



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 7, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 7, 2015, up 3 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 7, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 7, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through February 7, 2015 for the United States were 876 million. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,380	28,668	29,141	28,687	28,810	28,699
Arkansas .....	21,765	21,283	21,716	21,176	21,845	21,348
Delaware .....	4,728	4,777	4,760	4,773	4,786	4,820
Florida .....	1,223	1,225	1,223	1,221	920	1,224
Georgia .....	34,493	34,306	34,409	34,183	33,083	33,719
Kentucky .....	8,014	7,964	8,006	7,877	7,647	7,901
Louisiana .....	3,848	3,848	3,817	3,727	3,863	3,833
Maryland .....	7,874	7,763	7,739	7,695	7,572	7,572
Mississippi .....	17,632	17,253	17,416	17,993	18,020	18,044
Missouri .....	8,143	8,251	8,268	8,256	8,227	8,195
North Carolina .....	20,965	20,844	20,876	20,563	20,962	21,133
Oklahoma .....	6,270	6,613	6,260	6,611	6,384	6,471
Pennsylvania .....	4,330	4,382	4,390	4,364	4,052	4,487
South Carolina .....	5,058	5,303	5,148	5,524	5,447	5,450
Texas .....	14,967	14,872	14,822	14,985	15,266	15,311
Virginia .....	6,634	6,590	6,590	6,407	6,434	6,534
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,760	11,549	11,638	11,643	11,647	11,640
19 State total .....	206,084	205,491	206,219	205,685	204,965	206,381
Percent of previous year .....	103	101	103	102	102	103
Other States .....	8,156	8,220	7,815	7,793	7,817	7,822
United States .....	214,240	213,711	214,034	213,478	212,782	214,203
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	102	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	January 3, 2015	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,413	21,724	21,189	21,962	22,338	21,774
Arkansas .....	19,317	19,179	19,009	18,481	18,937	19,471
Delaware .....	5,770	5,567	5,201	5,610	4,951	4,576
Florida .....	1,342	1,340	1,355	1,231	1,365	1,518
Georgia .....	27,027	27,168	26,557	27,442	27,040	27,625
Kentucky .....	6,012	6,455	6,291	6,678	6,118	7,036
Louisiana .....	3,427	3,230	3,414	3,426	3,407	3,342
Maryland .....	5,931	5,634	5,711	5,856	5,915	6,698
Mississippi .....	14,985	14,947	14,907	14,577	14,180	14,463
Missouri .....	6,551	5,998	5,266	6,173	5,746	5,946
North Carolina .....	16,775	16,980	16,345	16,138	16,385	16,278
Oklahoma .....	4,425	4,175	5,493	4,418	4,597	3,934
Pennsylvania .....	3,755	3,883	3,989	3,869	4,058	3,981
South Carolina .....	4,582	5,230	5,023	5,050	5,083	4,349
Texas .....	11,759	12,286	12,160	12,529	12,056	11,950
Virginia .....	5,216	5,598	5,303	5,170	5,358	5,677
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,786	10,723	12,066	10,508	10,609	10,349
19 State total .....	170,073	170,117	169,279	169,118	168,143	168,967
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	103	102	103
Other States .....	6,304	6,372	5,975	5,942	6,455	5,663
United States .....	176,377	176,489	175,254	175,060	174,598	174,630
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	103	103	103

## 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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