



# 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 January 21, 2017, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 21, 2017, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 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 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 21, 2017, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 21, 2017, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through January 21, 2017 for the United States were 537 million. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Week ending					
	December 17, 2016	December 24, 2016	December 31, 2016	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017	January 21, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,943	29,589	29,787	29,687	29,657	29,875
Arkansas .....	22,760	22,314	22,734	22,413	20,821	21,940
Delaware .....	5,054	4,926	5,003	5,089	4,893	4,859
Florida .....	1,193	1,207	1,021	1,175	1,022	954
Georgia .....	34,335	34,521	34,245	34,014	34,758	34,576
Kentucky .....	7,396	7,448	7,167	7,245	7,390	7,582
Louisiana .....	3,833	3,848	3,788	3,348	3,439	3,349
Maryland .....	8,194	8,196	8,195	8,193	8,190	8,185
Mississippi .....	17,586	17,525	17,788	17,495	17,390	16,987
Missouri .....	8,157	8,169	7,960	8,101	8,105	7,916
North Carolina .....	20,772	20,849	21,327	21,488	21,626	21,347
Oklahoma .....	7,619	7,435	7,831	7,737	7,637	7,763
Pennsylvania .....	4,704	4,741	4,688	4,539	4,492	4,644
South Carolina .....	5,754	5,514	5,712	5,655	5,357	5,406
Texas .....	15,944	15,806	15,799	16,025	16,042	15,798
Virginia .....	6,498	6,505	6,487	6,513	6,512	6,503
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,055	11,971	12,136	12,375	11,741	12,507
19 State total .....	211,797	210,564	211,668	211,092	209,072	210,191
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	103	102	100	101
Other States .....	8,824	8,643	8,662	8,595	8,657	8,763
United States .....	220,621	219,207	220,330	219,687	217,729	218,954
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	104	102	101	101

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Week ending					
	December 17, 2016	December 24, 2016	December 31, 2016	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017	January 21, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,677	22,403	22,788	22,267	21,043	21,752
Arkansas .....	21,875	20,939	21,701	21,308	19,909	22,489
Delaware .....	5,163	4,389	4,704	6,129	5,581	5,531
Florida .....	1,331	1,341	1,161	1,376	1,202	1,283
Georgia .....	28,869	27,446	26,447	27,464	27,919	26,239
Kentucky .....	6,288	6,347	5,955	5,681	5,639	5,638
Louisiana .....	3,191	3,262	3,290	3,262	3,324	3,321
Maryland .....	6,066	7,914	7,773	5,584	6,285	6,082
Mississippi .....	14,582	14,565	14,668	14,746	15,001	15,271
Missouri .....	6,039	5,942	5,781	5,915	5,887	5,556
North Carolina .....	16,045	16,175	16,606	16,744	16,765	17,091
Oklahoma .....	3,851	4,647	4,092	4,333	5,411	3,691
Pennsylvania .....	3,740	3,760	3,691	3,794	3,698	3,676
South Carolina .....	3,992	4,500	4,773	4,623	4,709	4,844
Texas .....	13,111	12,927	13,015	13,206	12,795	12,894
Virginia .....	6,415	4,983	4,601	5,609	5,329	5,904
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,177	10,893	11,122	10,408	11,387	11,585
19 State total .....	172,412	172,433	172,168	172,449	171,884	172,847
Percent of previous year .....	101	104	101	101	101	103
Other States .....	7,020	6,898	7,191	7,055	6,387	6,692
United States .....	179,432	179,331	179,359	179,504	178,271	179,539
Percent of previous year .....	101	104	102	101	101	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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