



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 16, 2017, up 5 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 16, 2017, up 4 percent 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 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through September 16, 2017 for the United States were 6.72 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	August 12, 2017	August 19, 2017	August 26, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 9, 2017	September 16, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	30,384	30,065	30,217	29,395	29,249	29,510
Arkansas .....	23,527	23,810	23,707	23,768	21,726	22,522
Delaware .....	5,115	5,118	5,001	4,979	4,978	4,745
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,224
Georgia .....	35,022	34,870	35,044	34,320	34,527	34,157
Kentucky .....	7,732	7,858	7,782	7,685	6,921	6,933
Louisiana .....	2,532	3,424	3,772	3,016	3,491	3,440
Maryland .....	8,225	8,226	8,225	8,215	8,225	7,309
Mississippi .....	17,736	17,676	17,829	17,108	17,413	17,324
Missouri .....	8,452	8,315	8,298	8,300	8,285	7,585
North Carolina .....	22,385	22,175	21,471	21,310	21,164	21,203
Oklahoma .....	7,396	7,907	7,524	8,013	6,943	7,409
Pennsylvania .....	4,809	4,864	4,986	4,946	4,936	4,895
South Carolina .....	5,660	5,508	5,744	5,746	5,538	5,822
Texas .....	16,254	15,809	16,392	15,276	15,683	14,666
Virginia .....	6,432	6,573	6,456	6,299	6,503	6,528
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,283	13,090	12,216	12,055	12,260	12,271
19 State total .....	215,169	216,513	215,889	211,656	209,065	207,543
Percent of previous year .....	103	105	103	103	104	104
Other States .....	9,547	9,753	9,642	9,560	9,447	9,543
United States .....	224,716	226,266	225,531	221,216	218,512	217,086
Percent of previous year .....	103	105	104	104	105	105

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

State	Week ending					
	August 12, 2017	August 19, 2017	August 26, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 9, 2017	September 16, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	23,183	22,566	21,361	22,266	22,130	22,762
Arkansas .....	21,924	22,720	21,505	22,522	22,260	22,633
Delaware .....	5,602	5,731	4,681	3,980	5,251	4,696
Florida .....	1,261	1,341	1,327	1,319	1,280	1,165
Georgia .....	28,030	27,737	28,872	27,633	28,061	27,717
Kentucky .....	6,368	5,845	5,718	6,505	6,116	6,251
Louisiana .....	3,219	3,224	3,271	2,252	2,981	3,261
Maryland .....	6,427	6,297	6,560	7,372	6,620	6,392
Mississippi .....	15,235	15,182	14,785	15,128	14,802	15,161
Missouri .....	5,864	6,037	5,967	5,572	6,717	6,494
North Carolina .....	17,570	17,628	18,051	17,559	17,314	16,934
Oklahoma .....	4,777	3,796	5,398	4,347	3,328	3,483
Pennsylvania .....	4,001	3,951	3,754	3,856	3,894	3,963
South Carolina .....	4,471	4,822	4,109	5,619	4,933	4,652
Texas .....	13,594	13,899	13,715	13,186	12,935	13,274
Virginia .....	5,345	5,330	6,149	5,833	5,294	5,714
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,176	10,619	12,148	10,275	10,712	10,361
19 State total .....	177,047	176,725	177,371	175,224	174,628	174,913
Percent of previous year .....	103	104	103	102	102	102
Other States .....	7,367	7,374	7,331	7,202	7,758	7,504
United States .....	184,414	184,099	184,702	182,426	182,386	182,417
Percent of previous year .....	103	104	104	102	103	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.

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