



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 26, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 26, 2015, up 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 26, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 26, 2015, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through December 26, 2015 for the United States were 8.92 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 21, 2015	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,341	30,196	28,609	29,536	29,902	30,063
Arkansas	22,175	21,425	21,740	22,096	21,522	21,924
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,751	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,102	33,889	33,368	33,901	34,094	33,902
Kentucky	7,930	7,979	7,979	8,091	8,083	7,870
Louisiana	3,530	3,561	3,636	3,833	3,651	3,470
Maryland	8,139	7,600	7,577	7,868	7,773	7,980
Mississippi	17,797	17,705	17,798	18,006	18,360	17,535
Missouri	8,045	7,892	7,968	7,984	7,881	7,844
North Carolina	20,432	20,617	20,188	20,918	20,585	20,473
Oklahoma	6,770	6,853	6,649	6,740	7,237	7,237
Pennsylvania	4,780	4,890	4,643	4,858	4,932	4,796
South Carolina	5,797	5,270	5,344	5,368	5,706	5,681
Texas	15,178	15,446	14,349	14,911	14,603	14,953
Virginia	6,264	6,596	5,740	6,355	6,433	6,329
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,325	12,739	11,256	11,471	11,971	11,646
19 State total	208,585	208,638	202,824	207,912	208,713	207,683
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	101	101	101
Other States	7,901	7,853	7,670	7,921	7,817	8,054
United States	216,486	216,491	210,494	215,833	216,530	215,737
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	100	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015	December 26, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,052	21,087	21,609	21,674	21,424	21,243
Arkansas	18,786	19,073	20,735	20,450	19,815	19,454
Delaware	4,370	4,546	4,873	6,057	4,330	5,154
Florida	1,185	1,182	1,272	1,289	1,373	1,477
Georgia	25,980	25,339	26,263	27,096	27,491	26,240
Kentucky	6,196	5,900	6,310	5,827	6,209	6,288
Louisiana	2,705	2,999	3,225	3,060	3,050	3,117
Maryland	7,194	6,803	5,058	5,557	7,705	5,385
Mississippi	13,849	14,265	14,923	15,087	14,825	15,060
Missouri	5,846	5,524	6,080	6,352	5,655	5,200
North Carolina	16,383	16,002	16,204	16,961	16,475	16,295
Oklahoma	3,560	4,309	3,963	3,436	4,332	5,023
Pennsylvania	3,807	3,962	4,408	3,935	4,314	4,019
South Carolina	4,324	4,747	5,693	5,316	4,676	5,159
Texas	11,994	11,652	12,250	12,749	13,037	12,196
Virginia	4,066	5,132	6,043	4,909	5,018	5,429
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,558	9,938	10,966	11,068	11,622	10,080
19 State total	160,855	162,460	169,875	170,823	171,351	166,819
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	100	100	99
Other States	6,208	5,912	5,980	6,735	6,164	6,338
United States	167,063	168,372	175,855	177,558	177,515	173,157
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	100	100	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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