....	6,693	7,720	6,140	6,197	5,633	5,742
Mississippi .....	15,126	15,031	14,732	15,071	14,892	15,055
Missouri .....	5,820	6,038	5,997	5,703	4,973	6,007
North Carolina .....	16,666	16,426	16,284	16,424	16,018	17,317
Oklahoma .....	4,097	4,900	3,822	4,679	3,969	4,601
Pennsylvania .....	3,595	3,630	3,601	3,429	3,245	3,177
South Carolina .....	5,765	5,848	5,616	5,876	4,731	4,854
Texas .....	12,978	13,152	12,401	12,936	12,983	13,297
Virginia .....	5,724	5,369	5,693	5,200	5,916	5,998
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,007	10,599	11,400	9,783	10,441	11,186
19 State total .....	172,963	174,543	172,026	172,186	169,459	172,868
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	100	100	99	101
Other States .....	7,019	6,550	6,845	6,865	6,892	6,864
United States .....	179,982	181,093	178,871	179,051	176,351	179,732
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	100	100	100	101

## 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.

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**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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