



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 30, 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 30, 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 30, 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 30, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through May 30, 2015 for the United States were 3.70 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 25, 2015	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015	May 16, 2015	May 23, 2015	May 30, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,136	28,905	29,372	29,609	29,603	29,423
Arkansas	21,549	22,173	22,127	21,717	21,332	21,722
Delaware	4,717	4,743	4,759	4,774	4,745	4,748
Florida	1,222	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,144	34,394	34,593	34,858	34,085	34,538
Kentucky	7,891	7,854	7,815	7,836	8,027	7,983
Louisiana	3,833	3,878	3,878	3,848	3,803	3,787
Maryland	7,723	8,054	7,984	8,068	8,012	8,029
Mississippi	17,310	17,621	18,022	17,974	18,081	18,057
Missouri	8,127	8,105	7,759	8,328	8,336	8,298
North Carolina	21,557	21,525	21,574	21,599	21,722	21,759
Oklahoma	6,154	6,768	6,801	6,708	6,667	6,491
Pennsylvania	4,596	4,481	4,542	4,751	4,626	4,644
South Carolina	5,488	5,739	5,705	5,759	5,707	5,590
Texas	15,304	15,324	15,336	15,135	15,257	15,264
Virginia	6,549	6,591	6,458	6,490	6,471	6,495
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,265	12,512	12,583	12,414	11,870	12,339
19 State total	207,565	209,891	210,533	211,093	209,569	210,392
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	103	102	102
Other States	8,580	8,571	8,450	8,490	8,187	8,666
United States	216,145	218,462	218,983	219,583	217,756	219,058
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	103	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015	May 16, 2015	May 23, 2015	May 30, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,488	21,856	22,312	22,565	22,204	21,842
Arkansas	19,940	20,505	19,860	20,241	19,563	19,096
Delaware	4,726	5,516	6,395	5,031	5,113	5,742
Florida	1,332	1,340	1,411	1,287	1,379	1,379
Georgia	26,772	27,224	26,729	26,713	27,109	27,922
Kentucky	5,668	6,759	6,462	5,994	6,680	5,841
Louisiana	3,394	3,383	3,396	3,396	3,425	3,396
Maryland	6,837	6,603	5,307	6,519	6,310	5,693
Mississippi	15,347	14,781	15,132	14,670	15,116	15,328
Missouri	5,963	5,456	6,164	6,217	5,868	5,922
North Carolina	17,329	17,087	16,303	16,338	16,429	17,014
Oklahoma	4,435	4,383	4,112	3,138	4,635	4,943
Pennsylvania	4,059	3,932	4,197	4,059	3,665	3,868
South Carolina	4,338	5,130	4,882	4,956	5,408	5,148
Texas	12,826	13,111	12,813	12,583	12,813	12,760
Virginia	4,896	5,057	5,054	5,502	6,092	5,666
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,204	11,374	12,277	12,040	11,131	11,718
19 State total	172,554	173,497	172,806	171,249	172,958	173,278
Percent of previous year	103	104	102	103	103	104
Other States	6,317	6,365	6,456	6,681	6,395	6,437
United States	178,871	179,862	179,262	177,930	179,353	179,715
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	103	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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