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United States Poultry Value of Production and Sales Up 10 Percent

The United States combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2017 was \$42.7 billion, up 10 percent from \$38.7 billion in 2016. Of the combined total, 71 percent was from broilers, 18 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2017 was \$30.2 billion, up 17 percent from 2016. Values across the Southern Region were also up. In Georgia, the leading broiler state, value of production was up 13 percent. Values in Alabama, the fourth largest broiler-producing state, increased 16 percent. Florida values rose by 15 percent and South Carolina increased by 13 percent.

Broiler-type chicks hatched across the United States during 2017 totaled 9.62 billion, up 2 percent from 2016. Placements of broiler chicks for meat production totaled 9.38 billion during the 52 week period ending December 30, 2017, up 2 percent from the 52 week period ending December 31, 2016. Egg-type chicks hatched during 2017 totaled 582 million, down 1 percent from 2016. Georgia and Alabama ranked first and second, respectively, in eggs set, chicks hatched, and chicks placed during the year and when combined account for more than 27 percent of the U.S. total in each category.

Nationally, value of all egg production - hatching and market (table) eggs - in 2017 was \$7.55 billion, up 16 percent from \$6.51 billion in 2016. Egg production totaled 106 billion eggs, up 4 percent from 102 billion eggs produced in 2016.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, Eggs Set, and Chicks Placed — States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Broiler Chicks Hatched			Broiler Eggs Set			Broiler Chicks Placed		
	2016	2017	Percent of previous year	2016 ¹	2017 ²	Percent of previous year	2016	2017	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	1,264,630	1,286,633	102	1,508,278	1,548,164	103	1,119,718	1,138,893	102
Florida	52,809	50,268	95	63,101	61,589	98	66,986	68,672	103
Georgia.....	1,493,539	1,487,111	100	1,781,953	1,797,361	101	1,423,660	1,426,247	100
South Carolina.....	237,519	240,433	101	287,023	292,270	102	257,928	254,773	99
19 State total ³	9,106,699	9,220,147	101	10,810,043	11,094,868	103	8,857,225	9,007,063	102
United States	9,471,072	9,616,134	102	11,247,222	11,577,741	103	9,208,278	9,379,986	102

¹ January 9, 2016 through December 31, 2016

² January 7, 2017 through December 30, 2017

³ States in the weekly hatchery estimating program.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Hatchery Production 2017 Summary*, April 2018

Poultry Value of Production — States and United States: 2016 and 2017

Livestock / State	2016	2017	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)
Broilers			
Alabama.....	2,864,463	3,337,005	116
Florida.....	175,235	202,150	115
Georgia.....	3,855,500	4,375,990	113
South Carolina.....	865,562	978,602	113
United States.....	25,935,852	30,229,700	117
Eggs			
Alabama.....	367,961	349,437	95
Florida.....	110,028	112,171	102
Georgia.....	597,102	578,298	97
South Carolina.....	95,367	92,710	97
United States.....	6,514,074	7,551,021	116
Chickens			
Alabama.....	11,959.2	6,472.5	54
Florida.....	408.8	214.0	52
Georgia.....	13,493.5	7,051.8	52
South Carolina.....	1,910.1	806.5	42
United States.....	87,422.6	46,674.2	53

Source: USDA-NASS, *Poultry - Production and Value 2017 Summary*, April 2018

Broiler Value of Production — Southern Region: 2016 and 2017

Billion dollars

