



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 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through April 18, 2015 for the United States were 2.63 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					
	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,928	29,294	28,730	29,684	29,024	29,535
Arkansas	21,865	21,083	21,991	22,057	21,924	21,696
Delaware	4,829	4,578	4,670	4,670	4,922	4,736
Florida	1,192	1,200	1,199	1,201	1,222	1,223
Georgia	32,469	32,871	34,553	34,046	33,855	34,231
Kentucky	7,766	7,651	7,718	7,684	7,720	7,884
Louisiana	3,817	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833
Maryland	7,937	7,581	7,838	7,856	7,896	7,989
Mississippi	18,001	17,841	17,935	17,728	17,823	17,567
Missouri	7,904	8,310	8,229	8,212	8,415	8,266
North Carolina	21,553	21,045	21,286	21,249	21,588	20,733
Oklahoma	6,348	6,568	6,732	6,726	6,610	6,672
Pennsylvania	4,487	4,487	4,302	4,594	4,603	4,647
South Carolina	5,596	5,852	5,721	5,761	5,516	5,851
Texas	13,745	14,622	15,304	15,633	15,859	15,538
Virginia	6,586	6,536	6,534	6,534	6,534	6,553
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,017	11,849	11,797	12,901	12,551	12,333
19 State total	205,040	205,201	208,372	210,369	209,895	209,287
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	103	102	102
Other States	8,420	8,243	8,141	7,753	8,398	8,267
United States	213,460	213,444	216,513	218,122	218,293	217,554
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	103	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	March 14, 2015	March 21, 2015	March 28, 2015	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,971	22,172	21,925	21,682	21,919	21,325
Arkansas	19,428	18,639	19,102	17,728	17,952	20,838
Delaware	4,519	5,427	5,425	5,541	4,293	5,226
Florida	1,161	1,007	1,209	1,320	1,455	1,328
Georgia	26,013	25,499	25,969	26,106	26,387	27,021
Kentucky	6,327	6,392	5,588	6,248	6,359	5,740
Louisiana	3,354	3,355	3,606	3,315	3,362	3,372
Maryland	6,388	5,649	5,986	5,675	6,115	6,575
Mississippi	14,928	14,842	14,436	15,007	15,097	15,512
Missouri	5,879	6,298	5,474	5,739	6,296	5,742
North Carolina	16,554	16,656	15,944	17,410	16,907	17,242
Oklahoma	4,643	4,635	3,954	5,079	4,915	3,632
Pennsylvania	4,072	4,123	4,063	3,735	3,952	3,850
South Carolina	5,138	4,770	6,019	4,778	4,849	4,653
Texas	12,406	12,703	12,748	11,619	11,909	12,536
Virginia	5,628	5,637	5,568	6,003	5,557	5,019
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,294	11,753	11,103	11,191	10,624	11,418
19 State total	169,703	169,557	168,119	168,176	167,948	171,029
Percent of previous year	103	102	101	101	103	104
Other States	6,141	6,249	6,190	6,114	6,553	6,310
United States	175,844	175,806	174,309	174,290	174,501	177,339
Percent of previous year	103	102	101	101	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.

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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