



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 3, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 3, 2016, up 2 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 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 3, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 3, 2016, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through September 3, 2016 for the United States were 6.24 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					
	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,344	29,638	29,602	29,656	29,790	29,065
Arkansas .....	22,110	22,494	22,556	22,642	22,774	22,921
Delaware .....	4,842	4,865	4,604	4,483	4,851	4,370
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	33,882	34,825	34,228	34,547	34,429	33,912
Kentucky .....	7,368	7,726	8,132	6,286	6,977	6,428
Louisiana .....	3,440	3,500	3,500	3,470	3,500	3,282
Maryland .....	7,754	7,923	8,101	8,007	7,714	8,037
Mississippi .....	17,292	17,590	17,688	17,909	18,028	17,775
Missouri .....	7,993	7,808	7,758	7,642	8,022	8,083
North Carolina .....	20,781	19,942	20,783	20,215	20,201	20,151
Oklahoma .....	7,360	7,227	7,515	7,531	7,324	7,372
Pennsylvania .....	4,564	4,324	4,399	4,530	4,405	4,463
South Carolina .....	5,288	5,499	5,847	5,722	5,637	5,625
Texas .....	15,195	15,348	15,782	14,564	15,475	14,992
Virginia .....	6,500	6,405	6,411	6,378	6,583	6,233
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,878	11,662	11,037	12,360	11,864	11,798
19 State total .....	206,816	208,001	209,165	207,167	208,799	205,732
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	102	101	102	102
Other States .....	8,440	8,478	8,596	8,599	8,498	8,723
United States .....	215,256	216,479	217,761	215,766	217,297	214,455
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	102	101	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016	September 3, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,218	21,868	21,720	22,004	22,268	22,283
Arkansas .....	20,760	21,320	20,847	20,922	21,142	22,200
Delaware .....	5,312	4,186	5,416	5,296	5,180	5,074
Florida .....	1,241	1,220	1,582	1,541	1,334	1,435
Georgia .....	27,833	28,380	27,185	26,840	27,516	27,069
Kentucky .....	6,220	6,088	6,407	5,430	6,353	6,503
Louisiana .....	3,134	3,104	3,095	3,007	3,052	3,044
Maryland .....	5,369	7,838	6,105	5,452	5,912	6,081
Mississippi .....	15,340	15,387	14,797	14,442	14,822	14,490
Missouri .....	6,007	6,173	5,637	6,546	6,245	5,712
North Carolina .....	17,314	16,588	17,145	16,471	16,344	16,379
Oklahoma .....	4,601	3,853	4,757	3,638	4,093	3,565
Pennsylvania .....	3,457	3,629	3,716	3,570	3,487	3,502
South Carolina .....	4,854	4,077	5,050	5,562	5,263	4,964
Texas .....	13,297	12,896	12,758	12,768	12,716	13,155
Virginia .....	6,151	4,836	4,997	5,935	5,314	5,623
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,235	10,909	10,600	10,770	10,519	10,624
19 State total .....	173,343	172,352	171,814	170,194	171,560	171,703
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	101	100	101	102
Other States .....	6,853	6,786	6,460	7,005	6,687	7,063
United States .....	180,196	179,138	178,274	177,199	178,247	178,766
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	101	100	101	102

## 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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