



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 17, 2015, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 192 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 17, 2015, down 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 17, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 17, 2015, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through October 17, 2015 for the United States were 7.22 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2015

State	Week ending					
	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,617	28,526	28,314	27,865	28,328	27,925
Arkansas	21,969	19,768	21,582	21,693	21,902	19,256
Delaware	4,754	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,224	917	1,224	1,190	1,225	1,224
Georgia	32,700	32,001	32,564	32,105	31,033	32,058
Kentucky	8,189	6,421	7,867	7,268	7,676	5,943
Louisiana	3,954	3,954	3,651	3,340	3,617	3,772
Maryland	7,372	7,455	7,958	7,278	7,160	7,240
Mississippi	17,419	16,164	16,890	15,445	16,378	16,553
Missouri	8,185	7,528	8,017	7,823	8,325	7,748
North Carolina	18,154	18,137	19,725	19,074	17,882	18,266
Oklahoma	6,668	4,987	5,678	6,128	6,318	6,486
Pennsylvania	4,816	4,768	3,903	4,644	4,629	4,543
South Carolina	5,235	5,860	5,712	5,527	5,409	5,719
Texas	14,443	13,834	13,262	13,546	13,979	13,828
Virginia	6,007	6,000	6,378	6,094	6,140	6,369
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,612	9,214	11,747	11,113	11,579	10,247
19 State total	199,318	190,289	199,227	194,888	196,335	191,932
Percent of previous year	99	96	99	100	98	98
Other States	7,917	7,801	7,276	7,621	7,683	7,700
United States	207,235	198,090	206,503	202,509	204,018	199,632
Percent of previous year	99	96	99	100	98	98

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

State	Week ending					
	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,928	21,904	20,671	21,228	20,574	21,427
Arkansas	21,033	20,703	20,025	19,921	17,630	18,977
Delaware	4,999	4,935	4,871	5,161	6,471	4,667
Florida	1,141	1,107	1,236	1,138	907	1,154
Georgia	27,974	27,076	26,684	26,938	26,532	25,683
Kentucky	5,845	6,204	6,555	6,265	5,490	6,437
Louisiana	3,363	3,393	3,151	3,502	3,512	3,231
Maryland	6,496	6,413	5,803	5,535	4,047	6,236
Mississippi	14,702	14,412	13,704	14,642	13,538	14,207
Missouri	5,903	5,290	6,232	6,306	6,065	6,147
North Carolina	16,955	15,741	15,366	14,579	15,014	16,487
Oklahoma	3,865	4,720	4,210	4,082	2,314	3,295
Pennsylvania	3,861	3,998	3,751	4,115	4,022	3,359
South Carolina	4,319	4,835	5,128	5,337	5,121	5,470
Texas	11,825	11,973	11,283	11,853	11,415	11,481
Virginia	5,212	5,391	5,847	4,886	5,457	5,762
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,552	10,206	10,101	8,851	7,978	9,968
19 State total	167,973	168,301	164,618	164,339	156,087	163,988
Percent of previous year	99	101	100	100	96	99
Other States	6,703	6,610	6,811	6,525	5,981	6,150
United States	174,676	174,911	171,429	170,864	162,068	170,138
Percent of previous year	100	101	100	100	96	99

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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