



# 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 May 2, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 2, 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through May 2, 2015 for the United States were 2.99 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 28, 2015	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,730	29,684	29,280	29,535	29,136	28,905
Arkansas .....	22,008	22,074	21,878	21,713	21,549	22,173
Delaware .....	4,670	4,670	4,922	4,736	4,717	4,743
Florida .....	1,199	1,201	1,222	1,223	1,222	1,224
Georgia .....	34,553	34,046	33,955	34,231	34,144	34,394
Kentucky .....	7,718	7,684	7,720	7,884	7,891	7,797
Louisiana .....	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,878
Maryland .....	7,838	7,856	7,896	7,989	7,723	8,054
Mississippi .....	17,935	17,728	17,823	17,567	17,310	17,621
Missouri .....	8,229	8,212	8,415	8,266	8,127	8,105
North Carolina .....	21,286	21,249	21,580	20,711	21,570	21,453
Oklahoma .....	6,732	6,726	6,610	6,672	6,154	6,768
Pennsylvania .....	4,302	4,594	4,603	4,667	4,506	4,529
South Carolina .....	5,721	5,761	5,516	5,851	5,488	5,739
Texas .....	15,304	15,633	15,859	15,538	15,304	15,264
Virginia .....	6,534	6,534	6,529	6,553	6,549	6,591
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,797	12,899	12,544	12,802	12,326	12,195
19 State total .....	208,389	210,384	210,185	209,771	207,549	209,433
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	102	102	102
Other States .....	8,141	7,753	8,398	8,267	8,215	8,338
United States .....	216,530	218,137	218,583	218,038	215,764	217,771
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	102	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,925	21,682	21,919	21,325	22,490	21,866
Arkansas .....	19,102	17,715	17,959	20,871	19,940	20,505
Delaware .....	5,425	5,541	4,293	5,116	4,726	5,516
Florida .....	1,209	1,320	1,455	1,328	1,336	1,339
Georgia .....	25,969	26,106	26,387	27,021	26,772	27,141
Kentucky .....	5,588	6,248	6,359	5,740	5,667	6,734
Louisiana .....	3,606	3,315	3,362	3,372	3,394	3,383
Maryland .....	5,986	5,675	6,115	6,762	6,837	6,602
Mississippi .....	14,436	15,007	15,097	15,512	15,347	14,781
Missouri .....	5,474	5,739	6,296	5,742	5,963	5,456
North Carolina .....	15,944	17,410	16,905	17,247	17,329	17,169
Oklahoma .....	3,954	5,079	4,915	3,632	4,435	4,383
Pennsylvania .....	4,063	3,735	3,952	3,849	4,060	3,937
South Carolina .....	6,019	4,789	4,856	4,689	4,338	5,130
Texas .....	12,748	11,619	11,909	12,536	12,826	13,111
Virginia .....	5,568	6,003	5,557	4,940	4,873	5,008
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,103	11,191	10,624	11,382	12,237	11,375
19 State total .....	168,119	168,174	167,960	171,064	172,570	173,436
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	103	104	103	104
Other States .....	6,190	6,114	6,553	6,310	6,311	6,362
United States .....	174,309	174,288	174,513	177,374	178,881	179,798
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	103	104	103	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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