



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 24, 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 24, 2015, up 2 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 24, 2015, up 3 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 24, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 10, 2015 through January 24, 2015 for the United States were 527 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 20, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,214	27,757	28,380	28,668	29,141	28,687
Arkansas	21,446	21,989	21,765	21,283	21,716	21,176
Delaware	4,778	4,736	4,728	4,777	4,760	4,773
Florida	1,225	1,224	1,223	1,225	1,223	1,221
Georgia	34,884	34,472	34,493	34,306	34,515	34,183
Kentucky	7,961	7,942	8,014	7,964	7,929	7,851
Louisiana	3,622	3,848	3,848	3,848	3,817	3,727
Maryland	7,907	7,924	7,874	7,763	7,739	7,695
Mississippi	17,921	17,828	17,632	17,253	17,416	17,993
Missouri	8,321	8,114	8,143	8,251	8,268	8,256
North Carolina	21,100	20,687	20,965	20,844	20,878	20,569
Oklahoma	6,273	6,189	6,270	6,613	6,260	6,611
Pennsylvania	4,347	4,370	4,330	4,382	4,395	4,377
South Carolina	5,928	5,574	5,058	5,303	5,148	5,437
Texas	14,887	15,036	14,967	14,872	14,990	15,089
Virginia	6,606	6,455	6,634	6,590	6,590	6,407
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,755	11,801	11,741	11,587	11,665	11,805
19 State total	207,175	205,946	206,065	205,529	206,450	205,857
Percent of previous year	103	102	103	101	103	102
Other States	8,319	8,223	8,156	8,176	7,806	7,793
United States	215,494	214,169	214,221	213,705	214,256	213,650
Percent of previous year	103	102	103	102	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,776	21,925	22,413	21,724	21,189	21,962
Arkansas	19,375	19,483	19,317	19,179	19,009	18,481
Delaware	5,102	4,775	5,770	5,567	5,201	5,610
Florida	1,427	1,328	1,342	1,340	1,355	1,227
Georgia	27,336	26,889	27,027	27,168	26,610	27,378
Kentucky	6,146	6,135	6,012	6,455	6,280	6,667
Louisiana	3,337	3,307	3,427	3,230	3,414	3,426
Maryland	6,061	6,496	5,931	5,634	5,711	5,857
Mississippi	15,052	14,415	14,985	14,947	14,907	14,577
Missouri	6,402	5,927	6,551	5,998	5,266	6,173
North Carolina	17,082	16,540	16,775	16,980	16,249	16,223
Oklahoma	4,146	4,980	4,425	4,175	5,493	4,418
Pennsylvania	3,930	4,064	3,755	3,883	3,989	3,824
South Carolina	4,737	5,124	4,582	5,230	5,023	5,143
Texas	12,278	11,329	11,759	12,286	12,160	12,508
Virginia	5,398	5,069	5,216	5,598	5,303	5,172
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,589	10,578	10,763	10,676	12,009	10,470
19 State total	171,174	168,364	170,050	170,070	169,168	169,116
Percent of previous year	103	102	103	103	102	103
Other States	6,000	6,348	6,304	6,372	5,975	5,939
United States	177,174	174,712	176,354	176,442	175,143	175,055
Percent of previous year	103	102	103	103	102	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. 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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