



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 7, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 7, 2015, up 1 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 7, 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 March 7, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 7, 2015 for the United States were 1.58 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 31, 2015	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,810	28,699	29,197	28,812	29,070	28,906
Arkansas .....	22,144	21,600	21,638	22,200	22,071	21,702
Delaware .....	4,786	4,820	4,883	4,771	4,903	4,832
Florida .....	920	1,224	1,221	1,051	1,046	1,068
Georgia .....	33,083	33,719	33,367	33,536	33,064	32,733
Kentucky .....	7,647	7,901	7,791	7,684	7,821	7,218
Louisiana .....	3,863	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833
Maryland .....	7,572	7,572	7,809	7,621	7,784	7,744
Mississippi .....	18,020	18,044	18,000	17,985	17,841	17,576
Missouri .....	8,227	8,195	8,194	8,180	8,229	7,810
North Carolina .....	20,958	21,133	21,151	20,980	21,174	20,999
Oklahoma .....	6,384	6,377	6,588	6,507	6,255	6,588
Pennsylvania .....	4,067	4,469	4,569	4,513	4,451	4,384
South Carolina .....	5,447	5,502	5,567	5,471	5,517	5,586
Texas .....	15,266	15,311	15,351	15,277	15,288	15,411
Virginia .....	6,431	6,534	6,547	6,604	6,587	6,845
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,019	11,333	12,153	12,170	12,076	11,865
19 State total .....	205,644	206,266	207,859	207,195	207,010	205,100
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	104	103	102	101
Other States .....	7,842	7,847	7,890	7,977	8,064	7,924
United States .....	213,486	214,113	215,749	215,172	215,074	213,024
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	103	103	102	101

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

State	Week ending					
	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,338	21,710	21,815	21,959	22,242	21,740
Arkansas .....	18,903	19,663	20,447	18,916	19,331	19,387
Delaware .....	4,951	4,576	5,156	4,864	5,227	4,996
Florida .....	1,366	1,518	1,303	1,020	1,303	1,362
Georgia .....	27,040	27,625	27,315	25,608	25,633	26,546
Kentucky .....	6,118	7,036	5,509	5,903	6,304	6,058
Louisiana .....	3,407	3,342	3,341	3,377	3,356	3,365
Maryland .....	5,915	6,698	5,903	6,291	6,148	6,126
Mississippi .....	14,180	14,541	14,697	15,065	15,076	15,047
Missouri .....	5,746	5,946	5,350	6,149	5,728	6,253
North Carolina .....	16,385	16,281	16,820	16,729	17,272	17,577
Oklahoma .....	4,597	3,911	3,943	4,668	4,301	4,079
Pennsylvania .....	4,020	3,931	3,939	3,744	3,866	3,921
South Carolina .....	5,083	4,266	4,678	5,007	4,669	4,364
Texas .....	12,056	11,950	11,944	12,300	12,366	12,236
Virginia .....	5,358	5,676	4,648	4,995	5,207	5,464
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,630	10,366	11,234	11,261	10,532	11,821
19 State total .....	168,093	169,036	168,042	167,856	168,561	170,342
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	102	103	104	104
Other States .....	6,480	5,659	6,363	6,052	6,338	5,973
United States .....	174,573	174,695	174,405	173,908	174,899	176,315
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	103	104	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. 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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