



# 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 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 28, 2017, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 28, 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 28, 2017, up 1 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 28, 2017, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through January 28, 2017 for the United States were 716 million. Cumulative placements were up 1 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 24, 2016	December 31, 2016	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017	January 21, 2017	January 28, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,589	29,787	29,775	29,657	29,860	29,901
Arkansas .....	22,314	22,734	22,413	20,821	22,104	22,751
Delaware .....	4,926	5,003	5,089	4,893	4,859	4,977
Florida .....	1,207	1,021	1,175	1,022	954	1,034
Georgia .....	34,521	34,245	34,086	34,758	34,576	34,344
Kentucky .....	7,448	7,167	7,245	7,390	7,582	7,775
Louisiana .....	3,848	3,788	3,348	3,439	3,651	2,350
Maryland .....	8,196	8,195	8,193	8,190	8,185	8,182
Mississippi .....	17,525	17,788	17,495	17,390	16,988	17,234
Missouri .....	8,169	7,960	8,101	8,105	7,916	8,086
North Carolina .....	20,849	21,327	21,488	21,626	21,347	21,788
Oklahoma .....	7,435	7,831	7,737	7,637	7,763	7,665
Pennsylvania .....	4,741	4,688	4,539	4,492	4,621	4,804
South Carolina .....	5,514	5,712	5,655	5,357	5,406	5,332
Texas .....	15,806	15,799	16,025	16,042	15,798	15,788
Virginia .....	6,505	6,487	6,513	6,512	6,503	6,519
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,971	12,136	12,335	11,741	12,505	12,073
19 State total .....	210,564	211,668	211,212	209,072	210,618	210,603
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	102	100	101	101
Other States .....	8,643	8,662	8,615	8,657	8,808	8,988
United States .....	219,207	220,330	219,827	217,729	219,426	219,591
Percent of previous year .....	102	104	102	101	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	December 24, 2016	December 31, 2016	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017	January 21, 2017	January 28, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,403	22,788	22,267	21,043	21,762	22,130
Arkansas .....	20,939	21,701	21,308	19,909	22,424	21,360
Delaware .....	4,389	4,704	6,129	5,581	5,531	5,205
Florida .....	1,341	1,161	1,376	1,202	1,283	1,352
Georgia .....	27,446	26,447	27,464	27,919	26,237	26,715
Kentucky .....	6,347	5,955	5,681	5,639	5,640	6,064
Louisiana .....	3,262	3,290	3,262	3,324	3,275	3,057
Maryland .....	7,914	7,773	5,584	6,285	6,082	6,728
Mississippi .....	14,565	14,668	14,746	15,001	15,306	15,196
Missouri .....	5,942	5,781	5,915	5,887	5,556	6,654
North Carolina .....	16,175	16,606	16,744	16,745	17,067	16,687
Oklahoma .....	4,647	4,092	4,333	5,411	3,691	3,319
Pennsylvania .....	3,760	3,691	3,794	3,698	3,652	3,662
South Carolina .....	4,500	4,773	4,623	4,709	4,844	5,300
Texas .....	12,927	13,015	13,206	12,795	12,883	13,018
Virginia .....	4,983	4,601	5,609	5,329	5,862	5,352
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,893	11,122	10,408	11,387	11,583	10,774
19 State total .....	172,433	172,168	172,449	171,864	172,678	172,573
Percent of previous year .....	104	101	101	101	103	101
Other States .....	6,898	7,191	7,055	6,387	6,669	6,694
United States .....	179,331	179,359	179,504	178,251	179,347	179,267
Percent of previous year .....	104	102	101	101	103	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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