



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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 11, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 11, 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 11, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 11, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through April 11, 2015 for the United States were 2.45 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					
	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,323	28,928	29,294	28,730	29,684	29,024
Arkansas	21,702	21,865	21,083	21,991	22,057	21,924
Delaware	4,766	4,829	4,578	4,670	4,750	4,712
Florida	1,068	1,192	1,200	1,199	1,201	1,222
Georgia	32,574	32,469	32,871	34,553	34,046	33,855
Kentucky	7,375	7,766	7,651	7,718	7,684	7,690
Louisiana	3,833	3,817	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833
Maryland	7,744	7,937	7,581	7,838	7,856	7,896
Mississippi	17,576	18,001	17,841	17,935	17,728	17,823
Missouri	7,810	7,904	8,310	8,229	8,212	8,415
North Carolina	20,963	21,553	21,045	21,286	21,249	21,588
Oklahoma	6,588	6,348	6,568	6,737	6,726	6,610
Pennsylvania	4,613	4,487	4,487	4,302	4,559	4,494
South Carolina	5,590	5,596	5,852	5,721	5,761	5,516
Texas	15,411	13,745	14,622	15,304	15,633	15,859
Virginia	6,845	6,586	6,536	6,534	6,534	6,534
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,944	12,017	11,849	11,800	12,901	12,800
19 State total	205,725	205,040	205,201	208,380	210,414	209,795
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	103	103	102
Other States	8,005	8,364	8,166	8,032	7,676	8,343
United States	213,730	213,404	213,367	216,412	218,090	218,138
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	103	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,513	21,971	22,172	21,925	21,682	22,008
Arkansas	19,387	19,428	18,639	19,102	17,728	17,952
Delaware	5,200	4,519	5,427	5,425	5,324	4,516
Florida	1,364	1,161	1,007	1,209	1,319	1,357
Georgia	26,450	26,013	25,499	25,969	26,106	26,352
Kentucky	6,055	6,327	6,392	5,588	6,247	6,421
Louisiana	3,365	3,354	3,355	3,606	3,315	3,362
Maryland	5,840	6,388	5,649	5,986	5,959	6,099
Mississippi	14,959	14,928	14,842	14,436	15,007	15,097
Missouri	6,253	5,879	6,298	5,474	5,739	6,296
North Carolina	17,626	16,554	16,656	15,944	17,409	16,823
Oklahoma	4,079	4,643	4,635	3,954	5,079	4,915
Pennsylvania	3,949	4,015	4,065	4,006	3,656	3,892
South Carolina	4,493	5,138	4,770	6,019	4,778	4,865
Texas	12,236	12,406	12,703	12,748	11,619	11,909
Virginia	5,553	5,628	5,637	5,568	6,037	5,314
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,883	11,294	11,753	11,103	11,190	10,653
19 State total	170,205	169,646	169,499	168,062	168,194	167,831
Percent of previous year	104	103	102	101	101	102
Other States	6,030	6,141	6,249	6,190	6,129	6,555
United States	176,235	175,787	175,748	174,252	174,323	174,386
Percent of previous year	104	103	102	101	101	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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