



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 13, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 13, 2016, down slightly 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 13, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 13, 2016, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through February 13, 2016 for the United States were 1.06 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	January 9, 2016	January 16, 2016	January 23, 2016	January 30, 2016	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,562	30,000	29,261	29,621	29,156	29,463
Arkansas	21,680	21,792	21,778	21,753	21,231	21,648
Delaware	4,843	4,807	4,803	4,741	4,816	4,802
Florida	1,224	1,225	1,224	1,175	1,220	1,220
Georgia	34,019	33,273	34,409	34,811	34,463	34,345
Kentucky	7,496	7,828	7,967	7,934	7,992	8,024
Louisiana	3,455	3,500	3,470	3,726	3,788	3,138
Maryland	8,118	8,113	7,796	7,333	7,845	7,778
Mississippi	17,798	17,692	18,125	18,051	17,933	17,948
Missouri	7,964	8,071	7,877	8,071	7,961	8,008
North Carolina	20,731	20,915	21,421	21,145	20,907	21,144
Oklahoma	6,689	6,962	6,738	7,036	6,748	7,006
Pennsylvania	4,586	4,632	4,394	4,555	4,988	4,731
South Carolina	5,764	5,735	5,612	5,539	5,421	5,576
Texas	14,557	15,237	15,200	15,231	15,396	15,272
Virginia	6,374	6,349	6,305	5,941	6,007	6,344
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,292	12,053	12,491	12,063	10,997	11,169
19 State total	207,152	208,184	208,871	208,726	206,869	207,616
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	100	100
Other States	8,261	8,049	7,979	7,896	8,139	8,040
United States	215,413	216,233	216,850	216,622	215,008	215,656
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	January 9, 2016	January 16, 2016	January 23, 2016	January 30, 2016	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,649	22,745	22,369	21,739	21,562	21,145
Arkansas	18,792	21,043	20,540	19,569	19,533	21,175
Delaware	5,201	5,365	6,439	5,725	4,248	4,969
Florida	1,320	1,072	1,098	1,283	1,238	1,143
Georgia	26,306	27,244	25,339	27,576	26,800	27,635
Kentucky	6,051	5,731	6,295	6,062	6,207	5,988
Louisiana	3,164	3,042	2,994	2,997	3,028	2,969
Maryland	6,085	6,977	5,211	6,561	7,170	6,271
Mississippi	15,560	14,900	14,400	15,142	15,043	15,239
Missouri	6,059	6,111	6,126	5,675	6,163	5,138
North Carolina	16,455	16,487	16,134	15,993	16,366	16,697
Oklahoma	5,218	3,342	3,856	4,912	4,737	3,925
Pennsylvania	3,959	3,754	3,892	3,913	3,987	3,445
South Carolina	5,742	4,840	5,680	5,152	4,549	4,949
Texas	12,198	12,221	11,754	11,852	12,332	12,569
Virginia	5,087	4,755	5,528	5,085	6,121	5,456
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,192	10,668	10,671	11,351	10,418	12,130
19 State total	171,038	170,297	168,326	170,587	169,502	170,843
Percent of previous year	101	100	99	101	100	102
Other States	6,495	6,595	6,000	6,543	6,579	6,234
United States	177,533	176,892	174,326	177,130	176,081	177,077
Percent of previous year	101	101	99	101	101	102

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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