



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 16, 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 16, 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through May 16, 2015 for the United States were 3.34 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 11, 2015	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015	May 16, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,124	29,535	29,136	28,905	29,372	29,569
Arkansas	21,878	21,713	21,549	22,173	22,127	21,717
Delaware	4,922	4,736	4,717	4,743	4,759	4,774
Florida	1,222	1,223	1,222	1,224	1,225	1,225
Georgia	33,955	34,231	34,144	34,394	34,593	34,325
Kentucky	7,720	7,884	7,891	7,854	7,872	7,853
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,878	3,878	3,848
Maryland	7,896	7,989	7,723	8,054	7,984	8,068
Mississippi	17,553	17,737	17,310	17,621	18,022	17,974
Missouri	8,415	8,266	8,127	8,105	7,759	8,328
North Carolina	21,580	20,780	21,570	21,486	21,565	21,656
Oklahoma	6,610	6,672	6,154	6,768	6,801	6,837
Pennsylvania	4,657	4,878	4,596	4,481	4,542	4,719
South Carolina	5,516	5,851	5,488	5,739	5,705	5,703
Texas	15,859	15,538	15,304	15,264	15,336	15,105
Virginia	6,529	6,553	6,549	6,591	6,458	6,490
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,544	12,799	12,265	12,955	12,462	12,698
19 State total	209,813	210,218	207,578	210,235	210,460	210,889
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	103	103	103
Other States	8,408	8,629	8,580	8,571	8,450	8,490
United States	218,221	218,847	216,158	218,806	218,910	219,379
Percent of previous year	102	102	102	103	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	April 11, 2015	April 18, 2015	April 25, 2015	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015	May 16, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,919	21,325	22,488	21,856	22,312	22,724
Arkansas	17,959	20,871	19,940	20,505	19,860	20,184
Delaware	4,293	5,116	4,726	5,516	5,824	4,820
Florida	1,450	1,327	1,332	1,340	1,411	1,229
Georgia	26,387	27,021	26,772	27,224	26,660	26,397
Kentucky	6,359	5,741	5,668	6,759	6,456	5,984
Louisiana	3,363	3,372	3,394	3,383	3,396	3,396
Maryland	6,118	6,764	6,837	6,603	5,798	6,648
Mississippi	15,097	15,512	15,347	14,781	15,132	14,629
Missouri	6,296	5,742	5,963	5,456	6,164	6,217
North Carolina	16,905	17,246	17,330	17,063	16,404	16,501
Oklahoma	4,915	3,632	4,435	4,383	4,112	3,138
Pennsylvania	3,970	3,830	4,059	3,932	4,197	3,995
South Carolina	4,856	4,689	4,338	5,130	4,882	4,943
Texas	11,909	12,536	12,826	13,111	12,813	12,600
Virginia	5,555	4,979	4,896	5,057	5,131	5,598
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,623	11,380	12,204	11,374	12,277	12,040
19 State total	167,974	171,083	172,555	173,473	172,829	171,043
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	104	102	103
Other States	6,555	6,314	6,317	6,365	6,456	6,681
United States	174,529	177,397	178,872	179,838	179,285	177,724
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	104	103	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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