



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 9, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 9, 2016, down 1 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 9, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 9, 2016, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through April 9, 2016 for the United States were 2.48 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					
	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,684	29,248	28,963	28,737	28,279	28,175
Arkansas .....	22,516	22,784	22,319	21,817	22,593	22,567
Delaware .....	4,838	4,965	4,938	4,926	4,916	4,928
Florida .....	1,217	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,413	34,950	34,590	34,879	34,719	34,612
Kentucky .....	7,816	7,633	7,423	7,511	7,707	7,866
Louisiana .....	3,651	3,605	3,453	3,378	3,606	3,742
Maryland .....	7,575	7,564	7,992	7,614	7,772	7,275
Mississippi .....	17,881	17,732	17,607	17,354	18,045	17,987
Missouri .....	7,984	7,992	7,962	8,094	7,398	7,725
North Carolina .....	21,223	21,345	21,121	21,263	20,376	20,962
Oklahoma .....	6,712	6,638	6,876	6,730	7,057	6,769
Pennsylvania .....	4,628	4,706	4,898	4,727	4,662	4,651
South Carolina .....	5,467	5,010	5,505	5,575	5,180	5,604
Texas .....	15,541	15,384	15,712	15,415	15,660	15,548
Virginia .....	6,745	6,510	6,378	6,334	6,402	6,556
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,354	12,988	12,310	12,109	12,276	12,597
19 State total .....	209,245	210,279	209,272	207,687	207,873	208,789
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	102	100	99	99
Other States .....	8,505	8,378	8,689	8,499	8,048	8,119
United States .....	217,750	218,657	217,961	216,186	215,921	216,908
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	102	100	99	99

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

State	Week ending					
	March 5, 2016	March 12, 2016	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,527	21,679	21,356	21,062	21,823	21,654
Arkansas .....	19,126	20,995	21,011	19,134	20,728	21,453
Delaware .....	4,766	5,190	5,854	7,024	5,532	4,892
Florida .....	1,145	1,175	1,131	973	1,133	1,359
Georgia .....	28,000	27,474	27,860	27,814	27,510	27,306
Kentucky .....	6,557	6,089	6,076	6,426	6,475	6,096
Louisiana .....	3,271	3,044	3,183	3,160	3,210	3,083
Maryland .....	6,310	6,114	5,990	5,135	6,497	7,326
Mississippi .....	15,160	14,703	14,946	15,032	14,821	14,660
Missouri .....	6,629	5,673	6,104	6,032	5,628	5,514
North Carolina .....	16,609	16,896	16,738	16,359	17,035	17,072
Oklahoma .....	4,372	3,363	3,366	5,779	4,588	4,042
Pennsylvania .....	3,791	3,772	3,475	3,621	3,646	3,758
South Carolina .....	4,972	5,201	4,735	4,857	4,430	4,651
Texas .....	12,764	13,029	12,690	12,631	12,610	12,911
Virginia .....	5,628	5,428	5,137	5,183	5,288	5,163
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,827	10,271	11,408	11,228	11,719	11,144
19 State total .....	170,454	170,096	171,060	171,450	172,673	172,084
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	102	103	102
Other States .....	6,566	6,685	6,538	6,811	6,492	7,233
United States .....	177,020	176,781	177,598	178,261	179,165	179,317
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	102	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.

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**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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