



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 19, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 19, 2016, up 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 19, 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 19, 2016, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through November 19, 2016 for the United States were 8.14 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 15, 2016	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016	November 5, 2016	November 12, 2016	November 19, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,103	28,671	27,900	29,309	29,663	29,505
Arkansas	20,325	21,233	21,502	21,616	21,852	22,842
Delaware	4,806	4,510	4,936	4,971	4,966	4,999
Florida	1,220	1,223	1,210	1,223	1,148	1,187
Georgia	32,970	33,402	32,990	33,569	34,372	34,166
Kentucky	6,520	6,647	7,126	7,025	7,516	7,719
Louisiana	3,422	3,137	2,956	3,213	3,561	3,485
Maryland	8,073	7,365	8,103	7,957	7,778	7,822
Mississippi	16,869	17,458	16,896	16,259	16,815	17,389
Missouri	7,430	7,713	7,111	7,124	8,200	8,186
North Carolina	20,626	20,167	21,081	20,890	20,939	21,347
Oklahoma	7,358	6,988	7,751	7,064	7,269	7,587
Pennsylvania	4,687	4,468	4,370	4,702	4,481	4,583
South Carolina	5,259	5,429	5,460	5,142	5,686	5,539
Texas	15,442	15,348	15,066	15,052	15,771	15,647
Virginia	6,437	6,431	6,057	6,379	6,447	6,479
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,294	11,348	11,731	11,298	11,660	11,490
19 State total	200,841	201,538	202,246	202,793	208,124	209,972
Percent of previous year	105	103	103	103	100	101
Other States	8,380	8,114	8,516	8,187	8,604	8,865
United States	209,221	209,652	210,762	210,980	216,728	218,837
Percent of previous year	105	103	103	103	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	October 15, 2016	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016	November 5, 2016	November 12, 2016	November 19, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,452	20,927	21,741	20,960	21,253	20,666
Arkansas	21,136	20,763	20,053	19,920	20,481	20,748
Delaware	5,572	3,640	5,458	5,303	4,919	5,460
Florida	1,494	1,451	1,196	1,198	1,354	1,256
Georgia	27,488	25,501	26,010	26,637	27,182	26,150
Kentucky	6,100	5,934	5,667	4,564	5,266	5,663
Louisiana	2,985	2,590	3,097	3,042	2,801	2,627
Maryland	5,772	7,920	4,996	5,939	5,014	5,794
Mississippi	15,204	14,030	13,417	13,715	14,330	14,189
Missouri	5,291	5,436	6,493	5,526	4,875	5,329
North Carolina	16,706	15,043	15,836	16,409	16,508	17,212
Oklahoma	4,584	3,789	3,615	3,429	4,378	3,640
Pennsylvania	2,853	3,637	3,707	3,787	3,586	3,526
South Carolina	4,337	5,126	4,973	4,425	4,316	4,552
Texas	12,836	12,717	12,383	12,709	12,775	12,628
Virginia	5,274	4,749	5,621	5,542	5,808	5,318
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,892	9,637	10,685	10,895	9,956	10,411
19 State total	168,976	162,890	164,948	164,000	164,802	165,169
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	104	103	103
Other States	5,870	6,289	6,753	6,876	6,595	6,843
United States	174,846	169,179	171,701	170,876	171,397	172,012
Percent of previous year	103	103	103	104	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.

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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