



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 28, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 28, 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 28, 2015, up 4 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 28, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through February 28, 2015 for the United States were 1.40 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 24, 2015	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,687	28,810	28,699	29,158	28,812	29,070
Arkansas .....	22,007	22,144	21,600	21,638	22,200	22,071
Delaware .....	4,773	4,786	4,820	4,883	4,771	4,903
Florida .....	1,221	920	1,224	1,221	1,051	1,046
Georgia .....	34,183	33,083	33,719	33,367	33,536	33,064
Kentucky .....	7,877	7,647	7,901	7,791	7,758	7,863
Louisiana .....	3,833	3,863	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833
Maryland .....	7,695	7,572	7,572	7,809	7,621	7,784
Mississippi .....	17,993	18,020	18,044	18,000	17,985	17,841
Missouri .....	8,256	8,227	8,195	8,194	8,180	8,229
North Carolina .....	20,533	20,958	21,133	21,151	20,980	21,174
Oklahoma .....	6,611	6,384	6,377	6,588	6,507	6,255
Pennsylvania .....	4,364	4,067	4,469	4,571	4,513	4,336
South Carolina .....	5,524	5,447	5,502	5,567	5,471	5,517
Texas .....	14,985	15,266	15,311	15,357	15,287	15,309
Virginia .....	6,407	6,431	6,534	6,547	6,604	6,587
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,677	12,019	11,333	12,155	12,170	12,040
19 State total .....	206,626	205,644	206,266	207,830	207,279	206,922
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	103	104	103	102
Other States .....	7,813	7,842	7,847	7,890	7,977	8,064
United States .....	214,439	213,486	214,113	215,720	215,256	214,986
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	103	103	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	January 24, 2015	January 31, 2015	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015	February 21, 2015	February 28, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,962	22,338	21,710	21,815	21,959	22,312
Arkansas .....	18,647	18,903	19,663	20,447	18,916	19,331
Delaware .....	5,610	4,951	4,576	5,156	4,864	5,227
Florida .....	1,231	1,366	1,518	1,303	1,020	1,233
Georgia .....	27,442	27,040	27,625	27,315	25,666	25,696
Kentucky .....	6,678	6,118	7,036	5,509	5,907	6,303
Louisiana .....	3,426	3,407	3,342	3,341	3,377	3,356
Maryland .....	5,856	5,915	6,698	5,903	6,291	6,148
Mississippi .....	14,577	14,180	14,541	14,697	15,065	15,076
Missouri .....	6,173	5,746	5,946	5,350	6,149	5,728
North Carolina .....	16,138	16,385	16,281	16,820	16,670	17,224
Oklahoma .....	4,418	4,597	3,911	3,943	4,668	4,301
Pennsylvania .....	3,847	4,020	3,931	3,939	3,744	3,880
South Carolina .....	5,050	5,083	4,266	4,678	5,007	4,669
Texas .....	12,529	12,056	11,950	11,935	12,292	12,364
Virginia .....	5,170	5,358	5,676	4,648	4,995	5,186
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,518	10,630	10,366	11,234	11,282	10,517
19 State total .....	169,272	168,093	169,036	168,033	167,872	168,551
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	102	103	104
Other States .....	5,942	6,480	5,659	6,363	6,052	6,337
United States .....	175,214	174,573	174,695	174,396	173,924	174,888
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	102	103	104

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.

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