



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 31, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 31, 2015, up 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 31, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 31, 2015, down 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through October 31, 2015 for the United States were 7.55 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					
	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,314	27,865	28,328	27,925	27,192	27,293
Arkansas	21,582	21,111	21,811	19,256	20,141	20,778
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,224	1,190	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225
Georgia	32,564	32,105	31,033	32,058	33,281	32,050
Kentucky	7,867	7,268	7,676	5,943	6,133	7,664
Louisiana	3,651	3,340	3,617	3,772	3,394	3,077
Maryland	7,958	7,278	7,160	7,199	7,191	7,199
Mississippi	16,890	15,445	16,378	16,553	17,369	16,387
Missouri	8,017	7,823	8,325	7,748	7,444	7,552
North Carolina	19,725	19,074	17,882	18,266	20,144	20,073
Oklahoma	5,678	6,128	6,318	6,486	6,733	6,729
Pennsylvania	3,903	4,644	4,629	4,584	4,126	4,429
South Carolina	5,712	5,527	5,409	5,719	5,690	5,681
Texas	13,262	13,546	13,676	13,828	14,223	14,576
Virginia	6,378	6,094	6,140	6,369	6,230	5,662
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,747	11,130	11,602	9,006	11,601	11,601
19 State total	199,227	194,323	195,964	190,691	196,872	196,731
Percent of previous year	99	99	98	97	99	100
Other States	7,276	7,621	7,683	7,700	7,610	7,471
United States	206,503	201,944	203,647	198,391	204,482	204,202
Percent of previous year	99	99	98	98	99	100

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

State	Week ending					
	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,671	21,228	20,574	21,365	20,365	20,914
Arkansas	20,025	19,921	17,630	19,061	17,250	18,170
Delaware	4,871	5,161	6,471	4,609	4,421	5,102
Florida	1,236	1,138	907	1,221	1,259	1,152
Georgia	26,684	26,938	26,532	25,694	25,936	24,176
Kentucky	6,555	6,265	5,490	6,437	5,947	5,888
Louisiana	3,151	3,502	3,512	3,231	2,684	3,178
Maryland	5,803	5,535	4,047	6,272	5,383	5,902
Mississippi	13,704	14,642	13,538	14,207	12,613	13,725
Missouri	6,232	6,306	6,065	6,147	6,110	6,353
North Carolina	15,366	14,579	15,014	16,465	15,787	15,168
Oklahoma	4,210	4,082	2,314	3,295	5,061	5,574
Pennsylvania	3,751	4,115	4,022	3,340	3,919	3,795
South Carolina	5,128	5,337	5,121	5,470	4,138	4,642
Texas	11,283	11,853	11,415	11,471	11,295	10,899
Virginia	5,847	4,886	5,457	5,780	6,282	4,900
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,101	8,851	7,978	10,041	9,993	11,293
19 State total	164,618	164,339	156,087	164,106	158,443	160,831
Percent of previous year	100	100	96	99	99	98
Other States	6,811	6,525	5,981	6,150	5,799	6,373
United States	171,429	170,864	162,068	170,256	164,242	167,204
Percent of previous year	100	100	96	99	99	99

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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