



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 14, 2015, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 14, 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 14, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 14, 2015, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through November 14, 2015 for the United States were 7.88 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 10, 2015	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)					
Alabama	28,328	27,925	27,563	27,293	27,738	29,492
Arkansas	21,811	18,840	19,776	20,778	20,883	21,562
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224
Georgia	31,033	32,058	33,281	32,050	31,400	33,839
Kentucky	7,676	5,943	6,133	7,664	7,306	7,745
Louisiana	3,617	3,772	3,394	3,077	3,364	3,379
Maryland	7,160	7,199	7,191	7,199	7,209	7,205
Mississippi	16,378	16,553	17,369	16,387	16,867	17,562
Missouri	8,325	7,748	7,444	7,552	7,789	8,295
North Carolina	17,882	18,266	20,144	20,073	20,063	20,100
Oklahoma	6,318	6,486	6,733	6,729	6,733	6,911
Pennsylvania	4,629	4,584	4,126	4,433	4,512	4,568
South Carolina	5,378	5,674	5,634	5,681	5,179	5,880
Texas	13,676	13,828	14,223	14,576	13,760	14,648
Virginia	6,140	6,369	6,285	5,662	6,185	6,206
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,602	10,300	10,932	11,951	11,149	11,625
19 State total	195,933	191,524	196,208	197,085	196,117	204,996
Percent of previous year	98	98	99	101	98	98
Other States	7,683	7,745	7,602	7,458	7,661	7,787
United States	203,616	199,269	203,810	204,543	203,778	212,783
Percent of previous year	98	98	99	101	98	98

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

State	Week ending					
	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama	20,574	21,365	20,345	21,018	20,114	20,778
Arkansas	17,630	19,061	17,250	18,259	18,310	18,302
Delaware	6,471	4,609	4,421	5,102	5,608	5,564
Florida	907	1,221	1,259	1,152	1,163	1,085
Georgia	26,532	25,694	25,936	24,180	26,356	27,116
Kentucky	5,490	6,437	5,947	5,895	4,561	4,457
Louisiana	3,512	3,231	2,684	3,178	3,345	2,990
Maryland	4,047	6,272	5,383	5,902	5,297	5,603
Mississippi	13,538	14,207	12,613	13,621	13,817	14,739
Missouri	6,065	6,147	6,110	6,353	5,088	4,976
North Carolina	15,014	16,465	15,787	15,163	14,914	15,926
Oklahoma	2,314	3,295	5,061	5,574	4,156	4,005
Pennsylvania	4,022	3,340	3,919	3,829	3,754	3,396
South Carolina	5,090	5,401	3,989	4,607	4,926	5,062
Texas	11,415	11,471	11,295	10,915	11,316	11,780
Virginia	5,457	5,780	6,282	4,916	5,349	4,899
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	7,978	10,040	9,993	11,282	9,623	9,691
19 State total	156,056	164,036	158,274	160,946	157,697	160,369
Percent of previous year	96	99	99	98	99	99
Other States	5,981	6,150	5,798	6,380	6,328	6,368
United States	162,037	170,186	164,072	167,326	164,025	166,737
Percent of previous year	96	99	99	99	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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