



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 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 27, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 27, 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 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 27, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 27, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through June 27, 2015 for the United States were 4.42 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 23, 2015	May 30, 2015	June 6, 2015	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,603	29,540	29,571	29,414	29,709	29,179
Arkansas	21,667	21,720	22,292	21,602	21,705	21,057
Delaware	4,745	4,748	4,751	4,757	4,757	4,752
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,224	1,222
Georgia	34,085	34,538	34,559	34,052	34,296	34,281
Kentucky	8,027	7,994	7,958	8,041	7,999	7,688
Louisiana	3,803	3,787	3,848	3,848	3,677	3,833
Maryland	8,012	8,029	8,092	8,019	8,103	8,063
Mississippi	18,081	18,057	18,068	17,834	17,647	17,880
Missouri	8,336	8,298	8,341	8,310	8,325	8,215
North Carolina	21,771	21,759	21,860	21,524	21,785	21,800
Oklahoma	6,667	6,491	6,679	6,674	6,841	6,681
Pennsylvania	4,603	4,752	4,757	4,639	4,682	4,763
South Carolina	5,710	5,590	5,726	5,537	5,683	5,559
Texas	15,257	15,264	15,228	15,017	14,910	15,494
Virginia	6,471	6,495	6,495	6,412	6,401	6,393
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,836	12,346	12,180	12,507	12,543	12,245
19 State total	209,899	210,633	211,630	209,410	210,287	209,105
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	103	102	102
Other States	7,975	8,482	8,179	8,147	8,076	8,295
United States	217,874	219,115	219,809	217,557	218,363	217,400
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	103	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	May 23, 2015	May 30, 2015	June 6, 2015	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,204	21,842	21,993	22,890	21,979	21,796
Arkansas	19,563	19,100	19,217	19,945	19,930	20,314
Delaware	5,113	6,098	4,915	4,961	5,442	5,402
Florida	1,395	1,383	1,345	1,411	1,389	1,366
Georgia	27,109	27,794	27,407	27,045	28,383	28,680
Kentucky	6,681	5,844	6,501	6,097	6,261	6,918
Louisiana	3,425	3,396	3,393	3,355	3,348	3,416
Maryland	6,313	5,411	6,171	6,560	6,044	6,476
Mississippi	15,116	15,328	15,231	15,122	15,127	15,090
Missouri	5,868	5,923	5,810	6,026	6,282	6,138
North Carolina	16,438	17,164	17,180	17,266	17,628	17,064
Oklahoma	4,635	4,942	5,335	4,618	4,038	4,594
Pennsylvania	3,678	3,856	3,993	3,735	3,884	3,958
South Carolina	5,410	5,152	5,252	4,914	4,578	4,950
Texas	12,813	12,760	12,759	12,380	12,585	12,517
Virginia	6,089	5,543	5,900	5,432	5,270	4,882
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,082	11,804	11,319	11,222	11,449	11,128
19 State total	172,932	173,340	173,721	172,979	173,617	174,689
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	103	102	104
Other States	6,352	6,488	6,885	6,576	6,766	6,392
United States	179,284	179,828	180,606	179,555	180,383	181,081
Percent of previous year	103	104	104	103	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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