



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 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 9, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 9, 2015, up 3 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 9, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 9, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through May 9, 2015 for the United States were 3.17 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					
	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,684	29,124	29,535	29,136	28,905	29,372
Arkansas	22,074	21,878	21,713	21,549	22,173	22,127
Delaware	4,670	4,922	4,736	4,717	4,743	4,759
Florida	1,201	1,222	1,223	1,222	1,224	1,225
Georgia	34,046	33,955	34,231	34,144	34,394	34,593
Kentucky	7,684	7,720	7,884	7,891	7,854	7,872
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,878	3,878
Maryland	7,856	7,896	7,989	7,723	8,054	7,984
Mississippi	17,728	17,553	17,737	17,310	17,621	18,022
Missouri	8,212	8,415	8,266	8,127	8,105	7,759
North Carolina	21,249	21,580	20,780	21,570	21,486	21,517
Oklahoma	6,726	6,610	6,672	6,154	6,768	6,801
Pennsylvania	4,622	4,657	4,878	4,596	4,481	4,486
South Carolina	5,761	5,516	5,851	5,488	5,739	5,705
Texas	15,633	15,859	15,538	15,304	15,264	15,336
Virginia	6,534	6,529	6,553	6,549	6,591	6,458
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,899	12,544	12,799	12,277	12,955	12,928
19 State total	210,412	209,813	210,218	207,590	210,235	210,822
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	102	103	103
Other States	7,753	8,398	8,267	8,215	8,337	8,097
United States	218,165	218,211	218,485	215,805	218,572	218,919
Percent of previous year	103	102	102	102	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	April 4, 2015	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,682	21,919	21,325	22,488	21,856	22,383
Arkansas	17,715	17,959	20,871	19,940	20,505	19,860
Delaware	5,541	4,293	5,116	4,726	5,516	5,824
Florida	1,322	1,450	1,327	1,332	1,340	1,335
Georgia	26,107	26,387	27,021	26,772	27,224	26,660
Kentucky	6,248	6,359	5,741	5,668	6,759	6,456
Louisiana	3,315	3,363	3,372	3,394	3,383	3,396
Maryland	5,676	6,118	6,764	6,837	6,603	5,799
Mississippi	15,007	15,097	15,512	15,347	14,781	15,132
Missouri	5,739	6,296	5,742	5,963	5,456	6,160
North Carolina	17,409	16,905	17,246	17,330	17,063	16,408
Oklahoma	5,079	4,915	3,632	4,435	4,383	4,112
Pennsylvania	3,755	3,980	3,839	4,068	3,933	4,237
South Carolina	4,789	4,856	4,689	4,338	5,130	4,882
Texas	11,620	11,909	12,536	12,826	13,111	12,813
Virginia	6,002	5,555	4,979	4,896	5,057	5,122
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,191	10,623	11,380	12,204	11,374	12,301
19 State total	168,197	167,984	171,092	172,564	173,474	172,880
Percent of previous year	101	103	104	103	104	103
Other States	6,115	6,555	6,314	6,317	6,365	6,226
United States	174,312	174,539	177,406	178,881	179,839	179,106
Percent of previous year	101	103	104	103	104	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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