



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 24, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 24, 2016, up 3 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 24, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 24, 2016, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through September 24, 2016 for the United States were 6.77 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 20, 2016	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016	September 10, 2016	September 17, 2016	September 24, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,656	29,795	29,065	28,490	28,524	28,409
Arkansas	22,642	22,813	22,919	22,234	20,715	22,570
Delaware	4,483	4,851	4,370	4,705	4,502	4,541
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,219
Georgia	34,547	34,433	33,912	32,960	32,621	34,161
Kentucky	6,286	6,977	6,428	7,805	6,569	7,292
Louisiana	3,470	3,500	3,282	3,422	3,349	3,349
Maryland	8,007	7,714	8,037	7,839	7,861	8,079
Mississippi	17,909	18,028	17,775	16,535	17,790	18,017
Missouri	7,642	8,022	8,083	8,083	7,493	7,807
North Carolina	20,215	20,201	20,151	18,429	18,757	20,735
Oklahoma	7,531	7,324	7,372	6,584	7,400	7,383
Pennsylvania	4,463	4,144	4,462	4,668	4,454	4,193
South Carolina	5,722	5,602	4,903	5,412	5,444	4,798
Texas	14,564	15,717	14,992	15,429	14,909	15,873
Virginia	6,378	6,583	6,233	6,080	5,973	6,413
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,360	11,864	11,798	9,878	11,426	11,352
19 State total	207,100	208,793	205,007	199,778	199,012	206,191
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	100	105	103
Other States	8,599	8,452	8,707	8,366	7,758	7,529
United States	215,699	217,245	213,714	208,144	206,770	213,720
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	100	104	103

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

State	Week ending					
	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016	September 10, 2016	September 17, 2016	September 24, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,004	22,183	21,984	21,906	22,181	20,284
Arkansas	20,922	21,146	22,162	21,226	21,840	21,519
Delaware	5,296	5,180	5,074	5,239	5,325	5,418
Florida	1,541	1,432	1,435	1,409	1,433	1,750
Georgia	26,840	27,529	27,069	27,784	28,058	27,739
Kentucky	5,430	6,353	6,503	5,153	3,911	5,328
Louisiana	3,007	3,052	3,044	3,147	3,335	2,998
Maryland	5,430	5,889	6,054	5,589	6,083	5,703
Mississippi	14,442	14,822	14,807	15,022	15,198	14,187
Missouri	6,546	6,245	5,726	5,851	5,498	5,926
North Carolina	16,471	16,344	16,379	16,407	15,840	15,814
Oklahoma	3,638	4,093	3,625	4,402	4,519	4,247
Pennsylvania	3,591	3,439	3,648	3,558	3,368	3,661
South Carolina	5,594	5,302	5,000	5,488	5,303	4,637
Texas	12,768	12,716	13,155	11,989	12,926	12,243
Virginia	5,923	5,369	5,559	5,280	5,514	5,216
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,768	10,517	10,653	10,946	11,342	10,654
19 State total	170,211	171,611	171,877	170,396	171,674	167,324
Percent of previous year	100	101	102	101	102	102
Other States	7,005	6,686	7,062	6,809	7,064	6,872
United States	177,216	178,297	178,939	177,205	178,738	174,196
Percent of previous year	100	101	102	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.

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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