



# 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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 9, 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 July 9, 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 Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 9, 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 9, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through July 9, 2016 for the United States were 4.81 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	June 4, 2016	June 11, 2016	June 18, 2016	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,178	28,248	28,095	28,162	28,394	28,068
Arkansas .....	22,419	22,706	22,068	21,551	21,593	22,573
Delaware .....	5,225	5,078	5,104	5,080	4,942	4,576
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,221	1,145	1,224	1,224
Georgia .....	34,723	34,923	34,754	35,097	34,314	34,620
Kentucky .....	7,776	7,911	7,927	7,682	7,128	7,799
Louisiana .....	3,651	3,651	3,495	3,591	3,500	3,530
Maryland .....	8,067	8,075	8,080	8,081	7,974	7,950
Mississippi .....	18,138	18,422	17,635	17,993	18,288	18,439
Missouri .....	7,810	7,811	7,809	7,841	7,466	7,676
North Carolina .....	21,080	20,853	20,913	20,415	19,508	20,717
Oklahoma .....	6,541	7,216	6,972	7,025	7,338	7,385
Pennsylvania .....	4,623	4,613	4,397	4,580	4,535	4,484
South Carolina .....	5,354	5,402	5,529	5,460	5,489	5,417
Texas .....	16,020	16,064	15,162	15,734	15,300	15,676
Virginia .....	6,577	6,549	6,554	6,529	6,597	6,593
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,375	12,029	12,112	11,714	12,218	12,314
19 State total .....	209,782	210,776	207,827	207,680	205,808	209,041
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	99	99	99	100
Other States .....	8,367	8,314	8,538	8,662	8,563	8,896
United States .....	218,149	219,090	216,365	216,342	214,371	217,937
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	99	99	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	June 4, 2016	June 11, 2016	June 18, 2016	June 25, 2016	July 2, 2016	July 9, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,322	21,516	21,235	20,989	21,667	20,723
Arkansas .....	20,687	20,726	20,948	20,922	20,623	21,012
Delaware .....	5,267	6,185	4,649	4,817	4,126	5,587
Florida .....	1,071	1,369	1,215	1,211	1,198	1,190
Georgia .....	27,373	27,212	28,206	28,054	27,922	28,084
Kentucky .....	5,703	5,754	6,294	6,265	6,653	6,262
Louisiana .....	3,252	3,243	3,202	3,252	3,239	3,114
Maryland .....	6,673	5,192	6,725	6,619	7,732	5,573
Mississippi .....	15,314	15,320	15,321	15,126	15,031	14,738
Missouri .....	5,942	5,718	6,049	5,820	6,038	5,997
North Carolina .....	17,109	17,409	17,456	16,666	16,425	16,646
Oklahoma .....	4,359	4,123	4,370	4,095	4,900	3,822
Pennsylvania .....	3,652	3,633	3,787	3,638	3,624	3,553
South Carolina .....	3,890	5,456	5,203	5,106	5,223	5,132
Texas .....	12,883	13,128	13,007	12,978	13,152	12,387
Virginia .....	5,485	5,526	5,753	5,791	5,393	5,734
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,068	11,850	10,922	11,007	10,635	11,378
19 State total .....	172,050	173,360	174,342	172,356	173,581	170,932
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	99	101	99
Other States .....	6,873	7,125	6,864	6,987	6,556	6,844
United States .....	178,923	180,485	181,206	179,343	180,137	177,776
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	99	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.

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**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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