



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 14, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 14, 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 14, 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 14, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 14, 2015 for the United States were 1.75 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					
	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,294	29,779	29,132	29,250	29,323	28,928
Arkansas	21,600	21,638	22,200	22,071	21,702	21,865
Delaware	4,820	4,883	4,771	4,903	4,766	4,829
Florida	1,224	1,221	1,051	1,046	1,068	1,192
Georgia	33,716	33,335	33,545	33,186	32,574	32,469
Kentucky	7,901	7,791	7,684	7,821	7,218	7,796
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,817
Maryland	7,572	7,809	7,621	7,784	7,744	7,751
Mississippi	18,044	18,000	17,985	17,841	17,576	17,914
Missouri	8,195	8,194	8,180	8,229	7,810	7,904
North Carolina	21,133	21,151	21,084	21,174	20,999	21,466
Oklahoma	6,377	6,588	6,507	6,255	6,588	6,348
Pennsylvania	4,469	4,569	4,510	4,451	4,545	4,415
South Carolina	5,502	5,567	5,471	5,517	5,586	5,592
Texas	15,311	15,351	15,277	15,288	15,411	13,745
Virginia	6,534	6,547	6,604	6,587	6,845	6,615
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,324	12,175	12,184	12,099	11,874	11,593
19 State total	206,849	208,431	207,639	207,335	205,462	204,239
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	102	101	101
Other States	7,847	7,890	7,977	8,064	8,005	8,316
United States	214,696	216,321	215,616	215,399	213,467	212,555
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	102	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,440	21,528	21,761	21,804	21,473	21,967
Arkansas	19,663	20,447	18,916	19,331	19,387	19,501
Delaware	4,576	5,156	4,864	5,479	5,200	4,827
Florida	1,518	1,303	1,020	1,303	1,364	1,163
Georgia	27,625	27,315	25,608	25,861	26,546	26,063
Kentucky	7,036	5,509	5,903	6,304	6,058	6,389
Louisiana	3,342	3,341	3,377	3,356	3,365	3,354
Maryland	6,698	5,903	6,291	5,864	5,840	6,110
Mississippi	14,543	14,697	15,065	15,155	14,959	14,946
Missouri	5,946	5,350	6,149	5,728	6,253	5,879
North Carolina	16,443	16,969	16,806	17,336	17,591	16,481
Oklahoma	3,911	3,943	4,668	4,301	4,079	4,569
Pennsylvania	3,933	3,939	3,744	3,866	3,949	4,082
South Carolina	4,267	4,679	5,005	4,723	4,437	5,045
Texas	11,950	11,944	12,300	12,366	12,236	12,406
Virginia	5,676	4,648	4,995	5,207	5,553	5,595
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,370	11,247	11,265	10,531	11,824	11,288
19 State total	168,937	167,918	167,737	168,515	170,114	169,665
Percent of previous year	103	102	103	104	104	104
Other States	5,660	6,365	6,043	6,338	6,030	6,065
United States	174,597	174,283	173,780	174,853	176,144	175,730
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	104	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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