



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 5, 2016, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 5, 2016, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 5, 2016, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 5, 2016, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through November 5, 2016 for the United States were 7.79 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					
	October 1, 2016	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016	November 5, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,260	28,298	28,103	28,671	27,984	29,455
Arkansas	22,273	22,093	20,325	21,337	21,520	21,854
Delaware	4,199	4,599	4,806	4,510	4,936	4,971
Florida	1,223	1,225	1,220	1,223	1,210	1,223
Georgia	32,520	33,544	32,970	33,402	32,778	33,575
Kentucky	7,148	7,353	6,520	6,647	7,126	7,170
Louisiana	3,146	3,453	3,422	3,137	2,956	3,213
Maryland	8,075	7,778	7,961	7,287	8,009	7,844
Mississippi	17,129	16,639	16,657	17,458	16,896	16,471
Missouri	7,212	7,956	7,430	7,713	7,111	7,124
North Carolina	19,863	20,078	20,872	20,105	21,019	20,985
Oklahoma	7,404	6,656	7,358	6,988	7,751	7,672
Pennsylvania	4,740	4,748	4,687	4,507	4,370	4,618
South Carolina	4,780	5,150	5,259	5,429	5,460	5,367
Texas	15,264	14,870	15,442	15,348	15,066	15,180
Virginia	6,164	6,110	6,437	6,431	6,057	6,379
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,291	11,660	11,294	11,246	11,731	11,435
19 State total	199,691	202,210	200,763	201,439	201,980	204,536
Percent of previous year	103	103	105	103	103	104
Other States	7,967	8,496	8,380	8,201	8,516	8,273
United States	207,658	210,706	209,143	209,640	210,496	212,809
Percent of previous year	103	103	105	103	103	104

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

State	Week ending					
	October 1, 2016	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016	November 5, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,575	21,006	21,452	20,927	21,741	20,890
Arkansas	19,933	18,641	21,136	20,786	20,077	19,968
Delaware	5,037	4,193	5,191	3,696	5,136	5,390
Florida	1,629	1,502	1,494	1,451	1,196	1,197
Georgia	25,600	26,007	27,488	25,501	26,010	26,613
Kentucky	6,326	4,932	6,100	5,934	5,667	4,564
Louisiana	2,998	2,959	2,985	2,590	3,097	3,042
Maryland	4,917	5,910	6,483	7,860	5,330	5,735
Mississippi	14,203	14,793	15,204	14,030	13,417	13,502
Missouri	6,427	5,592	5,291	5,436	6,493	5,526
North Carolina	14,567	15,148	16,702	15,042	15,981	16,619
Oklahoma	3,805	4,993	4,584	3,763	3,603	3,394
Pennsylvania	3,723	3,601	2,853	3,637	3,707	3,682
South Carolina	4,756	4,315	4,337	5,126	4,973	4,425
Texas	12,869	12,522	12,836	12,717	12,383	12,740
Virginia	5,742	5,646	4,938	4,765	5,627	5,569
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,041	10,690	9,892	9,637	10,685	10,895
19 State total	163,148	162,450	168,966	162,898	165,123	163,751
Percent of previous year	99	104	103	103	103	104
Other States	6,618	6,285	5,870	6,289	6,753	6,855
United States	169,766	168,735	174,836	169,187	171,876	170,606
Percent of previous year	99	104	103	103	103	104

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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