



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 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 23, 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 May 23, 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 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 23, 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 May 23, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through May 23, 2015 for the United States were 3.52 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					
	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015	May 16, 2015	May 23, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,535	29,136	28,905	29,372	29,609	29,588
Arkansas	21,713	21,549	22,173	22,127	21,717	21,332
Delaware	4,736	4,717	4,743	4,759	4,774	4,745
Florida	1,223	1,222	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,231	34,144	34,394	34,593	34,858	34,085
Kentucky	7,884	7,891	7,854	7,815	7,836	8,027
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,878	3,878	3,848	3,803
Maryland	7,989	7,723	8,054	7,984	8,068	8,012
Mississippi	17,737	17,310	17,621	18,022	17,974	18,081
Missouri	8,266	8,127	8,105	7,759	8,328	8,336
North Carolina	20,780	21,570	21,486	21,565	21,601	21,703
Oklahoma	6,672	6,154	6,768	6,801	6,708	6,667
Pennsylvania	4,878	4,596	4,481	4,542	4,751	4,638
South Carolina	5,851	5,488	5,739	5,705	5,759	5,707
Texas	15,538	15,304	15,327	15,336	15,135	15,257
Virginia	6,553	6,549	6,591	6,458	6,490	6,471
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,799	12,265	12,899	12,462	12,672	12,699
19 State total	210,218	207,578	210,242	210,403	211,353	210,376
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	103	103	102
Other States	8,629	8,580	8,571	8,450	8,490	8,293
United States	218,847	216,158	218,813	218,853	219,843	218,669
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	103	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015	May 16, 2015	May 23, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,325	22,488	21,856	22,312	22,623	22,337
Arkansas	20,871	19,940	20,505	19,860	20,236	19,565
Delaware	5,116	4,726	5,516	5,824	4,820	4,881
Florida	1,327	1,332	1,340	1,411	1,229	1,397
Georgia	27,021	26,772	27,224	26,729	26,713	26,969
Kentucky	5,741	5,668	6,759	6,462	5,994	6,680
Louisiana	3,372	3,394	3,383	3,396	3,396	3,425
Maryland	6,764	6,837	6,603	5,798	6,649	6,648
Mississippi	15,512	15,347	14,781	15,132	14,670	15,116
Missouri	5,742	5,963	5,456	6,164	6,217	5,869
North Carolina	17,246	17,330	17,063	16,316	16,334	16,408
Oklahoma	3,632	4,435	4,383	4,112	3,138	4,635
Pennsylvania	3,830	4,059	3,932	4,197	4,059	3,678
South Carolina	4,689	4,338	5,130	4,882	4,956	5,408
Texas	12,536	12,826	13,111	12,813	12,583	12,813
Virginia	4,979	4,896	5,057	5,131	5,594	5,975
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,380	12,204	11,374	12,277	12,040	11,487
19 State total	171,083	172,555	173,473	172,816	171,251	173,291
Percent of previous year	104	103	104	102	103	103
Other States	6,314	6,317	6,365	6,456	6,681	6,398
United States	177,397	178,872	179,838	179,272	177,932	179,689
Percent of previous year	104	103	104	103	103	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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