



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 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through April 25, 2015 for the United States were 2.81 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 21, 2015	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,294	28,730	29,684	29,024	29,535	29,136
Arkansas	21,084	21,990	22,074	21,754	21,713	21,549
Delaware	4,578	4,670	4,670	4,922	4,736	4,717
Florida	1,200	1,199	1,201	1,222	1,223	1,222
Georgia	32,871	34,553	34,046	33,855	34,231	34,144
Kentucky	7,651	7,718	7,684	7,720	7,884	7,891
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833
Maryland	7,581	7,838	7,856	7,896	7,989	7,723
Mississippi	17,841	17,935	17,728	17,823	17,567	17,310
Missouri	8,310	8,229	8,212	8,415	8,266	8,127
North Carolina	21,036	21,286	21,249	21,580	20,711	21,453
Oklahoma	6,568	6,732	6,726	6,610	6,672	6,154
Pennsylvania	4,487	4,302	4,594	4,603	4,667	4,528
South Carolina	5,852	5,721	5,761	5,516	5,851	5,488
Texas	14,622	15,304	15,633	15,859	15,538	15,304
Virginia	6,536	6,534	6,534	6,534	6,553	6,549
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,849	11,797	12,899	12,551	12,802	12,326
19 State total	205,193	208,371	210,384	209,717	209,771	207,454
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	102	102
Other States	8,243	8,141	7,753	8,398	8,267	8,247
United States	213,436	216,512	218,137	218,115	218,038	215,701
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,172	21,925	21,682	21,919	21,325	22,490
Arkansas	18,620	19,102	17,715	17,959	20,871	19,940
Delaware	5,427	5,425	5,541	4,293	5,226	5,043
Florida	1,007	1,209	1,320	1,455	1,328	1,336
Georgia	25,499	25,969	26,106	26,387	27,021	26,772
Kentucky	6,392	5,588	6,248	6,359	5,740	5,667
Louisiana	3,355	3,606	3,315	3,362	3,372	3,394
Maryland	5,649	5,986	5,675	6,115	6,575	6,541
Mississippi	14,842	14,436	15,007	15,097	15,512	15,347
Missouri	6,298	5,474	5,739	6,296	5,742	5,963
North Carolina	16,656	15,944	17,410	16,905	17,247	17,311
Oklahoma	4,635	3,954	5,079	4,915	3,632	4,435
Pennsylvania	4,123	4,063	3,735	3,952	3,849	4,063
South Carolina	4,770	6,019	4,789	4,856	4,689	4,585
Texas	12,703	12,748	11,619	11,909	12,536	12,826
Virginia	5,637	5,568	6,003	5,557	5,019	4,610
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,753	11,103	11,191	10,624	11,382	12,237
19 State total	169,538	168,119	168,174	167,960	171,066	172,560
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	103	104	103
Other States	6,249	6,190	6,114	6,553	6,310	6,301
United States	175,787	174,309	174,288	174,513	177,376	178,861
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	103	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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