



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 26, 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 26, 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 26, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 26, 2016, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through November 26, 2016 for the United States were 8.31 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 22, 2016	October 29, 2016	November 5, 2016	November 12, 2016	November 19, 2016	November 26, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,671	27,900	29,352	29,721	29,359	29,819
Arkansas	21,233	21,502	21,616	21,852	22,842	23,125
Delaware	4,510	4,936	4,971	4,966	4,999	4,936
Florida	1,223	1,210	1,223	1,148	1,187	1,205
Georgia	33,402	32,990	33,569	34,372	34,380	34,749
Kentucky	6,647	7,126	7,025	7,516	7,719	7,534
Louisiana	3,137	2,956	3,213	3,561	3,485	3,667
Maryland	7,365	8,103	7,957	7,778	8,078	7,930
Mississippi	17,458	16,896	16,259	16,815	17,540	17,340
Missouri	7,713	7,111	7,124	8,200	8,186	8,186
North Carolina	20,167	21,081	20,890	20,939	21,360	20,804
Oklahoma	6,988	7,751	7,373	7,269	7,587	7,389
Pennsylvania	4,468	4,370	4,702	4,481	4,707	4,528
South Carolina	5,536	5,460	5,195	5,764	5,582	5,521
Texas	15,348	15,066	15,052	15,771	15,511	15,581
Virginia	6,431	6,057	6,379	6,447	6,479	6,435
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,348	11,926	11,476	11,660	11,590	11,657
19 State total	201,645	202,441	203,376	208,260	210,591	210,406
Percent of previous year	103	103	104	100	101	101
Other States	8,114	8,516	8,193	8,604	8,865	8,692
United States	209,759	210,957	211,569	216,864	219,456	219,098
Percent of previous year	103	103	104	101	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	October 22, 2016	October 29, 2016	November 5, 2016	November 12, 2016	November 19, 2016	November 26, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,927	21,741	20,958	20,938	20,320	21,842
Arkansas	20,763	20,053	19,920	20,481	20,748	20,163
Delaware	3,640	5,458	5,303	4,919	5,785	5,630
Florida	1,451	1,196	1,198	1,354	1,256	1,219
Georgia	25,501	26,010	26,637	27,182	26,180	26,225
Kentucky	5,934	5,667	4,564	5,266	5,658	6,041
Louisiana	2,590	3,097	3,042	2,801	2,627	2,865
Maryland	7,920	4,996	5,939	5,014	5,892	6,289
Mississippi	14,030	13,417	13,715	14,614	14,503	13,778
Missouri	5,436	6,493	5,526	4,875	5,329	5,456
North Carolina	15,043	15,836	16,409	16,508	16,907	16,272
Oklahoma	3,789	3,615	3,429	4,378	3,645	4,322
Pennsylvania	3,637	3,707	3,787	3,586	3,571	3,890
South Carolina	5,126	4,973	4,399	4,407	4,754	4,965
Texas	12,717	12,383	12,709	12,775	12,629	12,476
Virginia	4,749	5,621	5,542	5,808	5,010	5,524
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,637	10,685	10,895	9,956	10,574	10,506
19 State total	162,890	164,948	163,972	164,862	165,388	167,463
Percent of previous year	103	102	104	103	103	103
Other States	6,289	6,753	6,876	6,595	6,907	6,449
United States	169,179	171,701	170,848	171,457	172,295	173,912
Percent of previous year	103	103	104	103	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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