



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 10, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 10, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 10, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 10, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through December 10, 2016 for the United States were 8.67 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					
	November 5, 2016	November 12, 2016	November 19, 2016	November 26, 2016	December 3, 2016	December 10, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,352	29,721	29,359	29,835	29,891	29,765
Arkansas	21,616	21,852	22,842	22,961	22,651	22,682
Delaware	4,971	4,966	4,999	4,932	5,052	5,100
Florida	1,223	1,148	1,187	1,205	1,220	1,224
Georgia	33,569	34,372	34,168	34,749	34,266	33,808
Kentucky	7,025	7,516	7,719	7,613	7,689	7,671
Louisiana	3,213	3,470	3,485	3,667	3,833	3,833
Maryland	7,957	7,778	8,078	7,930	8,065	8,049
Mississippi	16,471	16,815	17,540	17,339	17,373	17,346
Missouri	7,124	8,200	8,186	8,186	8,171	8,167
North Carolina	20,890	20,881	21,360	20,666	20,727	20,725
Oklahoma	7,373	7,269	7,587	7,389	7,404	7,468
Pennsylvania	4,702	4,481	4,518	4,652	4,801	4,564
South Carolina	5,195	5,764	5,582	5,521	5,539	5,473
Texas	15,052	15,771	15,511	15,763	15,803	15,935
Virginia	6,379	6,447	6,479	6,435	6,474	6,504
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,000	11,838	12,048	12,092	12,046	11,778
19 State total	204,112	208,289	210,648	210,935	211,005	210,092
Percent of previous year	104	100	101	101	104	101
Other States	8,423	8,739	8,920	8,964	8,825	8,768
United States	212,535	217,028	219,568	219,899	219,830	218,860
Percent of previous year	104	101	101	102	105	102

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

State	Week ending					
	November 5, 2016	November 12, 2016	November 19, 2016	November 26, 2016	December 3, 2016	December 10, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,958	20,938	20,320	21,848	22,475	21,766
Arkansas	19,920	20,481	20,748	20,198	20,260	20,802
Delaware	5,303	4,919	5,785	5,452	5,278	5,875
Florida	1,199	1,355	1,257	1,218	1,287	1,173
Georgia	26,323	27,182	26,180	26,230	27,223	27,304
Kentucky	4,564	5,266	5,658	6,041	5,654	6,211
Louisiana	3,042	2,797	2,627	2,865	2,994	3,041
Maryland	5,939	5,014	5,892	6,606	6,324	5,744
Mississippi	13,715	14,614	14,503	13,863	14,079	14,683
Missouri	5,513	4,862	5,316	5,442	5,904	6,600
North Carolina	16,409	16,508	16,907	16,212	16,238	16,430
Oklahoma	3,429	4,378	3,645	4,246	4,883	3,968
Pennsylvania	3,787	3,586	3,597	3,966	3,716	3,588
South Carolina	4,543	4,407	4,754	4,964	5,558	5,424
Texas	12,711	12,776	12,632	12,478	12,976	13,050
Virginia	5,542	5,808	5,022	5,524	5,276	5,858
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,569	9,842	10,655	11,001	10,452	10,794
19 State total	164,466	164,733	165,498	168,154	170,577	172,311
Percent of previous year	105	103	103	103	100	101
Other States	6,712	6,700	6,967	6,665	6,943	6,943
United States	171,178	171,433	172,465	174,819	177,520	179,254
Percent of previous year	105	103	103	104	101	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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