



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 10, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 10, 2015, up 2 percent 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 Up 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 10, 2015, up 3 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 10, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,570	28,714	28,214	27,757	28,380	28,668
Arkansas .....	22,102	21,961	21,446	21,989	21,765	21,283
Delaware .....	4,778	4,780	4,778	4,736	4,728	4,777
Florida .....	1,223	1,223	1,225	1,224	1,223	1,225
Georgia .....	34,283	34,278	34,884	34,472	34,493	34,334
Kentucky .....	7,877	7,962	7,961	7,942	7,942	7,933
Louisiana .....	3,710	3,834	3,622	3,848	3,848	3,848
Maryland .....	7,900	7,929	7,907	7,924	7,874	7,763
Mississippi .....	17,395	17,952	17,921	17,828	17,632	17,253
Missouri .....	8,329	8,356	8,321	8,114	8,143	8,251
North Carolina .....	20,840	20,982	21,105	20,702	20,946	20,937
Oklahoma .....	6,347	6,679	6,273	6,189	6,270	6,613
Pennsylvania .....	4,601	4,477	4,299	4,324	4,282	4,430
South Carolina .....	5,242	5,177	5,928	5,574	5,147	5,293
Texas .....	14,100	14,610	14,887	15,036	14,967	14,862
Virginia .....	6,120	6,507	6,606	6,455	6,634	6,590
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,685	11,316	11,755	11,793	11,734	11,800
19 State total .....	205,102	206,737	207,132	205,907	206,008	205,860
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	102	102	102	102
Other States .....	8,255	8,234	8,319	8,223	8,178	8,114
United States .....	213,357	214,971	215,451	214,130	214,186	213,974
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	103	102	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,932	22,748	21,776	21,925	22,413	21,714
Arkansas .....	20,756	20,086	19,375	19,483	19,317	19,179
Delaware .....	5,714	5,162	5,102	4,775	5,770	5,367
Florida .....	1,311	1,487	1,427	1,328	1,342	1,336
Georgia .....	27,178	25,889	27,336	26,889	27,011	27,240
Kentucky .....	5,940	6,639	6,146	6,135	6,079	6,445
Louisiana .....	3,366	3,339	3,337	3,307	3,427	3,230
Maryland .....	6,174	6,434	6,061	6,496	5,931	5,816
Mississippi .....	14,797	14,962	15,052	14,415	14,985	14,947
Missouri .....	5,308	5,629	6,402	5,927	6,551	5,998
North Carolina .....	15,639	17,142	17,082	16,540	16,682	17,154
Oklahoma .....	4,216	4,521	4,146	4,980	4,425	4,175
Pennsylvania .....	4,000	3,860	3,892	4,025	3,717	3,886
South Carolina .....	5,558	5,080	4,737	5,124	4,563	5,214
Texas .....	11,889	11,989	12,278	11,329	11,759	12,290
Virginia .....	4,806	5,111	5,398	5,069	5,216	5,628
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,721	10,625	11,589	10,358	10,763	10,619
19 State total .....	170,305	170,703	171,136	168,105	169,951	170,238
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	102	103	103
Other States .....	6,322	6,070	6,000	6,348	6,304	6,362
United States .....	176,627	176,773	177,136	174,453	176,255	176,600
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	102	103	103

## 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.

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