



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 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 7, 2015, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 7, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 7, 2015, down 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 7, 2015, down 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through November 7, 2015 for the United States were 7.71 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					
	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,865	28,328	27,925	27,192	27,293	27,738
Arkansas	21,111	21,811	18,840	20,141	20,778	20,883
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,190	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	32,105	31,033	32,058	33,281	32,050	31,400
Kentucky	7,268	7,676	5,943	6,133	7,664	7,306
Louisiana	3,340	3,617	3,772	3,394	3,077	3,364
Maryland	7,278	7,160	7,199	7,191	7,199	7,209
Mississippi	15,445	16,378	16,553	17,369	16,387	16,867
Missouri	7,823	8,325	7,748	7,444	7,552	7,789
North Carolina	19,074	17,882	18,266	20,144	20,073	20,063
Oklahoma	6,128	6,318	6,486	6,733	6,729	6,733
Pennsylvania	4,644	4,629	4,584	4,126	4,433	4,530
South Carolina	5,527	5,409	5,719	5,690	5,681	5,287
Texas	13,546	13,676	13,828	14,223	14,576	13,760
Virginia	6,094	6,140	6,369	6,230	5,662	6,185
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,130	11,602	9,122	11,602	11,403	10,844
19 State total	194,323	195,964	190,391	196,873	196,537	195,938
Percent of previous year	99	98	97	99	100	98
Other States	7,621	7,683	7,706	7,555	7,440	7,484
United States	201,944	203,647	198,097	204,428	203,977	203,422
Percent of previous year	99	98	97	99	100	98

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

State	Week ending					
	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,228	20,574	21,365	20,365	21,018	20,114
Arkansas	19,921	17,630	19,061	17,250	18,259	18,310
Delaware	5,161	6,471	4,609	4,421	5,102	5,608
Florida	1,138	907	1,221	1,259	1,152	1,163
Georgia	26,938	26,532	25,694	25,936	24,180	26,356
Kentucky	6,265	5,490	6,437	5,947	5,895	4,561
Louisiana	3,502	3,512	3,231	2,684	3,178	3,345
Maryland	5,535	4,047	6,272	5,383	5,902	5,297
Mississippi	14,642	13,538	14,207	12,613	13,621	13,817
Missouri	6,306	6,065	6,147	6,110	6,353	5,088
North Carolina	14,579	15,014	16,465	15,787	15,163	14,914
Oklahoma	4,082	2,314	3,295	5,061	5,574	4,156
Pennsylvania	4,115	4,022	3,340	3,919	3,829	3,749
South Carolina	5,337	5,121	5,470	4,138	4,642	4,983
Texas	11,853	11,415	11,471	11,295	10,915	11,316
Virginia	4,886	5,457	5,780	6,282	4,916	5,349
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,851	7,978	10,040	9,993	11,282	8,499
19 State total	164,339	156,087	164,105	158,443	160,981	156,625
Percent of previous year	100	96	99	99	98	98
Other States	6,525	5,981	6,150	5,798	6,321	6,287
United States	170,864	162,068	170,255	164,241	167,302	162,912
Percent of previous year	100	96	99	99	99	98

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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