



# 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 June 20, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 20, 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 20, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 20, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through June 20, 2015 for the United States were 4.24 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					
	May 16, 2015	May 23, 2015	May 30, 2015	June 6, 2015	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama .....	29,614	29,603	29,540	29,571	29,414	29,709
Arkansas .....	21,691	21,667	21,720	22,292	21,602	21,705
Delaware .....	4,774	4,745	4,748	4,751	4,757	4,757
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,224
Georgia .....	34,858	34,085	34,538	34,559	34,052	34,296
Kentucky .....	7,836	8,027	7,994	7,958	8,041	7,970
Louisiana .....	3,848	3,803	3,787	3,576	3,848	3,677
Maryland .....	8,068	8,012	8,029	8,092	8,019	8,103
Mississippi .....	17,974	18,081	18,057	18,068	17,834	17,647
Missouri .....	8,328	8,336	8,298	8,341	8,310	8,325
North Carolina .....	21,599	21,771	21,759	21,859	21,524	21,785
Oklahoma .....	6,708	6,667	6,491	6,679	6,674	6,841
Pennsylvania .....	4,751	4,626	4,692	4,711	4,615	4,611
South Carolina .....	5,759	5,710	5,590	5,726	5,537	5,683
Texas .....	15,135	15,257	15,264	15,228	15,017	14,910
Virginia .....	6,490	6,471	6,495	6,495	6,412	6,401
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,496	11,836	12,346	12,208	12,507	12,543
19 State total .....	211,154	209,922	210,573	211,339	209,386	210,187
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	102	103	103	102
Other States .....	8,587	7,975	8,482	8,179	8,147	8,076
United States .....	219,741	217,897	219,055	219,518	217,533	218,263
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	102	102	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	May 16, 2015	May 23, 2015	May 30, 2015	June 6, 2015	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama .....	22,570	22,204	21,842	21,993	22,890	21,979
Arkansas .....	20,241	19,563	19,100	19,217	19,945	19,930
Delaware .....	5,031	5,113	6,098	4,914	4,961	5,441
Florida .....	1,287	1,397	1,379	1,346	1,407	1,392
Georgia .....	26,713	27,109	27,793	27,406	27,045	28,312
Kentucky .....	5,994	6,680	5,845	6,501	6,095	6,333
Louisiana .....	3,396	3,425	3,396	3,392	3,355	3,348
Maryland .....	6,519	6,310	5,412	6,172	6,559	6,043
Mississippi .....	14,670	15,116	15,328	15,231	15,122	15,127
Missouri .....	6,216	5,868	5,923	5,810	6,026	6,282
North Carolina .....	16,338	16,438	17,165	17,179	17,267	17,635
Oklahoma .....	3,138	4,635	4,942	5,335	4,618	4,038
Pennsylvania .....	4,059	3,665	3,855	3,994	3,739	3,861
South Carolina .....	4,956	5,410	5,151	5,252	4,914	4,578
Texas .....	12,583	12,813	12,760	12,759	12,380	12,585
Virginia .....	5,502	6,092	5,549	5,905	5,437	5,279
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,061	11,082	11,803	11,319	11,222	11,455
19 State total .....	171,274	172,920	173,341	173,725	172,982	173,618
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	104	103	103	102
Other States .....	6,590	6,345	6,486	6,884	6,574	6,765
United States .....	177,864	179,265	179,827	180,609	179,556	180,383
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	104	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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