



# 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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 22, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 22, 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 22, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 22, 2016, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through October 22, 2016 for the United States were 7.45 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 17, 2016	September 24, 2016	October 1, 2016	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,614	28,759	27,260	28,298	28,249	28,701
Arkansas .....	20,590	22,139	22,273	22,093	20,325	21,337
Delaware .....	4,502	4,541	4,199	4,599	4,806	4,510
Florida .....	1,225	1,219	1,223	1,225	1,220	1,223
Georgia .....	32,621	34,151	32,520	33,345	33,170	33,402
Kentucky .....	6,569	7,393	7,148	7,353	6,520	6,647
Louisiana .....	3,349	3,379	3,146	3,453	3,422	3,168
Maryland .....	7,868	8,082	8,075	7,778	7,961	7,287
Mississippi .....	17,442	18,017	17,129	16,639	16,869	17,458
Missouri .....	7,493	7,807	7,212	7,956	7,430	7,713
North Carolina .....	18,757	20,652	19,863	20,078	20,872	20,102
Oklahoma .....	7,400	7,383	7,404	6,656	7,358	6,988
Pennsylvania .....	4,454	3,661	4,739	4,748	3,823	4,311
South Carolina .....	5,454	5,478	4,780	5,150	5,259	5,429
Texas .....	14,909	15,946	15,264	14,870	15,442	15,348
Virginia .....	6,080	6,171	6,164	6,110	6,437	6,431
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,470	11,491	11,291	11,487	11,184	11,246
19 State total .....	198,797	206,269	199,690	201,838	200,347	201,301
Percent of previous year .....	104	103	103	103	105	103
Other States .....	7,666	7,443	7,967	8,557	8,502	8,438
United States .....	206,463	213,712	207,657	210,395	208,849	209,739
Percent of previous year .....	104	103	103	103	105	103

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

State	Week ending					
	September 17, 2016	September 24, 2016	October 1, 2016	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,162	20,620	21,575	21,006	21,452	20,329
Arkansas .....	21,786	21,471	19,933	18,641	21,136	20,737
Delaware .....	4,865	4,941	5,037	4,193	5,191	3,696
Florida .....	1,591	1,750	1,629	1,502	1,494	1,453
Georgia .....	28,058	26,847	25,600	25,948	27,488	26,097
Kentucky .....	3,911	5,330	6,326	4,932	6,100	5,936
Louisiana .....	3,335	3,005	2,998	2,959	2,985	2,590
Maryland .....	6,524	6,188	4,917	5,910	6,483	7,861
Mississippi .....	15,198	14,529	14,203	14,793	15,204	14,030
Missouri .....	5,498	5,926	6,427	5,592	5,291	5,435
North Carolina .....	15,840	15,811	14,567	15,148	16,702	15,015
Oklahoma .....	4,567	4,270	3,805	4,993	4,584	3,638
Pennsylvania .....	3,368	3,746	3,723	3,601	2,853	3,716
South Carolina .....	5,308	4,614	4,756	4,373	4,337	5,126
Texas .....	12,926	12,241	12,869	12,522	12,836	12,722
Virginia .....	5,530	5,183	5,742	5,646	4,938	4,762
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,354	10,779	9,041	10,690	9,892	9,637
19 State total .....	171,821	167,251	163,148	162,449	168,966	162,780
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	99	104	103	103
Other States .....	7,104	6,924	6,618	6,285	5,870	6,309
United States .....	178,925	174,175	169,766	168,734	174,836	169,089
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	99	104	103	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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