



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 12, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 12, 2015, up slightly 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 Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 12, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 12, 2015, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through December 12, 2015 for the United States were 8.57 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					
	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,724	29,688	29,341	30,196	28,609	29,446
Arkansas	20,645	22,069	22,185	21,483	21,740	21,932
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,751
Florida	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	31,205	33,839	34,102	33,889	33,660	33,901
Kentucky	7,306	7,867	7,930	7,979	7,979	8,094
Louisiana	3,364	3,651	3,530	3,561	3,636	3,833
Maryland	7,209	7,224	8,139	7,600	7,577	7,868
Mississippi	16,867	17,566	17,797	17,515	17,798	18,006
Missouri	7,789	8,295	8,045	7,892	7,968	7,984
North Carolina	20,156	20,287	20,432	20,617	20,188	20,885
Oklahoma	6,733	6,911	6,770	6,853	6,649	6,740
Pennsylvania	4,770	4,869	4,776	4,883	4,657	4,826
South Carolina	5,179	5,817	5,797	5,270	5,344	5,368
Texas	13,897	14,896	15,178	15,446	14,349	14,842
Virginia	6,185	6,206	6,264	6,596	5,818	6,355
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,153	12,331	12,325	12,749	11,256	11,433
19 State total	196,162	207,495	208,591	208,509	203,208	207,489
Percent of previous year	98	99	100	100	99	100
Other States	7,600	7,850	7,901	7,853	7,672	7,921
United States	203,762	215,345	216,492	216,362	210,880	215,410
Percent of previous year	98	99	100	100	99	100

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

State	Week ending					
	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,109	20,782	20,059	21,087	21,609	21,648
Arkansas	18,383	18,384	18,786	19,073	20,735	20,473
Delaware	5,608	5,163	4,370	4,546	4,873	6,057
Florida	1,164	1,085	1,185	1,183	1,271	1,288
Georgia	26,114	26,923	25,981	25,339	26,263	27,095
Kentucky	4,559	4,456	6,198	5,901	6,311	5,829
Louisiana	3,345	2,990	2,705	2,999	3,225	3,060
Maryland	5,294	6,130	7,196	6,804	5,060	5,558
Mississippi	13,817	14,752	13,849	14,265	14,923	15,101
Missouri	5,088	4,975	5,846	5,524	6,080	6,352
North Carolina	14,913	15,926	16,383	16,003	16,204	16,963
Oklahoma	4,156	4,005	3,560	4,309	3,963	3,411
Pennsylvania	3,739	3,350	3,862	4,010	4,469	3,946
South Carolina	4,926	5,077	4,324	4,747	5,693	5,316
Texas	11,316	11,785	11,994	11,652	12,250	12,737
Virginia	5,330	4,804	4,069	5,134	6,045	4,921
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,611	9,757	10,559	9,939	10,967	11,068
19 State total	157,472	160,344	160,926	162,515	169,941	170,823
Percent of previous year	98	99	100	100	100	100
Other States	6,323	6,330	6,209	5,915	5,982	6,735
United States	163,795	166,674	167,135	168,430	175,923	177,558
Percent of previous year	99	99	101	100	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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