



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 28, 2015, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 28, 2015, down slightly 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 28, 2015, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 28, 2015, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through November 28, 2015 for the United States were 8.22 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2015

State	Week ending					
	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,563	27,293	27,724	29,688	29,139	30,195
Arkansas	19,776	20,414	20,565	21,764	22,146	21,733
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225
Georgia	33,281	31,891	31,205	33,839	34,102	33,785
Kentucky	6,133	7,664	7,306	7,867	7,930	8,098
Louisiana	3,394	3,077	3,364	3,651	3,530	3,561
Maryland	7,191	7,199	7,209	7,205	8,123	7,587
Mississippi	17,369	16,387	16,867	17,420	17,797	17,515
Missouri	7,444	7,552	7,789	8,295	8,045	7,892
North Carolina	20,144	20,167	20,156	20,287	20,432	20,678
Oklahoma	6,733	6,729	6,733	6,911	6,770	6,853
Pennsylvania	4,126	4,433	4,770	4,869	4,776	4,726
South Carolina	5,634	5,681	5,179	5,817	5,797	5,271
Texas	14,302	14,412	13,897	14,896	15,178	15,518
Virginia	6,285	5,662	6,185	6,206	6,264	6,596
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,932	11,951	11,149	12,341	12,335	12,821
19 State total	196,287	196,492	196,078	207,035	208,344	208,809
Percent of previous year	99	100	98	99	100	100
Other States	7,602	7,511	7,661	7,817	7,847	7,853
United States	203,889	204,003	203,739	214,852	216,191	216,662
Percent of previous year	99	100	98	99	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,350	21,018	20,109	20,782	20,057	21,087
Arkansas	17,250	18,259	18,310	18,311	18,713	19,010
Delaware	4,421	5,102	5,608	5,564	4,228	4,275
Florida	1,259	1,152	1,164	1,085	1,185	1,183
Georgia	25,936	24,187	26,356	27,120	26,086	25,425
Kentucky	5,947	5,895	4,559	4,456	6,198	5,901
Louisiana	2,684	3,178	3,345	2,990	2,705	2,999
Maryland	5,383	5,902	5,294	5,602	7,183	7,012
Mississippi	12,613	13,621	13,817	14,752	13,849	14,265
Missouri	6,110	6,353	5,088	4,975	5,846	5,524
North Carolina	15,787	15,163	14,913	15,926	16,383	16,406
Oklahoma	5,061	5,574	4,156	4,005	3,560	4,309
Pennsylvania	3,919	3,829	3,739	3,350	3,862	4,048
South Carolina	3,989	4,607	4,926	5,077	4,324	4,305
Texas	11,295	10,915	11,316	11,785	11,994	11,659
Virginia	6,282	4,916	5,330	4,932	4,227	5,151
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,993	11,282	9,611	9,757	10,559	9,930
19 State total	158,279	160,953	157,641	160,469	160,959	162,489
Percent of previous year	99	98	99	99	100	100
Other States	5,798	6,380	6,323	6,330	6,209	5,914
United States	164,077	167,333	163,964	166,799	167,168	168,403
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	99	101	100

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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