



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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 4, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through April 4, 2015 for the United States were 2.28 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					
	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,250	29,323	28,928	29,294	28,730	29,684
Arkansas	22,058	21,702	21,865	21,083	21,991	22,057
Delaware	4,903	4,766	4,829	4,578	4,670	4,750
Florida	1,046	1,068	1,192	1,200	1,199	1,201
Georgia	33,186	32,574	32,469	32,871	34,553	34,046
Kentucky	7,821	7,375	7,766	7,651	7,752	7,735
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,817	3,833	3,833	3,833
Maryland	7,784	7,744	7,937	7,581	7,838	7,856
Mississippi	17,841	17,576	18,001	17,841	17,935	17,728
Missouri	8,229	7,810	7,904	8,310	8,229	8,212
North Carolina	21,157	20,963	21,553	21,045	21,286	21,249
Oklahoma	6,615	6,588	6,348	6,568	6,737	6,726
Pennsylvania	4,451	4,545	4,435	4,419	4,246	4,486
South Carolina	5,521	5,590	5,596	5,852	5,721	5,761
Texas	15,288	15,411	13,745	14,622	15,304	15,633
Virginia	6,587	6,845	6,586	6,536	6,534	6,534
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,305	11,944	12,017	11,817	12,027	12,385
19 State total	207,875	205,657	204,988	205,101	208,585	209,876
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	102	103	103
Other States	8,064	8,005	8,364	8,131	8,097	7,670
United States	215,939	213,662	213,352	213,232	216,682	217,546
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	102	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	February 28, 2015	March 7, 2015	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,644	21,513	21,971	22,405	21,925	21,682
Arkansas	19,331	19,387	19,428	18,639	19,102	17,728
Delaware	5,479	5,200	4,519	5,427	5,425	5,324
Florida	1,303	1,364	1,163	1,003	1,210	1,319
Georgia	26,021	26,450	26,013	25,265	25,800	26,106
Kentucky	6,304	6,055	6,327	6,392	5,580	6,249
Louisiana	3,356	3,365	3,354	3,355	3,606	3,316
Maryland	5,864	5,840	6,387	5,647	5,984	5,958
Mississippi	15,155	14,959	14,928	14,842	14,436	15,007
Missouri	5,728	6,253	5,879	6,298	5,474	5,739
North Carolina	17,335	17,626	16,553	16,655	16,134	17,457
Oklahoma	4,301	4,079	4,643	4,635	3,954	5,079
Pennsylvania	3,866	3,949	4,049	4,048	3,994	3,652
South Carolina	4,822	4,493	5,138	4,770	5,995	4,778
Texas	12,366	12,236	12,406	12,703	12,748	11,619
Virginia	5,207	5,553	5,619	5,635	5,567	6,050
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,569	11,883	11,293	11,772	11,098	11,212
19 State total	168,651	170,205	169,670	169,491	168,032	168,275
Percent of previous year	104	104	104	103	101	101
Other States	6,338	6,030	6,147	6,251	6,194	6,126
United States	174,989	176,235	175,817	175,742	174,226	174,401
Percent of previous year	104	104	104	103	102	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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