



# 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 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 20, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 20, 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 20, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 20, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through August 20, 2016 for the United States were 5.88 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 16, 2016	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,142	28,834	29,344	29,638	29,602	29,656
Arkansas .....	22,594	22,409	22,110	22,494	22,556	22,624
Delaware .....	4,947	4,950	4,842	4,865	4,604	4,483
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,222	1,225
Georgia .....	34,762	34,897	33,882	34,825	34,228	34,741
Kentucky .....	7,784	7,993	7,368	7,726	8,132	6,286
Louisiana .....	3,530	3,530	3,440	3,500	3,500	3,500
Maryland .....	7,816	7,876	7,754	7,923	8,085	7,995
Mississippi .....	18,333	17,487	17,292	17,590	17,688	18,030
Missouri .....	7,737	7,878	7,993	7,808	7,758	7,642
North Carolina .....	20,780	20,871	20,781	19,942	20,783	20,333
Oklahoma .....	7,203	7,100	7,360	7,227	7,515	7,531
Pennsylvania .....	4,700	4,786	4,642	4,539	4,441	4,658
South Carolina .....	5,233	5,616	5,288	5,499	5,847	5,722
Texas .....	15,526	15,237	15,195	15,348	15,782	14,640
Virginia .....	6,510	6,519	6,500	6,405	6,411	6,380
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,990	12,022	11,836	11,844	11,634	11,723
19 State total .....	209,812	209,230	206,852	208,398	209,788	207,169
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	101	102	101
Other States .....	8,252	7,794	8,440	8,472	8,660	8,598
United States .....	218,064	217,024	215,292	216,870	218,448	215,767
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	101	102	101

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

State	Week ending					
	July 16, 2016	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,312	21,576	21,219	21,868	21,720	22,264
Arkansas .....	19,985	21,418	20,760	21,320	20,847	20,984
Delaware .....	5,396	5,511	5,311	4,186	5,574	4,875
Florida .....	1,341	1,602	1,241	1,220	1,582	1,540
Georgia .....	28,953	28,106	27,833	28,380	27,185	26,735
Kentucky .....	6,820	5,808	6,219	6,088	6,407	5,357
Louisiana .....	3,204	3,113	3,134	3,104	3,095	2,997
Maryland .....	6,194	5,153	5,369	7,856	5,852	5,770
Mississippi .....	15,071	14,892	15,340	15,387	14,797	14,413
Missouri .....	5,703	4,973	6,007	6,173	5,637	6,546
North Carolina .....	16,424	16,018	17,314	16,588	17,145	16,500
Oklahoma .....	4,679	3,684	4,601	3,853	4,757	3,638
Pennsylvania .....	3,678	3,547	3,426	3,593	3,708	3,566
South Carolina .....	5,876	4,731	4,854	4,077	5,050	5,561
Texas .....	12,936	12,983	13,297	12,896	12,758	12,770
Virginia .....	5,233	6,241	6,150	4,841	5,073	6,021
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,778	10,435	11,179	10,831	10,542	10,708
19 State total .....	172,583	169,791	173,254	172,261	171,729	170,245
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	101	101	100
Other States .....	6,860	6,886	6,857	6,786	6,460	7,002
United States .....	179,443	176,677	180,111	179,047	178,189	177,247
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	101	101	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.

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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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