



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 12, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 12, 2016, down slightly 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 November 12, 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 November 12, 2016, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through November 12, 2016 for the United States were 7.96 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 8, 2016	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016	November 5, 2016	November 12, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,298	28,103	28,671	27,984	29,309	29,550
Arkansas	22,093	20,325	21,246	21,520	21,609	21,636
Delaware	4,599	4,806	4,510	4,936	4,971	4,962
Florida	1,225	1,220	1,223	1,210	1,223	1,148
Georgia	33,544	32,970	33,402	32,778	33,569	34,362
Kentucky	7,353	6,520	6,647	7,126	7,025	7,307
Louisiana	3,453	3,422	3,137	2,956	3,213	3,561
Maryland	7,778	8,073	7,365	8,103	7,957	7,778
Mississippi	16,639	16,869	17,458	16,896	16,259	16,815
Missouri	7,956	7,430	7,713	7,111	7,124	8,200
North Carolina	19,909	20,626	20,167	21,081	20,890	20,766
Oklahoma	6,656	7,358	6,988	7,751	7,064	7,094
Pennsylvania	4,748	4,687	4,468	4,370	4,565	4,604
South Carolina	5,150	5,259	5,429	5,460	5,142	5,422
Texas	14,870	15,442	15,348	15,066	15,052	15,630
Virginia	6,110	6,437	6,431	6,057	6,379	6,447
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,660	11,294	11,348	11,731	11,299	11,762
19 State total	202,041	200,841	201,551	202,136	202,650	207,044
Percent of previous year	103	105	103	103	103	100
Other States	8,496	8,380	8,114	8,516	8,187	8,497
United States	210,537	209,221	209,665	210,652	210,837	215,541
Percent of previous year	103	105	103	103	103	100

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

State	Week ending					
	October 8, 2016	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016	November 5, 2016	November 12, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,006	21,452	20,927	21,741	20,960	21,375
Arkansas	18,641	21,136	20,786	20,077	19,954	20,262
Delaware	4,193	5,572	3,640	5,458	5,303	5,279
Florida	1,502	1,494	1,451	1,196	1,198	1,353
Georgia	26,007	27,488	25,501	26,010	26,637	27,195
Kentucky	4,932	6,100	5,934	5,667	4,564	5,266
Louisiana	2,959	2,985	2,590	3,097	3,042	2,801
Maryland	5,910	5,772	7,920	4,996	5,939	4,655
Mississippi	14,793	15,204	14,030	13,417	13,715	14,563
Missouri	5,592	5,291	5,436	6,493	5,526	4,875
North Carolina	15,117	16,706	15,043	15,836	16,409	16,569
Oklahoma	4,993	4,584	3,763	3,603	3,394	4,384
Pennsylvania	3,601	2,853	3,637	3,707	3,790	3,533
South Carolina	4,315	4,337	5,126	4,973	4,425	4,316
Texas	12,522	12,836	12,717	12,383	12,709	12,798
Virginia	5,646	5,274	4,749	5,621	5,560	5,709
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,690	9,892	9,637	10,685	10,895	9,982
19 State total	162,419	168,976	162,887	164,960	164,020	164,915
Percent of previous year	104	103	103	102	104	103
Other States	6,285	5,870	6,289	6,753	6,876	6,593
United States	168,704	174,846	169,176	171,713	170,896	171,508
Percent of previous year	104	103	103	103	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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