



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 2, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 2, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 2, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 2, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through July 2, 2016 for the United States were 4.63 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					
	May 28, 2016	June 4, 2016	June 11, 2016	June 18, 2016	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,582	28,178	28,248	28,095	28,162	28,307
Arkansas	22,596	22,419	22,706	22,068	21,255	21,476
Delaware	5,058	5,225	5,078	5,104	5,080	4,944
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,221	1,145	1,224
Georgia	34,732	34,723	34,923	34,754	35,097	34,586
Kentucky	7,934	7,776	7,911	7,927	7,637	7,058
Louisiana	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,591	3,500
Maryland	8,138	8,067	8,075	8,080	8,081	7,974
Mississippi	18,272	18,138	18,422	17,635	17,993	18,560
Missouri	8,059	7,810	7,811	7,809	7,841	7,466
North Carolina	21,458	21,080	20,853	20,913	20,306	19,690
Oklahoma	6,582	6,541	7,216	6,972	7,025	7,338
Pennsylvania	4,710	4,623	4,513	4,636	4,649	4,606
South Carolina	5,581	5,354	5,402	5,529	5,460	5,489
Texas	16,031	16,020	16,064	15,162	15,518	15,489
Virginia	6,570	6,577	6,549	6,554	6,529	6,588
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,896	12,375	12,029	12,256	11,758	12,154
19 State total	211,075	209,782	210,676	208,366	207,127	206,449
Percent of previous year	100	99	101	99	99	100
Other States	8,614	8,367	8,314	8,483	8,662	8,730
United States	219,689	218,149	218,990	216,849	215,789	215,179
Percent of previous year	100	99	101	99	99	100

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

State	Week ending					
	May 28, 2016	June 4, 2016	June 11, 2016	June 18, 2016	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,934	22,322	21,516	21,295	21,047	21,678
Arkansas	21,407	20,687	20,726	20,948	20,994	20,645
Delaware	6,076	5,267	6,185	4,649	4,817	4,024
Florida	1,052	1,071	1,369	1,215	1,211	1,198
Georgia	27,507	27,373	27,212	28,205	28,053	27,905
Kentucky	6,956	5,703	5,754	6,294	6,265	6,652
Louisiana	3,311	3,252	3,243	3,202	3,252	3,239
Maryland	5,835	6,673	5,192	6,674	6,609	7,829
Mississippi	15,315	15,314	15,320	15,266	15,105	15,035
Missouri	5,461	5,942	5,718	6,049	5,820	6,252
North Carolina	17,451	17,109	17,409	17,456	16,645	16,423
Oklahoma	3,528	4,359	4,123	4,370	4,095	4,645
Pennsylvania	3,546	3,652	3,633	3,869	3,657	3,547
South Carolina	4,543	3,890	5,456	5,203	5,106	5,223
Texas	12,764	12,883	13,128	13,007	12,975	13,157
Virginia	5,640	5,485	5,526	5,728	5,785	5,336
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,753	11,068	11,850	10,922	11,006	10,631
19 State total	173,079	172,050	173,360	174,352	172,442	173,419
Percent of previous year	100	99	100	100	99	101
Other States	6,535	6,873	7,125	6,854	6,978	6,556
United States	179,614	178,923	180,485	181,206	179,420	179,975
Percent of previous year	100	99	100	100	99	101

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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