



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 15, 2016, up 5 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 15, 2016, up 5 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 15, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 15, 2016, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through October 15, 2016 for the United States were 7.28 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					
	September 10, 2016	September 17, 2016	September 24, 2016	October 1, 2016	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,432	28,628	28,759	27,260	28,341	28,249
Arkansas .....	21,992	20,590	22,139	22,273	22,093	20,485
Delaware .....	4,705	4,502	4,541	4,199	4,599	4,806
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,219	1,223	1,225	1,220
Georgia .....	32,551	32,621	34,151	32,520	33,425	33,170
Kentucky .....	7,805	6,569	7,393	7,148	7,353	6,520
Louisiana .....	3,422	3,349	3,379	3,146	3,453	3,422
Maryland .....	7,566	7,868	8,082	8,075	7,778	7,961
Mississippi .....	16,535	17,442	18,017	17,129	16,639	16,869
Missouri .....	8,083	7,493	7,807	7,212	7,956	7,430
North Carolina .....	18,429	18,757	20,652	19,863	20,011	20,800
Oklahoma .....	6,584	7,400	7,383	7,404	6,656	7,358
Pennsylvania .....	4,668	4,454	3,661	4,739	4,748	4,386
South Carolina .....	5,380	5,454	5,478	4,780	5,150	5,259
Texas .....	15,429	14,909	15,946	15,204	14,870	15,442
Virginia .....	6,080	6,080	6,171	6,164	6,110	6,437
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,042	11,470	11,491	11,111	11,487	11,184
19 State total .....	198,928	198,811	206,269	199,450	201,894	200,998
Percent of previous year .....	100	104	103	103	103	105
Other States .....	8,307	7,666	7,443	7,967	8,557	8,502
United States .....	207,235	206,477	213,712	207,417	210,451	209,500
Percent of previous year .....	100	104	103	103	103	105

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

State	Week ending					
	September 10, 2016	September 17, 2016	September 24, 2016	October 1, 2016	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,906	22,162	20,620	21,575	21,002	21,452
Arkansas .....	21,226	21,786	21,471	19,933	18,641	20,737
Delaware .....	5,328	4,865	4,941	5,037	4,193	5,191
Florida .....	1,409	1,591	1,750	1,629	1,502	1,493
Georgia .....	27,602	28,058	26,847	25,600	25,948	27,488
Kentucky .....	5,153	3,911	5,330	6,326	4,932	6,102
Louisiana .....	3,147	3,335	3,005	2,998	2,959	2,985
Maryland .....	5,521	6,524	6,188	4,917	5,910	6,484
Mississippi .....	15,022	15,198	14,529	14,203	14,796	15,204
Missouri .....	5,851	5,498	5,926	6,427	5,592	5,727
North Carolina .....	16,407	15,840	15,811	14,567	15,142	16,670
Oklahoma .....	4,402	4,567	4,270	3,805	4,993	4,528
Pennsylvania .....	3,558	3,368	3,746	3,723	3,601	2,898
South Carolina .....	5,602	5,308	4,614	4,756	4,373	4,337
Texas .....	11,989	12,926	12,241	12,869	12,522	12,836
Virginia .....	5,266	5,530	5,183	5,742	5,646	4,892
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,946	11,354	10,779	9,041	10,690	9,891
19 State total .....	170,335	171,821	167,251	163,148	162,442	168,915
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	101	99	104	103
Other States .....	6,809	7,104	6,924	6,618	6,285	5,867
United States .....	177,144	178,925	174,175	169,766	168,727	174,782
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	101	99	104	103

## 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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