



# 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 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 23, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 23, 2016, up 1 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 Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 23, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 23, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through January 23, 2016 for the United States were 528 million. Cumulative placements were unchanged from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016	January 9, 2016	January 16, 2016	January 23, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,902	29,859	29,249	29,490	29,902	29,261
Arkansas .....	21,398	21,924	21,735	21,660	21,764	22,005
Delaware .....	4,929	4,936	4,888	4,856	4,876	4,853
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,224
Georgia .....	34,094	33,892	33,441	34,019	33,273	34,409
Kentucky .....	8,083	7,870	7,801	7,496	7,828	7,988
Louisiana .....	3,651	3,470	3,419	3,455	3,500	3,470
Maryland .....	7,773	7,980	7,777	8,118	8,113	7,796
Mississippi .....	18,360	17,535	16,942	17,798	17,692	18,125
Missouri .....	7,881	7,844	8,062	7,964	8,071	7,877
North Carolina .....	20,585	20,490	20,890	20,731	20,915	21,389
Oklahoma .....	7,237	6,660	6,752	6,689	6,962	6,738
Pennsylvania .....	4,932	4,758	4,651	4,586	4,632	4,473
South Carolina .....	5,725	5,541	5,701	5,660	5,627	5,612
Texas .....	14,603	14,937	14,522	14,557	15,237	15,207
Virginia .....	6,378	6,329	6,315	6,374	6,349	6,305
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,150	11,705	12,050	12,279	12,040	12,033
19 State total .....	208,906	206,955	205,420	206,956	208,006	208,765
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	100	101	101	101
Other States .....	7,892	8,059	7,219	8,191	7,977	7,909
United States .....	216,798	215,014	212,639	215,147	215,983	216,674
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	99	101	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015	January 2, 2016	January 9, 2016	January 16, 2016	January 23, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,424	21,106	21,587	22,584	22,745	22,369
Arkansas .....	19,440	19,105	19,067	18,792	21,043	20,540
Delaware .....	4,241	5,360	6,137	6,077	5,593	6,920
Florida .....	1,373	1,476	1,311	1,293	1,072	1,098
Georgia .....	27,491	26,182	27,462	26,306	27,244	25,339
Kentucky .....	6,209	6,292	6,119	6,051	5,731	6,295
Louisiana .....	3,050	3,117	3,291	3,164	3,042	2,994
Maryland .....	7,978	5,315	4,746	5,206	6,770	4,740
Mississippi .....	14,825	15,185	15,215	15,560	14,900	14,400
Missouri .....	6,039	5,200	5,657	6,059	6,111	6,126
North Carolina .....	16,475	16,300	16,818	16,455	16,487	16,134
Oklahoma .....	4,332	5,226	5,014	5,218	3,342	3,856
Pennsylvania .....	4,314	4,047	4,018	3,959	3,754	3,910
South Carolina .....	4,649	4,872	4,580	5,723	4,812	5,647
Texas .....	13,037	12,203	12,628	12,198	12,221	11,754
Virginia .....	4,939	5,286	5,936	5,087	4,755	5,478
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,698	10,179	10,327	11,192	10,642	10,648
19 State total .....	171,514	166,451	169,913	170,924	170,264	168,248
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	100	100	100	99
Other States .....	6,164	6,311	6,615	6,495	6,569	5,997
United States .....	177,678	172,762	176,528	177,419	176,833	174,245
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	100	101	101	99

## 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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