



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 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 11, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 11, 2016, up slightly 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 11, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 11, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through June 11, 2016 for the United States were 4.09 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					
	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016	May 28, 2016	June 4, 2016	June 11, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,103	28,399	28,582	28,713	28,178	28,043
Arkansas	22,520	22,878	22,559	22,596	22,419	22,714
Delaware	5,075	5,066	4,851	5,058	5,225	5,078
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	33,641	34,535	34,900	34,732	34,723	34,923
Kentucky	8,345	6,798	8,145	7,934	7,776	7,911
Louisiana	3,712	3,620	3,682	3,651	3,651	3,651
Maryland	8,070	7,880	8,195	8,138	8,067	8,131
Mississippi	18,196	18,272	18,366	18,272	18,138	18,437
Missouri	7,400	7,627	8,083	7,789	7,810	7,811
North Carolina	20,661	20,920	21,718	21,458	21,080	20,702
Oklahoma	6,581	6,826	6,439	6,582	6,541	7,216
Pennsylvania	4,469	4,773	4,559	4,710	4,464	4,595
South Carolina	5,554	5,481	5,491	5,665	5,333	5,398
Texas	15,617	15,701	15,846	16,031	16,020	16,079
Virginia	6,634	6,631	6,576	6,570	6,550	6,549
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,754	12,470	12,225	12,072	12,375	12,029
19 State total	209,557	209,102	211,442	211,096	209,575	210,492
Percent of previous year	99	99	101	100	99	100
Other States	8,192	8,490	8,657	8,614	8,289	8,338
United States	217,749	217,592	220,099	219,710	217,864	218,830
Percent of previous year	99	99	101	100	99	101

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

State	Week ending					
	May 7, 2016	May 14, 2016	May 21, 2016	May 28, 2016	June 4, 2016	June 11, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,677	20,407	21,217	21,247	22,322	21,860
Arkansas	20,743	19,672	21,143	21,407	20,687	20,709
Delaware	5,652	5,177	6,274	6,076	5,267	5,879
Florida	1,139	1,140	1,155	1,052	1,071	1,370
Georgia	28,464	28,310	27,376	27,507	27,373	27,021
Kentucky	6,243	6,865	5,897	6,956	5,703	5,753
Louisiana	3,252	3,246	3,295	3,311	3,252	3,243
Maryland	5,950	6,110	5,353	5,835	6,674	5,438
Mississippi	15,050	15,519	15,295	14,971	15,314	14,993
Missouri	5,947	5,953	5,735	5,461	5,942	5,718
North Carolina	16,450	16,436	16,276	17,451	17,109	17,443
Oklahoma	4,212	4,211	3,437	3,528	4,359	4,135
Pennsylvania	3,802	3,629	3,780	3,546	3,663	3,638
South Carolina	5,259	5,016	5,103	4,547	3,885	5,467
Texas	12,708	13,056	12,922	12,764	12,883	13,165
Virginia	5,499	6,168	5,698	5,640	5,472	5,751
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,650	10,868	11,429	11,753	11,075	11,851
19 State total	170,697	171,783	171,385	173,052	172,051	173,434
Percent of previous year	99	100	99	100	99	100
Other States	6,856	6,654	7,211	6,535	6,869	7,118
United States	177,553	178,437	178,596	179,587	178,920	180,552
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	100	99	100

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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