



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 24, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 24, 2015, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 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 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 24, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 158 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 24, 2015, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through October 24, 2015 for the United States were 7.38 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 19, 2015	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,526	28,314	27,865	28,328	27,925	27,192
Arkansas	19,768	21,582	21,111	21,902	19,256	20,442
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	917	1,224	1,190	1,225	1,224	1,225
Georgia	32,001	32,564	32,105	31,033	32,058	33,281
Kentucky	6,421	7,867	7,268	7,676	5,943	6,133
Louisiana	3,954	3,651	3,340	3,617	3,772	3,394
Maryland	7,455	7,958	7,278	7,160	7,240	7,228
Mississippi	16,164	16,890	15,445	16,378	16,553	17,369
Missouri	7,528	8,017	7,823	8,325	7,748	7,444
North Carolina	18,137	19,725	19,074	17,882	18,266	20,144
Oklahoma	4,987	5,678	6,128	6,318	6,486	6,733
Pennsylvania	4,768	3,903	4,644	4,629	4,584	4,348
South Carolina	5,860	5,712	5,527	5,409	5,719	5,690
Texas	13,834	13,262	13,546	13,979	13,828	14,223
Virginia	6,000	6,378	6,094	6,140	6,369	6,230
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,214	11,747	11,130	11,579	10,247	10,816
19 State total	190,289	199,227	194,323	196,335	191,973	196,647
Percent of previous year	96	99	99	98	98	99
Other States	7,801	7,276	7,621	7,683	7,700	7,610
United States	198,090	206,503	201,944	204,018	199,673	204,257
Percent of previous year	96	99	99	98	98	99

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

State	Week ending					
	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,904	20,671	21,228	20,574	21,365	20,365
Arkansas	20,703	20,025	19,921	17,630	19,061	17,247
Delaware	4,935	4,871	5,161	6,471	4,667	4,664
Florida	1,107	1,236	1,138	907	1,221	1,259
Georgia	27,076	26,684	26,938	26,532	25,694	25,932
Kentucky	6,204	6,555	6,265	5,490	6,437	5,945
Louisiana	3,393	3,151	3,502	3,512	3,231	2,684
Maryland	6,413	5,803	5,535	4,047	6,235	5,297
Mississippi	14,412	13,704	14,642	13,538	14,207	12,613
Missouri	5,290	6,232	6,306	6,065	6,147	6,110
North Carolina	15,741	15,366	14,579	15,014	16,465	15,775
Oklahoma	4,720	4,210	4,082	2,314	3,295	5,061
Pennsylvania	3,998	3,751	4,115	4,022	3,340	3,992
South Carolina	4,835	5,128	5,337	5,121	5,470	4,138
Texas	11,973	11,283	11,853	11,415	11,471	11,310
Virginia	5,391	5,847	4,886	5,457	5,752	6,137
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,206	10,101	8,851	7,978	10,001	9,934
19 State total	168,301	164,618	164,339	156,087	164,059	158,463
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	96	99	99
Other States	6,610	6,811	6,525	5,981	6,150	5,801
United States	174,911	171,429	170,864	162,068	170,209	164,264
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	96	99	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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