



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 17, 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 17, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 17, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 17, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 10, 2015 through January 17, 2015 for the United States were 351 million. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,714	28,214	27,757	28,380	28,668	29,141
Arkansas	21,961	21,446	21,989	21,765	21,283	21,716
Delaware	4,780	4,778	4,736	4,728	4,777	4,760
Florida	1,223	1,225	1,224	1,223	1,225	1,223
Georgia	34,278	34,884	34,472	34,493	34,306	34,487
Kentucky	7,962	7,961	7,942	7,942	7,933	7,929
Louisiana	3,834	3,622	3,848	3,848	3,848	3,817
Maryland	7,929	7,907	7,924	7,874	7,763	7,739
Mississippi	17,952	17,921	17,828	17,632	17,253	16,988
Missouri	8,356	8,321	8,114	8,143	8,251	8,268
North Carolina	20,982	21,100	20,687	20,946	20,844	21,022
Oklahoma	6,679	6,273	6,189	6,270	6,613	6,260
Pennsylvania	4,525	4,347	4,370	4,330	4,382	4,424
South Carolina	5,177	5,928	5,574	5,058	5,303	5,247
Texas	14,610	14,887	15,036	14,967	14,862	14,664
Virginia	6,507	6,606	6,455	6,634	6,590	6,590
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,316	11,755	11,801	11,734	11,800	11,722
19 State total	206,785	207,175	205,946	205,967	205,701	205,997
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	103	102	103
Other States	8,234	8,319	8,223	8,178	8,176	7,806
United States	215,019	215,494	214,169	214,145	213,877	213,803
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	103	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,748	21,776	21,925	22,413	21,724	21,294
Arkansas	20,086	19,375	19,483	19,317	19,179	19,009
Delaware	5,162	5,102	4,775	5,770	5,438	4,918
Florida	1,487	1,427	1,328	1,342	1,340	1,355
Georgia	25,889	27,336	26,889	27,011	27,240	26,610
Kentucky	6,639	6,146	6,135	6,079	6,445	6,280
Louisiana	3,339	3,337	3,307	3,427	3,230	3,414
Maryland	6,434	6,061	6,496	5,931	5,746	5,965
Mississippi	14,962	15,052	14,415	14,985	14,947	14,908
Missouri	5,629	6,402	5,927	6,551	5,998	5,266
North Carolina	17,142	17,082	16,540	16,682	16,900	16,154
Oklahoma	4,521	4,146	4,980	4,425	4,175	5,493
Pennsylvania	3,860	3,892	4,025	3,755	3,883	3,987
South Carolina	5,080	4,737	5,124	4,582	5,230	5,029
Texas	11,989	12,278	11,329	11,759	12,290	12,131
Virginia	5,111	5,398	5,069	5,216	5,598	5,299
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,625	11,589	10,358	10,763	10,655	11,974
19 State total	170,703	171,136	168,105	170,008	170,018	169,086
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	103	103	102
Other States	6,070	6,000	6,348	6,304	6,372	5,998
United States	176,773	177,136	174,453	176,312	176,390	175,084
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	103	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.

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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