



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 14, 2017, 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 14, 2017, up 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 14, 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 January 14, 2017, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through January 14, 2017 for the United States were 358 million. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Week ending					
	December 10, 2016	December 17, 2016	December 24, 2016	December 31, 2016	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,008	29,855	29,589	30,274	29,614	29,540
Arkansas	22,637	22,760	22,314	22,734	22,413	20,796
Delaware	5,101	5,054	4,926	5,003	5,089	4,893
Florida	1,224	1,193	1,207	1,021	1,175	1,022
Georgia	34,015	34,335	34,521	34,245	34,014	34,686
Kentucky	7,671	7,396	7,448	7,167	7,245	7,301
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,848	3,788	3,348	3,439
Maryland	8,167	8,194	8,196	8,195	8,193	8,193
Mississippi	17,571	17,586	17,525	17,788	17,495	17,375
Missouri	8,167	8,157	8,169	7,960	8,101	8,105
North Carolina	20,782	20,772	20,849	21,327	21,462	21,461
Oklahoma	7,482	7,619	7,435	7,831	7,737	7,637
Pennsylvania	4,571	4,704	4,791	4,749	4,711	4,625
South Carolina	5,455	5,754	5,514	5,712	5,655	5,361
Texas	15,946	15,944	15,806	15,799	16,025	16,105
Virginia	6,504	6,498	6,505	6,387	6,513	6,512
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,703	12,055	12,021	12,156	12,375	11,638
19 State total	210,837	211,709	210,664	212,136	211,165	208,689
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	103	102	100
Other States	8,785	8,824	8,663	8,652	8,595	8,646
United States	219,622	220,533	219,327	220,788	219,760	217,335
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	104	102	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Week ending					
	December 10, 2016	December 17, 2016	December 24, 2016	December 31, 2016	January 7, 2017	January 14, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,840	21,677	22,403	22,788	22,185	21,025
Arkansas	20,824	21,875	20,939	21,701	21,308	19,889
Delaware	5,356	5,163	4,389	4,704	6,129	5,532
Florida	1,278	1,331	1,341	1,161	1,376	1,201
Georgia	27,317	28,869	27,446	26,447	27,947	27,947
Kentucky	6,211	6,288	6,347	5,955	5,681	5,656
Louisiana	3,041	3,191	3,262	3,290	3,262	3,324
Maryland	6,313	6,066	7,914	7,773	5,582	6,335
Mississippi	14,778	14,582	14,565	14,668	14,746	15,011
Missouri	6,600	6,039	5,942	5,781	5,915	5,887
North Carolina	16,348	16,045	16,175	16,606	16,752	16,776
Oklahoma	3,963	3,851	4,647	4,092	4,333	5,411
Pennsylvania	3,509	3,740	3,783	3,651	3,744	3,720
South Carolina	5,421	3,992	4,500	4,773	4,623	4,793
Texas	13,053	13,111	12,927	13,015	13,206	12,840
Virginia	5,808	6,415	4,984	4,602	5,614	5,320
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,742	10,177	10,893	11,122	10,413	11,436
19 State total	172,402	172,412	172,457	172,129	172,333	172,103
Percent of previous year	101	101	104	101	101	101
Other States	6,936	7,020	6,920	7,195	7,063	6,445
United States	179,338	179,432	179,377	179,324	179,396	178,548
Percent of previous year	101	101	104	102	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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