



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 August 6, 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 August 6, 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 6, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 6, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through August 6, 2016 for the United States were 5.52 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					
	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,372	28,712	29,142	28,717	29,271	29,638
Arkansas	21,593	22,699	22,594	22,421	22,032	22,500
Delaware	4,942	4,578	4,947	4,950	4,842	4,865
Florida	1,224	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,314	34,620	34,762	34,897	33,882	34,806
Kentucky	7,128	7,799	7,784	7,993	7,400	7,828
Louisiana	3,500	3,530	3,530	3,530	3,440	3,500
Maryland	7,974	8,018	7,816	7,861	7,723	7,892
Mississippi	18,288	18,439	18,333	17,487	17,292	17,590
Missouri	7,466	7,676	7,737	7,878	7,993	7,808
North Carolina	19,853	20,842	20,780	20,871	20,845	20,002
Oklahoma	7,338	7,385	7,203	7,100	7,360	7,227
Pennsylvania	4,495	4,443	4,700	4,703	4,585	4,548
South Carolina	5,601	5,533	5,233	5,616	5,288	5,500
Texas	15,300	15,676	15,526	15,237	15,243	15,355
Virginia	6,597	6,602	6,510	6,519	6,500	6,405
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,065	12,377	11,990	12,022	11,840	11,957
19 State total	207,050	210,153	209,812	209,027	206,761	208,646
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	100	100	101
Other States	8,563	8,270	8,252	7,794	8,515	8,454
United States	215,613	218,423	218,064	216,821	215,276	217,100
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	100	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,068	20,961	21,312	21,576	21,219	21,868
Arkansas	20,623	21,024	19,985	21,418	20,760	21,320
Delaware	4,126	5,401	5,401	5,319	4,989	4,090
Florida	1,198	1,489	1,341	1,602	1,241	1,220
Georgia	27,923	28,088	28,953	28,106	27,833	28,390
Kentucky	6,653	6,263	6,820	5,808	6,219	6,099
Louisiana	3,239	3,114	3,204	3,113	3,134	3,104
Maryland	7,720	6,140	6,175	5,635	5,710	7,916
Mississippi	15,031	14,732	15,071	14,892	15,340	15,387
Missouri	6,038	5,997	5,703	4,973	6,007	6,173
North Carolina	16,426	16,284	16,424	16,018	17,314	16,588
Oklahoma	4,900	3,822	4,679	3,684	4,601	3,853
Pennsylvania	3,630	3,601	3,678	3,525	3,510	3,599
South Carolina	5,848	5,616	5,876	4,731	4,854	4,071
Texas	13,152	12,401	12,936	12,983	13,297	12,895
Virginia	5,369	5,693	5,256	5,825	6,013	4,813
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,599	11,400	9,778	10,442	11,187	10,834
19 State total	174,543	172,026	172,592	169,650	173,228	172,220
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	100	101	101
Other States	6,550	6,845	6,860	6,892	6,865	6,772
United States	181,093	178,871	179,452	176,542	180,093	178,992
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	100	101	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.

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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