



# 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 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 29, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 29, 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 29, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 29, 2016, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through October 29, 2016 for the United States were 7.62 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 24, 2016	October 1, 2016	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,759	27,260	28,298	28,249	28,671	27,984
Arkansas .....	22,139	22,273	22,093	20,325	21,337	21,520
Delaware .....	4,541	4,199	4,599	4,806	4,510	4,936
Florida .....	1,219	1,223	1,225	1,220	1,223	1,210
Georgia .....	34,151	32,520	33,544	32,970	33,402	32,778
Kentucky .....	7,393	7,148	7,353	6,520	6,647	7,126
Louisiana .....	3,379	3,146	3,453	3,422	3,167	2,956
Maryland .....	8,082	8,075	7,778	7,961	7,287	8,009
Mississippi .....	18,017	17,129	16,639	16,869	17,458	16,896
Missouri .....	7,807	7,212	7,956	7,430	7,713	7,111
North Carolina .....	20,652	19,863	19,974	20,872	20,105	21,019
Oklahoma .....	7,383	7,404	6,656	7,358	6,988	7,751
Pennsylvania .....	3,661	4,740	4,748	4,519	4,507	4,513
South Carolina .....	5,478	4,780	5,150	5,259	5,429	5,460
Texas .....	15,946	15,264	14,870	15,442	15,348	15,066
Virginia .....	6,171	6,164	6,110	6,437	6,431	6,057
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,491	11,291	11,660	11,184	11,246	11,731
19 State total .....	206,269	199,691	202,106	200,843	201,469	202,123
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	105	103	103
Other States .....	7,443	7,967	8,496	8,502	8,201	8,775
United States .....	213,712	207,658	210,602	209,345	209,670	210,898
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	105	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	September 24, 2016	October 1, 2016	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,620	21,575	21,006	21,452	20,331	21,741
Arkansas .....	21,471	19,933	18,641	21,136	20,786	20,128
Delaware .....	4,941	5,037	4,193	5,191	3,696	5,136
Florida .....	1,750	1,629	1,502	1,494	1,451	1,197
Georgia .....	26,847	25,600	25,948	27,488	26,097	26,014
Kentucky .....	5,330	6,326	4,932	6,100	5,934	5,668
Louisiana .....	3,005	2,998	2,959	2,985	2,590	3,097
Maryland .....	6,188	4,917	5,910	6,483	7,860	5,330
Mississippi .....	14,529	14,203	14,793	15,204	14,030	13,417
Missouri .....	5,926	6,427	5,592	5,291	5,436	6,572
North Carolina .....	15,811	14,567	15,148	16,702	15,042	15,979
Oklahoma .....	4,270	3,805	4,993	4,584	3,763	3,603
Pennsylvania .....	3,746	3,723	3,601	2,853	3,637	3,756
South Carolina .....	4,614	4,756	4,373	4,337	5,126	4,972
Texas .....	12,241	12,869	12,522	12,836	12,717	12,404
Virginia .....	5,183	5,742	5,646	4,938	4,765	5,658
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,779	9,041	10,690	9,892	9,637	10,685
19 State total .....	167,251	163,148	162,449	168,966	162,898	165,357
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	104	103	103	103
Other States .....	6,924	6,618	6,285	5,870	6,289	6,772
United States .....	174,175	169,766	168,734	174,836	169,187	172,129
Percent of previous year .....	101	99	104	103	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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