



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 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 24, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 24, 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 24, 2016, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 24, 2016, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through December 24, 2016 for the United States were 9.03 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 19, 2016	November 26, 2016	December 3, 2016	December 10, 2016	December 17, 2016	December 24, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,359	29,835	29,741	30,008	29,998	29,670
Arkansas	22,853	22,973	22,611	22,637	22,760	22,211
Delaware	4,999	5,035	5,052	5,101	5,054	4,945
Florida	1,187	1,205	1,220	1,224	1,193	1,207
Georgia	34,168	34,749	34,467	33,803	34,335	34,526
Kentucky	7,719	7,613	7,689	7,671	7,396	7,415
Louisiana	3,485	3,667	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,848
Maryland	8,152	7,930	8,065	8,086	8,140	8,137
Mississippi	17,540	17,339	17,373	17,571	17,586	17,570
Missouri	8,186	8,186	8,171	8,167	8,157	8,170
North Carolina	21,360	20,666	20,727	20,792	20,772	21,179
Oklahoma	7,587	7,389	7,404	7,482	7,619	7,692
Pennsylvania	4,518	4,788	4,933	4,571	4,704	4,680
South Carolina	5,582	5,521	5,540	5,455	5,754	5,757
Texas	15,511	15,763	15,803	15,946	15,944	16,016
Virginia	6,479	6,435	6,474	6,504	6,498	6,505
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,048	12,143	12,046	11,803	12,138	12,247
19 State total	210,733	211,237	211,149	210,654	211,881	211,775
Percent of previous year	101	101	104	102	101	102
Other States	8,920	8,925	8,825	8,870	8,940	8,658
United States	219,653	220,162	219,974	219,524	220,821	220,433
Percent of previous year	101	102	105	102	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	November 19, 2016	November 26, 2016	December 3, 2016	December 10, 2016	December 17, 2016	December 24, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,320	21,848	22,408	21,840	21,677	22,439
Arkansas	20,679	20,185	20,240	20,824	21,875	21,173
Delaware	5,675	5,452	5,278	5,345	5,488	5,342
Florida	1,257	1,218	1,307	1,278	1,331	1,341
Georgia	26,180	26,230	27,223	27,317	28,869	27,368
Kentucky	5,658	6,041	5,654	6,211	6,288	6,473
Louisiana	2,627	2,865	2,994	3,041	3,191	3,262
Maryland	6,042	6,606	6,324	6,285	5,794	6,706
Mississippi	14,503	13,863	14,079	14,778	14,582	14,668
Missouri	5,316	5,442	5,904	6,600	6,039	5,821
North Carolina	16,907	16,212	16,232	16,348	16,045	16,078
Oklahoma	3,709	4,275	4,906	3,963	3,851	4,600
Pennsylvania	3,597	4,003	3,813	3,509	3,740	3,756
South Carolina	4,754	4,964	5,562	5,421	3,988	4,386
Texas	12,632	12,478	12,976	13,053	13,111	12,997
Virginia	4,932	5,487	5,301	5,855	6,322	5,466
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,655	11,032	10,452	10,800	10,414	10,980
19 State total	165,443	168,201	170,653	172,468	172,605	172,856
Percent of previous year	103	103	100	101	101	104
Other States	6,967	6,665	6,942	6,936	7,017	6,970
United States	172,410	174,866	177,595	179,404	179,622	179,826
Percent of previous year	103	104	101	101	101	104

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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