



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 14, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 14, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 14, 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 February 14, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through February 14, 2015 for the United States were 1.05 billion. 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 10, 2015	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,668	29,141	28,687	28,810	28,699	29,158
Arkansas	21,283	21,716	21,740	21,845	21,348	21,305
Delaware	4,777	4,760	4,773	4,786	4,820	4,778
Florida	1,225	1,223	1,221	920	1,224	1,221
Georgia	34,306	34,409	34,183	33,083	33,719	33,367
Kentucky	7,964	8,006	7,877	7,647	7,901	7,811
Louisiana	3,848	3,817	3,833	3,863	3,833	3,833
Maryland	7,763	7,739	7,695	7,572	7,572	7,809
Mississippi	17,253	17,416	17,993	18,020	18,044	18,000
Missouri	8,251	8,268	8,256	8,227	8,195	8,194
North Carolina	20,830	20,876	20,533	20,962	21,133	21,151
Oklahoma	6,613	6,260	6,611	6,384	6,377	6,588
Pennsylvania	4,382	4,390	4,364	4,067	4,352	4,498
South Carolina	5,303	5,148	5,524	5,447	5,502	5,567
Texas	14,872	15,150	14,985	15,266	15,311	15,357
Virginia	6,590	6,590	6,407	6,434	6,534	6,547
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,549	11,638	11,618	11,969	11,322	11,328
19 State total	205,477	206,547	206,300	205,302	205,886	206,512
Percent of previous year	101	103	102	102	103	103
Other States	8,220	7,840	7,813	7,842	7,847	7,939
United States	213,697	214,387	214,113	213,144	213,733	214,451
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	102	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	January 10, 2015	January 17, 2015	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,724	21,189	21,962	22,338	21,710	21,868
Arkansas	19,179	19,009	18,481	18,937	19,493	20,226
Delaware	5,567	5,201	5,610	4,951	4,576	5,030
Florida	1,340	1,355	1,231	1,366	1,518	1,304
Georgia	27,168	26,557	27,442	27,040	27,625	27,184
Kentucky	6,455	6,291	6,678	6,118	7,036	5,577
Louisiana	3,230	3,414	3,426	3,407	3,342	3,342
Maryland	5,634	5,711	5,856	5,915	6,698	5,948
Mississippi	14,947	14,907	14,577	14,180	14,541	14,635
Missouri	5,998	5,266	6,173	5,746	5,946	5,429
North Carolina	16,980	16,345	16,138	16,385	16,281	16,714
Oklahoma	4,175	5,493	4,418	4,597	3,911	3,942
Pennsylvania	3,900	3,967	3,847	4,020	3,931	3,918
South Carolina	5,230	5,023	5,050	5,083	4,266	4,678
Texas	12,286	12,160	12,529	12,056	11,950	11,935
Virginia	5,598	5,303	5,170	5,358	5,676	4,703
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,723	12,066	10,508	10,593	10,349	11,215
19 State total	170,134	169,257	169,096	168,090	168,849	167,648
Percent of previous year	103	102	103	102	103	102
Other States	6,372	5,975	5,942	6,480	5,659	6,372
United States	176,506	175,232	175,038	174,570	174,508	174,020
Percent of previous year	103	102	103	103	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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