



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 31, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 31, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 31, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 31, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 10, 2015 through January 31, 2015 for the United States were 701 million. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014 and 2015

State	Week ending					
	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,757	28,380	28,668	29,141	28,687	28,810
Arkansas	21,989	21,765	21,283	21,716	21,176	21,358
Delaware	4,736	4,728	4,777	4,760	4,773	4,738
Florida	1,224	1,223	1,225	1,223	1,221	920
Georgia	34,472	34,493	34,306	34,515	34,183	33,083
Kentucky	7,993	8,014	7,964	8,006	7,877	7,670
Louisiana	3,848	3,848	3,848	3,817	3,727	3,863
Maryland	7,924	7,874	7,763	7,739	7,695	7,572
Mississippi	17,828	17,632	17,253	17,416	17,993	18,020
Missouri	8,114	8,143	8,251	8,268	8,256	8,227
North Carolina	20,687	20,965	20,844	20,878	20,563	20,990
Oklahoma	6,189	6,270	6,613	6,260	6,611	6,384
Pennsylvania	4,370	4,330	4,382	4,395	4,364	4,235
South Carolina	5,574	5,058	5,303	5,148	5,437	5,407
Texas	15,036	14,967	14,872	14,990	14,985	15,266
Virginia	6,455	6,634	6,590	6,590	6,407	6,434
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,801	11,742	11,594	11,665	11,805	11,721
19 State total	205,997	206,066	205,536	206,527	205,760	204,698
Percent of previous year	102	103	101	103	102	102
Other States	8,223	8,156	8,220	7,806	7,793	7,802
United States	214,220	214,222	213,756	214,333	213,553	212,500
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	103	102	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014 and 2015

State	Week ending					
	December 27, 2014	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,925	22,413	21,724	21,189	21,962	22,338
Arkansas	19,483	19,317	19,179	19,009	18,481	18,989
Delaware	4,775	5,770	5,567	5,201	5,610	5,061
Florida	1,328	1,342	1,340	1,355	1,231	1,365
Georgia	26,889	27,027	27,168	26,541	27,442	27,113
Kentucky	6,135	6,012	6,455	6,291	6,678	6,125
Louisiana	3,307	3,427	3,230	3,414	3,426	3,407
Maryland	6,496	5,931	5,634	5,711	5,856	5,978
Mississippi	14,415	14,985	14,947	14,907	14,577	14,190
Missouri	5,927	6,551	5,998	5,266	6,173	5,647
North Carolina	16,540	16,775	16,980	16,345	16,138	16,212
Oklahoma	4,980	4,425	4,175	4,493	4,418	4,597
Pennsylvania	4,064	3,755	3,883	3,989	3,869	4,054
South Carolina	5,124	4,582	5,230	5,023	5,143	5,120
Texas	11,329	11,759	12,286	12,160	12,529	12,056
Virginia	5,069	5,216	5,598	5,303	5,170	5,163
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,578	10,763	10,676	12,009	10,471	10,609
19 State total	168,364	170,050	170,070	169,206	169,174	168,024
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	103	102
Other States	6,348	6,304	6,372	5,975	5,942	6,437
United States	174,712	176,354	176,442	175,181	175,116	174,461
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	103	102

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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