



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 13, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 13, 2016, up 2 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 13, 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 13, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through August 13, 2016 for the United States were 5.70 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 9, 2016	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,712	29,142	28,834	29,271	29,638	29,261
Arkansas .....	22,699	22,594	22,409	22,110	22,494	22,556
Delaware .....	4,578	4,947	4,950	4,842	4,865	4,837
Florida .....	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,222
Georgia .....	34,620	34,762	34,897	33,882	34,825	34,230
Kentucky .....	7,799	7,784	7,993	7,368	7,726	8,132
Louisiana .....	3,530	3,530	3,530	3,440	3,500	3,500
Maryland .....	8,018	7,816	7,876	7,754	7,923	8,085
Mississippi .....	18,439	18,333	17,487	17,292	17,590	17,688
Missouri .....	7,676	7,737	7,878	7,993	7,808	7,758
North Carolina .....	20,842	20,780	20,871	20,880	19,942	20,824
Oklahoma .....	7,385	7,203	7,100	7,360	7,227	7,307
Pennsylvania .....	4,443	4,700	4,703	4,585	4,552	4,503
South Carolina .....	5,533	5,233	5,616	5,288	5,499	5,685
Texas .....	15,676	15,526	15,237	15,195	15,348	15,782
Virginia .....	6,602	6,510	6,519	6,500	6,405	6,411
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,377	11,990	12,022	11,836	11,844	11,627
19 State total .....	210,153	209,812	209,147	206,821	208,411	209,408
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	101	100	101	102
Other States .....	8,270	8,252	7,794	8,515	8,472	8,739
United States .....	218,423	218,064	216,941	215,336	216,883	218,147
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	100	101	102

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

State	Week ending					
	July 9, 2016	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,961	21,312	21,576	21,219	21,868	21,719
Arkansas .....	21,024	19,985	21,418	20,760	21,320	20,817
Delaware .....	5,406	5,396	5,511	5,311	4,186	5,525
Florida .....	1,489	1,341	1,602	1,241	1,220	1,583
Georgia .....	28,088	28,953	28,106	27,833	28,380	27,185
Kentucky .....	6,263	6,820	5,808	6,219	6,088	6,408
Louisiana .....	3,114	3,204	3,113	3,134	3,104	3,103
Maryland .....	6,135	6,194	5,179	5,302	7,849	5,999
Mississippi .....	14,732	15,071	14,892	15,340	15,387	14,797
Missouri .....	5,997	5,703	4,973	6,007	6,173	5,637
North Carolina .....	16,284	16,424	16,018	17,314	16,588	17,061
Oklahoma .....	3,822	4,679	3,684	4,601	3,853	4,757
Pennsylvania .....	3,601	3,678	3,525	3,510	3,604	3,618
South Carolina .....	5,616	5,876	4,731	4,854	4,077	5,050
Texas .....	12,401	12,936	12,983	13,297	12,895	12,758
Virginia .....	5,673	5,233	6,074	6,091	4,796	5,014
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,400	9,778	10,442	11,187	10,835	10,546
19 State total .....	172,006	172,583	169,635	173,220	172,223	171,577
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	101	101	101
Other States .....	6,845	6,860	6,892	6,865	6,790	6,471
United States .....	178,851	179,443	176,527	180,085	179,013	178,048
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	101	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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