



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 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 March 21, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 21, 2015 for the United States were 1.93 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 14, 2015	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,779	29,132	29,250	29,323	28,928	29,353
Arkansas	21,638	22,200	22,058	21,702	21,865	21,083
Delaware	4,883	4,771	4,903	4,766	4,829	4,578
Florida	1,221	1,051	1,046	1,068	1,192	1,200
Georgia	33,335	33,545	33,186	32,574	32,469	32,871
Kentucky	7,791	7,684	7,821	7,218	7,796	7,767
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,817	3,833
Maryland	7,809	7,621	7,784	7,744	7,751	7,394
Mississippi	18,000	17,985	17,841	17,576	18,001	17,841
Missouri	8,194	8,180	8,229	7,810	7,904	8,310
North Carolina	21,139	21,079	21,157	20,963	21,386	21,044
Oklahoma	6,588	6,507	6,615	6,588	6,348	6,568
Pennsylvania	4,569	4,510	4,451	4,545	4,435	4,486
South Carolina	5,567	5,479	5,521	5,590	5,596	5,852
Texas	15,351	15,277	15,288	15,411	13,745	14,622
Virginia	6,547	6,604	6,587	6,845	6,615	6,536
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,175	12,184	12,305	11,941	12,019	11,817
19 State total	208,419	207,642	207,875	205,497	204,696	205,155
Percent of previous year	104	103	102	101	101	102
Other States	7,890	7,977	8,064	8,005	8,302	8,131
United States	216,309	215,619	215,939	213,502	212,998	213,286
Percent of previous year	104	103	102	101	101	102

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

State	Week ending					
	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,528	21,761	21,644	21,513	21,971	22,257
Arkansas	20,447	18,916	19,331	19,387	19,428	18,639
Delaware	5,156	4,864	5,479	5,200	4,827	5,415
Florida	1,303	1,020	1,303	1,364	1,163	1,003
Georgia	27,315	25,608	26,021	26,500	26,063	25,318
Kentucky	5,509	5,903	6,304	6,058	6,389	6,393
Louisiana	3,341	3,377	3,356	3,365	3,354	3,355
Maryland	5,903	6,291	5,864	5,840	6,110	5,623
Mississippi	14,697	15,065	15,155	14,959	14,928	14,842
Missouri	5,350	6,149	5,728	6,253	5,879	6,298
North Carolina	16,958	16,810	17,335	17,591	16,504	16,672
Oklahoma	3,943	4,668	4,301	4,079	4,643	4,635
Pennsylvania	3,939	3,744	3,866	3,949	4,049	4,051
South Carolina	4,679	5,069	4,822	4,493	5,138	4,741
Texas	11,944	12,300	12,366	12,236	12,406	12,703
Virginia	4,648	4,995	5,207	5,553	5,597	5,661
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,247	11,265	10,569	11,883	11,293	11,772
19 State total	167,907	167,805	168,651	170,223	169,742	169,378
Percent of previous year	102	103	104	104	104	103
Other States	6,365	6,043	6,338	6,030	6,074	6,251
United States	174,272	173,848	174,989	176,253	175,816	175,629
Percent of previous year	102	102	104	104	104	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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