



# 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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 10, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 10, 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 10, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 10, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through September 10, 2016 for the United States were 6.41 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					
	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016	September 10, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,638	29,602	29,656	29,790	29,065	28,465
Arkansas .....	22,494	22,556	22,642	22,774	22,921	22,228
Delaware .....	4,865	4,604	4,483	4,851	4,370	4,705
Florida .....	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,825	34,228	34,547	34,429	33,912	32,960
Kentucky .....	7,726	8,132	6,286	6,977	6,428	7,805
Louisiana .....	3,500	3,500	3,470	3,500	3,282	3,422
Maryland .....	7,923	8,101	8,007	7,714	8,037	7,839
Mississippi .....	17,590	17,688	17,909	18,028	17,775	16,535
Missouri .....	7,808	7,758	7,642	8,022	8,083	8,083
North Carolina .....	19,942	20,783	20,215	20,201	20,151	19,137
Oklahoma .....	7,227	7,515	7,531	7,324	7,372	6,584
Pennsylvania .....	4,324	4,399	4,530	4,405	4,423	4,541
South Carolina .....	5,464	5,795	5,722	5,602	5,387	5,412
Texas .....	15,348	15,782	14,564	15,475	14,992	15,429
Virginia .....	6,405	6,411	6,378	6,583	6,233	6,080
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,662	11,037	12,360	11,864	11,798	10,793
19 State total .....	207,966	209,113	207,167	208,764	205,454	201,243
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	101	102	102	101
Other States .....	8,478	8,596	8,599	8,498	8,723	8,552
United States .....	216,444	217,709	215,766	217,262	214,177	209,795
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	101	102	103	101

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

State	Week ending					
	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016	September 10, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,868	21,720	22,004	22,268	22,283	22,218
Arkansas .....	21,320	20,847	20,922	21,142	22,201	21,223
Delaware .....	4,186	5,416	5,296	5,180	5,074	5,239
Florida .....	1,220	1,582	1,541	1,334	1,435	1,410
Georgia .....	28,380	27,185	26,840	27,516	27,069	27,784
Kentucky .....	6,088	6,407	5,430	6,353	6,503	5,152
Louisiana .....	3,104	3,095	3,007	3,052	3,044	3,150
Maryland .....	7,838	6,105	5,452	5,912	6,081	5,605
Mississippi .....	15,387	14,797	14,442	14,822	14,490	14,707
Missouri .....	6,173	5,637	6,546	6,245	5,726	5,851
North Carolina .....	16,588	17,145	16,471	16,344	16,379	16,317
Oklahoma .....	3,853	4,757	3,638	4,093	3,565	4,402
Pennsylvania .....	3,629	3,716	3,570	3,487	3,528	3,547
South Carolina .....	4,112	5,126	5,594	5,302	5,000	5,488
Texas .....	12,896	12,758	12,768	12,716	13,155	11,989
Virginia .....	4,836	4,997	5,935	5,314	5,624	5,333
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,909	10,600	10,770	10,519	10,624	10,948
19 State total .....	172,387	171,890	170,226	171,599	171,781	170,363
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	101	102	101
Other States .....	6,786	6,460	7,005	6,687	7,062	6,809
United States .....	179,173	178,350	177,231	178,286	178,843	177,172
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	101	102	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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