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 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 21, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 21, 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 21, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 21, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through February 21, 2015 for the United States were 1.22 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,141	28,687	28,810	28,699	29,158	28,812
Arkansas	21,983	22,007	22,144	21,600	21,638	22,232
Delaware	4,760	4,773	4,786	4,820	4,883	4,771
Florida	1,223	1,221	920	1,224	1,221	1,051
Georgia	34,409	34,183	33,083	33,719	33,367	33,726
Kentucky	8,006	7,877	7,647	7,901	7,811	7,758
Louisiana	3,817	3,833	3,863	3,833	3,833	3,833
Maryland	7,739	7,695	7,572	7,572	7,809	7,621
Mississippi	17,416	17,993	18,020	18,044	18,000	17,985
Missouri	8,268	8,256	8,227	8,195	8,194	8,180
North Carolina	20,876	20,533	20,958	21,133	21,151	20,970
Oklahoma	6,260	6,611	6,384	6,377	6,588	6,597
Pennsylvania	4,390	4,364	4,067	4,352	4,595	4,349
South Carolina	5,148	5,524	5,447	5,502	5,567	5,471
Texas	15,150	14,985	15,266	15,311	15,357	15,287
Virginia	6,590	6,407	6,431	6,534	6,547	6,604
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,697	11,677	12,019	11,335	11,385	11,658
19 State total	206,873	206,626	205,644	206,151	207,104	206,905
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	103	103	103
Other States	7,840	7,813	7,842	7,847	7,890	7,977
United States	214,713	214,439	213,486	213,998	214,994	214,882
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	103	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,189	21,962	22,338	21,710	21,815	22,100
Arkansas	19,175	18,647	18,903	19,663	20,447	19,173
Delaware	5,201	5,610	4,951	4,576	5,156	4,864
Florida	1,355	1,231	1,366	1,518	1,304	1,017
Georgia	26,557	27,442	27,040	27,625	27,312	25,666
Kentucky	6,291	6,678	6,118	7,036	5,577	5,907
Louisiana	3,414	3,426	3,407	3,342	3,341	3,372
Maryland	5,711	5,856	5,915	6,698	5,903	6,290
Mississippi	14,907	14,577	14,180	14,541	14,697	14,885
Missouri	5,266	6,173	5,746	5,946	5,350	6,149
North Carolina	16,345	16,138	16,385	16,281	16,750	16,790
Oklahoma	5,493	4,418	4,597	3,911	3,942	4,408
Pennsylvania	3,967	3,847	4,020	3,931	3,906	3,744
South Carolina	5,023	5,050	5,083	4,266	4,678	5,027
Texas	12,160	12,529	12,056	11,950	11,935	12,292
Virginia	5,303	5,170	5,358	5,676	4,648	4,974
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,094	10,518	10,630	10,366	11,233	11,244
19 State total	169,451	169,272	168,093	169,036	167,994	167,902
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	103	102	103
Other States	5,975	5,942	6,480	5,659	6,370	5,959
United States	175,426	175,214	174,573	174,695	174,364	173,861
Percent of previous year	103	103	103	103	102	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* S*ummary* 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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