



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 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 11, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 11, 2017, up 2 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 February 11, 2017, 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 February 11, 2017, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through February 11, 2017 for the United States were 1.07 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017	January 21, 2017	January 28, 2017	February 4, 2017	February 11, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,775	29,745	29,860	29,901	29,735	29,858
Arkansas	22,413	20,821	22,716	22,751	23,376	23,090
Delaware	5,089	4,893	4,859	4,977	4,924	4,910
Florida	1,175	1,022	954	1,034	1,007	1,037
Georgia	34,086	34,601	34,560	34,344	34,292	34,949
Kentucky	7,245	7,390	7,582	7,775	8,000	8,059
Louisiana	3,348	3,439	3,651	2,350	2,744	3,682
Maryland	8,193	8,190	8,185	8,198	8,217	7,670
Mississippi	17,495	17,390	16,988	17,457	16,990	17,523
Missouri	8,101	8,105	7,916	8,086	8,152	8,152
North Carolina	21,488	21,626	21,347	21,814	21,378	21,345
Oklahoma	7,737	7,637	7,763	7,665	7,790	7,641
Pennsylvania	4,539	4,492	4,558	4,865	4,695	4,548
South Carolina	5,655	5,357	5,406	5,332	5,328	5,317
Texas	16,025	16,042	15,798	16,032	15,806	16,081
Virginia	6,513	6,512	6,503	6,519	6,519	6,543
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,335	11,741	12,525	12,073	11,557	11,911
19 State total	211,212	209,003	211,171	211,173	210,510	212,316
Percent of previous year	102	100	101	101	102	102
Other States	8,703	8,839	8,992	8,988	8,970	8,966
United States	219,915	217,842	220,163	220,161	219,480	221,282
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	102	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017	January 21, 2017	January 28, 2017	February 4, 2017	February 11, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,267	21,043	21,753	22,125	21,650	22,153
Arkansas	21,308	19,909	22,424	21,336	20,502	22,739
Delaware	6,129	5,982	5,278	5,223	5,407	5,733
Florida	1,377	1,203	1,283	1,351	1,260	1,190
Georgia	27,464	27,883	26,277	26,730	27,844	26,810
Kentucky	5,681	5,639	5,640	6,068	6,000	6,223
Louisiana	3,262	3,324	3,275	3,057	3,085	3,197
Maryland	5,584	5,926	6,173	6,575	5,965	5,926
Mississippi	14,746	15,001	15,307	15,146	14,741	14,368
Missouri	5,901	5,876	5,544	6,654	5,577	5,367
North Carolina	16,744	16,745	17,067	16,673	16,233	16,228
Oklahoma	4,333	5,412	3,691	3,319	3,770	3,297
Pennsylvania	3,795	3,698	3,666	3,598	3,541	3,672
South Carolina	4,623	4,646	4,836	5,295	5,318	6,094
Texas	13,208	12,796	12,885	12,986	13,185	12,879
Virginia	5,609	5,305	6,054	5,490	5,755	5,418
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,409	11,388	11,584	10,774	10,260	10,823
19 State total	172,440	171,776	172,737	172,400	170,093	172,117
Percent of previous year	101	101	103	101	100	101
Other States	6,978	6,519	6,770	6,699	7,017	6,566
United States	179,418	178,295	179,507	179,099	177,110	178,683
Percent of previous year	101	101	103	101	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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