



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 3, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 3, 2015, up 3 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 3, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 3, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through January 3, 2015 for the United States were 9.11 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014 and 2015

State	Week ending					
	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,528	28,570	28,714	28,214	27,757	28,313
Arkansas .....	21,509	22,102	21,961	21,201	21,989	21,765
Delaware .....	4,688	4,778	4,780	4,778	4,736	4,758
Florida .....	1,224	1,223	1,223	1,225	1,224	1,223
Georgia .....	35,094	34,283	34,278	34,884	34,472	34,512
Kentucky .....	6,943	7,877	7,962	7,961	7,942	7,942
Louisiana .....	3,726	3,710	3,834	3,622	3,848	3,848
Maryland .....	7,876	7,900	7,929	7,907	7,924	7,874
Mississippi .....	18,009	17,395	17,952	17,921	17,828	17,632
Missouri .....	8,299	8,329	8,356	8,321	8,114	8,143
North Carolina .....	21,250	20,840	20,982	21,105	20,702	20,984
Oklahoma .....	6,834	6,347	6,682	6,273	6,189	6,270
Pennsylvania .....	4,319	4,601	4,477	4,299	4,324	4,265
South Carolina .....	5,551	5,242	5,177	5,928	5,574	5,147
Texas .....	15,439	14,100	14,610	14,887	15,036	14,967
Virginia .....	6,758	6,120	6,507	6,606	6,455	6,634
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,108	11,298	12,118	12,072	12,505	11,758
19 State total .....	209,155	204,715	207,542	207,204	206,619	206,035
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	103	103	103
Other States .....	8,188	8,251	8,173	8,182	8,086	8,005
United States .....	217,343	212,966	215,715	215,386	214,705	214,040
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	103	102	103

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014 and 2015

State	Week ending					
	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,887	21,932	22,748	21,776	21,925	22,493
Arkansas .....	18,541	20,756	20,086	19,375	19,483	18,911
Delaware .....	3,806	5,714	5,162	5,102	4,775	5,786
Florida .....	1,456	1,311	1,487	1,427	1,328	1,342
Georgia .....	25,820	27,178	25,889	27,336	26,889	27,011
Kentucky .....	6,426	5,940	6,639	6,146	6,135	6,079
Louisiana .....	3,133	3,366	3,339	3,337	3,307	3,352
Maryland .....	6,818	6,174	6,434	6,061	6,496	5,918
Mississippi .....	13,974	14,797	14,962	15,052	14,415	14,985
Missouri .....	5,501	5,308	5,629	6,402	5,927	6,551
North Carolina .....	16,295	15,639	17,142	17,082	16,540	16,730
Oklahoma .....	4,482	4,216	4,521	4,146	4,980	4,831
Pennsylvania .....	3,914	3,999	3,859	3,891	4,024	3,694
South Carolina .....	4,746	5,558	5,080	4,737	5,124	4,398
Texas .....	11,110	11,889	11,989	12,278	11,329	11,759
Virginia .....	5,650	4,806	5,111	5,398	5,069	5,215
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,695	11,721	10,625	11,589	10,358	11,438
19 State total .....	163,254	170,304	170,702	171,135	168,104	170,493
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	103	102	104
Other States .....	5,850	6,322	6,070	6,000	6,393	6,324
United States .....	169,104	176,626	176,772	177,135	174,497	176,817
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	103	102	104

## 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.

**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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