



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 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 28, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 28, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 28, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 28, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 28, 2015 for the United States were 2.10 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 21, 2015	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,132	29,250	29,323	28,928	29,294	28,952
Arkansas	22,200	22,058	21,702	21,865	21,083	21,991
Delaware	4,771	4,903	4,766	4,829	4,578	4,771
Florida	1,051	1,046	1,068	1,192	1,200	1,199
Georgia	33,545	33,186	32,574	32,469	32,871	34,191
Kentucky	7,684	7,821	7,375	7,766	7,651	7,752
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,817	3,833	3,833
Maryland	7,621	7,784	7,744	7,937	7,581	7,838
Mississippi	17,985	17,841	17,576	18,001	17,841	17,933
Missouri	8,180	8,229	7,810	7,904	8,310	8,229
North Carolina	21,079	21,157	20,963	21,386	21,045	21,312
Oklahoma	6,507	6,615	6,588	6,348	6,568	6,568
Pennsylvania	4,510	4,451	4,545	4,435	4,419	4,386
South Carolina	5,479	5,521	5,590	5,596	5,852	5,626
Texas	15,277	15,288	15,411	13,745	14,622	15,279
Virginia	6,604	6,587	6,845	6,615	6,536	6,534
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,184	12,305	11,944	12,019	11,817	12,016
19 State total	207,642	207,875	205,657	204,852	205,101	208,410
Percent of previous year	103	102	101	101	102	103
Other States	7,977	8,064	8,005	8,302	8,131	8,097
United States	215,619	215,939	213,662	213,154	213,232	216,507
Percent of previous year	103	102	101	101	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,761	21,644	21,513	21,971	22,405	21,640
Arkansas	18,916	19,331	19,387	19,428	18,639	19,182
Delaware	4,864	5,479	5,200	4,519	5,427	5,460
Florida	1,020	1,303	1,364	1,163	1,003	1,210
Georgia	25,608	26,021	26,450	26,013	25,265	25,767
Kentucky	5,903	6,304	6,055	6,327	6,392	5,580
Louisiana	3,377	3,356	3,365	3,354	3,355	3,606
Maryland	6,291	5,864	5,840	6,387	5,647	5,952
Mississippi	15,065	15,155	14,959	14,928	14,842	14,551
Missouri	6,149	5,728	6,253	5,879	6,298	5,474
North Carolina	16,810	17,335	17,626	16,553	16,655	16,150
Oklahoma	4,668	4,301	4,079	4,643	4,635	3,954
Pennsylvania	3,744	3,866	3,949	4,049	4,048	3,995
South Carolina	5,069	4,822	4,493	5,138	4,770	5,981
Texas	12,300	12,366	12,236	12,406	12,703	12,741
Virginia	4,995	5,207	5,553	5,619	5,635	5,560
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,265	10,569	11,883	11,293	11,772	11,098
19 State total	167,805	168,651	170,205	169,670	169,491	167,901
Percent of previous year	103	104	104	104	103	101
Other States	6,043	6,338	6,030	6,149	6,251	6,276
United States	173,848	174,989	176,235	175,819	175,742	174,177
Percent of previous year	102	104	104	104	103	101

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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