



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 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 5, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 5, 2015, down 1 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 5, 2015, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 5, 2015, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through December 5, 2015 for the United States were 8.39 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 31, 2015	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,293	27,724	29,688	29,341	30,196	28,609
Arkansas	20,414	20,565	22,007	22,146	21,409	21,645
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	31,891	31,205	33,839	34,102	33,889	33,660
Kentucky	7,664	7,306	7,867	7,930	7,979	7,979
Louisiana	3,077	3,364	3,651	3,530	3,561	3,636
Maryland	7,199	7,209	7,224	8,139	7,600	7,577
Mississippi	16,387	16,867	17,420	17,797	17,515	17,798
Missouri	7,552	7,789	8,295	8,045	7,892	7,968
North Carolina	20,167	20,156	20,287	20,432	20,617	20,188
Oklahoma	6,729	6,733	6,911	6,770	6,853	6,649
Pennsylvania	4,433	4,770	4,869	4,776	4,883	4,557
South Carolina	5,681	5,179	5,817	5,797	5,270	5,344
Texas	14,412	13,897	14,896	15,178	15,446	14,349
Virginia	5,662	6,185	6,206	6,264	6,596	5,818
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,951	11,153	12,331	12,335	12,749	11,182
19 State total	196,492	196,082	207,287	208,562	208,435	202,939
Percent of previous year	100	98	99	100	100	99
Other States	7,511	7,600	7,850	7,847	7,853	7,672
United States	204,003	203,682	215,137	216,409	216,288	210,611
Percent of previous year	100	98	99	100	100	99

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

State	Week ending					
	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,018	20,109	20,782	20,059	21,087	21,609
Arkansas	18,259	18,310	18,311	18,713	19,010	20,726
Delaware	5,102	5,608	5,163	4,370	4,546	4,873
Florida	1,152	1,164	1,085	1,185	1,183	1,271
Georgia	24,187	26,356	27,120	26,086	25,446	26,400
Kentucky	5,895	4,559	4,456	6,198	5,900	6,233
Louisiana	3,178	3,345	2,990	2,705	2,999	3,225
Maryland	5,902	5,294	6,130	7,196	6,804	5,060
Mississippi	13,621	13,817	14,752	13,849	14,265	14,815
Missouri	6,353	5,088	4,975	5,846	5,524	6,080
North Carolina	15,163	14,913	15,926	16,383	15,985	16,195
Oklahoma	5,574	4,156	4,005	3,560	4,309	3,892
Pennsylvania	3,829	3,739	3,350	3,862	4,010	4,444
South Carolina	4,607	4,926	5,077	4,324	4,747	5,693
Texas	10,915	11,316	11,785	11,994	11,659	12,250
Virginia	4,916	5,330	4,804	4,069	5,134	6,065
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,282	9,611	9,757	10,559	9,939	11,092
19 State total	160,953	157,641	160,468	160,958	162,547	169,923
Percent of previous year	98	99	99	100	100	100
Other States	6,380	6,323	6,330	6,209	5,915	6,059
United States	167,333	163,964	166,798	167,167	168,462	175,982
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	101	100	100

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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