



# 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 May 14, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 14, 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 14, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 14, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through May 14, 2016 for the United States were 3.37 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					
	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,070	27,892	28,655	28,833	28,972	28,354
Arkansas .....	22,329	22,262	22,036	22,000	22,520	22,754
Delaware .....	4,950	4,984	4,892	5,071	5,105	5,066
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,684	35,213	34,589	34,061	33,888	34,472
Kentucky .....	7,866	7,892	8,090	7,623	8,345	6,798
Louisiana .....	3,742	3,772	3,695	3,695	3,712	3,620
Maryland .....	7,273	8,123	8,174	8,091	8,099	7,879
Mississippi .....	17,987	17,679	18,120	18,032	17,975	17,832
Missouri .....	7,725	8,117	7,526	7,852	7,400	7,627
North Carolina .....	21,235	20,889	20,694	19,994	20,661	20,920
Oklahoma .....	6,769	6,576	6,749	6,851	6,581	6,826
Pennsylvania .....	4,657	4,846	4,651	4,762	4,506	4,693
South Carolina .....	5,614	5,529	5,353	5,500	5,578	5,529
Texas .....	15,548	15,425	15,661	15,503	15,617	15,701
Virginia .....	6,556	6,571	6,587	6,604	6,634	6,631
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,639	10,573	12,086	12,195	12,484	12,527
19 State total .....	208,869	207,568	208,783	207,892	209,302	208,454
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	101	99	99	99
Other States .....	8,234	8,299	8,758	8,838	8,192	8,415
United States .....	217,103	215,867	217,541	216,730	217,494	216,869
Percent of previous year .....	99	99	101	99	99	99

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

State	Week ending					
	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016	April 30, 2016	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,653	21,558	20,443	20,843	20,980	20,574
Arkansas .....	21,453	19,699	20,547	20,458	20,743	19,694
Delaware .....	4,969	4,374	4,731	4,505	5,321	5,185
Florida .....	1,359	1,155	1,142	1,137	1,138	1,141
Georgia .....	27,304	27,698	28,369	27,976	28,464	28,488
Kentucky .....	6,096	6,123	6,204	6,384	6,182	6,865
Louisiana .....	3,083	2,980	3,069	3,185	3,251	3,246
Maryland .....	7,155	6,087	6,978	7,350	6,281	6,404
Mississippi .....	14,759	14,541	15,191	15,038	14,704	15,155
Missouri .....	5,514	5,568	5,512	6,041	5,947	5,953
North Carolina .....	17,049	17,539	17,115	16,895	16,511	16,438
Oklahoma .....	4,042	4,690	4,588	3,906	4,212	4,211
Pennsylvania .....	3,816	3,630	3,521	3,632	3,749	3,586
South Carolina .....	4,654	4,899	5,055	4,642	5,228	5,025
Texas .....	12,876	12,740	12,942	12,779	12,707	13,049
Virginia .....	5,250	5,780	4,790	5,537	5,518	5,832
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,059	11,105	11,000	11,185	9,621	10,882
19 State total .....	172,091	170,166	171,197	171,493	170,557	171,728
Percent of previous year .....	102	99	99	99	99	100
Other States .....	7,277	7,082	6,923	6,627	6,909	6,726
United States .....	179,368	177,248	178,120	178,120	177,466	178,454
Percent of previous year .....	103	100	100	99	99	100

## 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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