



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 17, 2016, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 17, 2016, up 4 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 17, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 17, 2016, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through September 17, 2016 for the United States were 6.59 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 13, 2016	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016	September 10, 2016	September 17, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,602	29,656	29,795	29,065	28,490	28,524
Arkansas	22,579	22,642	22,813	22,919	22,234	20,714
Delaware	4,604	4,483	4,851	4,370	4,705	4,603
Florida	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,228	34,547	34,433	33,912	32,960	32,621
Kentucky	8,132	6,286	6,977	6,428	7,805	6,566
Louisiana	3,500	3,470	3,500	3,282	3,422	3,349
Maryland	8,101	8,007	7,714	8,037	7,839	7,861
Mississippi	17,688	17,909	18,028	17,775	16,535	17,790
Missouri	7,758	7,642	8,022	8,083	8,083	7,493
North Carolina	20,783	20,215	20,201	20,151	18,429	18,742
Oklahoma	7,515	7,531	7,324	7,372	6,584	7,400
Pennsylvania	4,469	4,463	4,144	4,462	4,486	4,404
South Carolina	5,795	5,722	5,602	5,387	5,412	5,444
Texas	15,782	14,564	15,717	14,992	15,429	14,960
Virginia	6,411	6,378	6,583	6,233	6,080	5,979
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,037	12,360	11,864	11,798	10,793	9,998
19 State total	209,206	207,100	208,793	205,491	200,511	197,673
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	102	101	104
Other States	8,596	8,599	8,452	8,723	8,366	8,410
United States	217,802	215,699	217,245	214,214	208,877	206,083
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	103	101	104

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

State	Week ending					
	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016	September 10, 2016	September 17, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,720	22,004	22,183	22,283	22,253	22,515
Arkansas	20,847	20,922	21,146	22,162	21,226	21,840
Delaware	5,416	5,296	5,180	5,074	5,239	5,591
Florida	1,582	1,541	1,432	1,435	1,410	1,432
Georgia	27,185	26,840	27,529	27,069	27,784	28,058
Kentucky	6,407	5,430	6,353	6,503	5,152	3,909
Louisiana	3,095	3,007	3,052	3,044	3,147	3,335
Maryland	6,091	5,430	5,889	6,054	5,595	5,745
Mississippi	14,797	14,442	14,822	14,490	14,707	14,852
Missouri	5,637	6,546	6,245	5,726	5,851	5,498
North Carolina	17,145	16,471	16,344	16,379	16,406	15,840
Oklahoma	4,757	3,638	4,093	3,625	4,402	4,519
Pennsylvania	3,700	3,591	3,439	3,648	3,556	3,337
South Carolina	5,126	5,594	5,302	5,000	5,488	5,304
Texas	12,758	12,768	12,716	13,155	11,989	12,926
Virginia	5,009	5,923	5,369	5,559	5,330	5,474
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,593	10,768	10,517	10,653	10,954	11,214
19 State total	171,865	170,211	171,611	171,859	170,489	171,389
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	102	101	102
Other States	6,460	7,005	6,686	7,062	6,823	7,079
United States	178,325	177,216	178,297	178,921	177,312	178,468
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	102	101	102

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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