



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 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 1, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 1, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 1, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 1, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through October 1, 2016 for the United States were 6.94 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 27, 2016	September 3, 2016	September 10, 2016	September 17, 2016	September 24, 2016	October 1, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,795	29,007	28,432	28,583	28,409	27,258
Arkansas	22,813	22,919	21,992	20,715	22,111	22,263
Delaware	4,851	4,370	4,705	4,502	4,541	4,199
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,219	1,223
Georgia	34,433	33,912	32,551	32,621	34,161	32,520
Kentucky	6,977	6,428	7,805	6,569	7,393	7,148
Louisiana	3,500	3,282	3,422	3,349	3,161	3,146
Maryland	7,714	8,037	7,839	7,861	8,079	8,072
Mississippi	18,028	17,775	16,535	17,790	18,017	17,129
Missouri	8,022	8,083	8,083	7,493	7,807	7,212
North Carolina	20,201	20,151	18,429	18,757	20,652	19,886
Oklahoma	7,324	7,372	6,584	7,400	7,383	7,404
Pennsylvania	4,144	4,462	4,668	4,454	3,986	4,439
South Carolina	5,602	4,903	5,412	5,444	5,282	5,030
Texas	15,717	14,992	15,429	14,909	15,946	15,204
Virginia	6,583	6,233	6,080	5,973	6,413	6,164
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,864	11,798	10,042	11,426	11,317	11,268
19 State total	208,793	204,949	199,233	199,071	205,877	199,565
Percent of previous year	102	102	100	105	103	103
Other States	8,452	8,707	8,307	7,758	7,529	7,966
United States	217,245	213,656	207,540	206,829	213,406	207,531
Percent of previous year	102	102	100	104	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016	September 10, 2016	September 17, 2016	September 24, 2016	October 1, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,183	21,984	21,906	22,181	19,901	21,636
Arkansas	21,146	22,162	21,226	21,840	21,497	19,880
Delaware	5,180	5,074	5,239	5,325	5,418	5,356
Florida	1,432	1,435	1,409	1,433	1,750	1,630
Georgia	27,529	27,119	27,602	28,058	27,739	26,256
Kentucky	6,353	6,503	5,153	3,911	5,328	6,329
Louisiana	3,052	3,044	3,147	3,335	3,005	2,998
Maryland	5,889	6,054	5,589	6,083	5,703	4,822
Mississippi	14,822	14,807	15,022	15,198	14,529	14,203
Missouri	6,245	5,726	5,851	5,498	5,926	6,427
North Carolina	16,344	16,379	16,407	15,840	15,811	14,587
Oklahoma	4,093	3,625	4,402	4,519	4,248	3,803
Pennsylvania	3,439	3,648	3,558	3,368	3,664	3,741
South Carolina	5,302	4,950	5,670	5,303	4,637	4,210
Texas	12,716	13,155	11,989	12,926	12,241	12,876
Virginia	5,369	5,559	5,280	5,514	5,216	5,744
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,517	10,653	10,946	11,342	10,393	9,033
19 State total	171,611	171,877	170,396	171,674	167,006	163,531
Percent of previous year	101	102	101	102	101	99
Other States	6,686	7,062	6,809	7,104	6,920	6,637
United States	178,297	178,939	177,205	178,778	173,926	170,168
Percent of previous year	101	102	101	102	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.

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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