



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 February 4, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 4, 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 4, 2017, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 4, 2017, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through February 4, 2017 for the United States were 894 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 31, 2016	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017	January 21, 2017	January 28, 2017	February 4, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,787	29,775	29,745	29,860	29,901	29,735
Arkansas	22,734	22,413	20,821	22,104	22,751	22,763
Delaware	5,003	5,089	4,893	4,859	4,977	4,964
Florida	1,021	1,175	1,022	954	1,034	1,007
Georgia	34,245	34,086	34,601	34,560	34,344	34,292
Kentucky	7,167	7,245	7,390	7,582	7,775	8,000
Louisiana	3,788	3,348	3,439	3,651	2,350	2,744
Maryland	8,195	8,193	8,190	8,185	8,182	8,186
Mississippi	17,788	17,495	17,390	16,988	17,457	17,171
Missouri	7,960	8,101	8,105	7,916	8,086	8,152
North Carolina	21,327	21,488	21,626	21,347	21,785	21,348
Oklahoma	7,831	7,737	7,637	7,763	7,665	7,790
Pennsylvania	4,688	4,539	4,492	4,558	4,865	4,691
South Carolina	5,712	5,655	5,357	5,406	5,332	5,328
Texas	15,799	16,025	16,042	15,798	16,032	15,806
Virginia	6,487	6,513	6,512	6,503	6,519	6,519
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,136	12,335	11,741	12,505	12,073	11,557
19 State total	211,668	211,212	209,003	210,539	211,128	210,053
Percent of previous year	103	102	100	101	101	101
Other States	8,771	8,703	8,839	9,002	8,988	8,962
United States	220,439	219,915	217,842	219,541	220,116	219,015
Percent of previous year	104	102	101	101	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	December 31, 2016	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017	January 21, 2017	January 28, 2017	February 4, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,788	22,267	21,043	21,753	22,125	21,644
Arkansas	21,701	21,308	19,909	22,424	21,336	20,565
Delaware	4,704	6,129	5,581	5,531	5,205	5,123
Florida	1,161	1,377	1,203	1,283	1,351	1,260
Georgia	26,447	27,464	27,883	26,277	26,730	27,829
Kentucky	5,955	5,681	5,639	5,640	6,068	6,002
Louisiana	3,290	3,262	3,324	3,275	3,057	3,085
Maryland	7,773	5,584	6,285	6,082	6,728	6,256
Mississippi	14,668	14,746	15,001	15,307	15,146	14,694
Missouri	5,765	5,901	5,876	5,544	6,654	5,577
North Carolina	16,606	16,744	16,745	17,067	16,675	16,388
Oklahoma	4,092	4,333	5,412	3,691	3,319	3,770
Pennsylvania	3,691	3,795	3,698	3,666	3,598	3,708
South Carolina	4,773	4,623	4,646	4,845	5,300	5,331
Texas	13,015	13,208	12,796	12,885	12,986	13,173
Virginia	4,601	5,609	5,329	5,863	5,391	5,796
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,122	10,409	11,388	11,584	10,774	10,193
19 State total	172,152	172,440	171,758	172,717	172,443	170,394
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	103	101	101
Other States	7,063	6,978	6,519	6,770	6,699	7,011
United States	179,215	179,418	178,277	179,487	179,142	177,405
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	103	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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