



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 4, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 4, 2015, up 1 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 4, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 4, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through July 4, 2015 for the United States were 4.60 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 30, 2015	June 6, 2015	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,540	29,571	29,414	29,709	29,179	29,276
Arkansas	21,720	22,292	21,602	21,705	21,057	21,101
Delaware	4,748	4,751	4,757	4,757	4,752	4,754
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,224	1,222	1,188
Georgia	34,538	34,559	34,052	34,296	34,281	33,752
Kentucky	7,994	7,958	8,041	7,999	7,715	7,887
Louisiana	3,787	3,848	3,848	3,677	3,833	3,848
Maryland	8,029	8,092	8,019	8,103	8,063	7,314
Mississippi	18,057	18,068	17,834	17,647	17,880	17,896
Missouri	8,298	8,341	8,310	8,325	8,215	8,372
North Carolina	21,759	21,860	21,524	21,785	21,800	21,142
Oklahoma	6,491	6,679	6,674	6,841	6,681	6,722
Pennsylvania	4,752	4,757	4,639	4,682	4,925	4,703
South Carolina	5,590	5,726	5,537	5,683	5,559	5,526
Texas	15,264	15,228	15,017	14,910	15,493	15,293
Virginia	6,495	6,495	6,412	6,401	6,393	6,412
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,346	12,180	12,483	12,612	12,233	12,516
19 State total	210,633	211,630	209,386	210,356	209,281	207,702
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	102	101
Other States	8,482	8,179	8,177	8,106	8,267	8,135
United States	219,115	219,809	217,563	218,462	217,548	215,837
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	102	101

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

State	Week ending					
	May 30, 2015	June 6, 2015	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,842	21,993	22,890	21,979	21,798	21,928
Arkansas	19,100	19,217	19,945	19,930	20,314	20,266
Delaware	6,098	4,915	4,961	5,486	5,013	5,527
Florida	1,383	1,345	1,411	1,389	1,366	1,358
Georgia	27,794	27,407	27,045	28,383	28,593	27,014
Kentucky	5,844	6,501	6,097	6,261	6,930	6,163
Louisiana	3,396	3,393	3,355	3,348	3,416	3,410
Maryland	5,411	6,171	6,560	5,961	6,684	6,167
Mississippi	15,328	15,231	15,122	15,127	15,090	14,808
Missouri	5,923	5,810	6,026	6,282	6,138	6,081
North Carolina	17,164	17,180	17,266	17,628	17,160	17,032
Oklahoma	4,942	5,335	4,618	4,038	4,594	4,135
Pennsylvania	3,856	3,993	3,735	3,884	3,977	3,792
South Carolina	5,152	5,252	4,914	4,578	4,950	5,256
Texas	12,760	12,759	12,380	12,585	12,517	12,355
Virginia	5,543	5,900	5,432	5,297	5,058	5,214
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,804	11,319	11,222	11,360	11,054	11,865
19 State total	173,340	173,721	172,979	173,516	174,652	172,371
Percent of previous year	104	103	103	102	103	103
Other States	6,488	6,885	6,576	6,766	6,387	6,636
United States	179,828	180,606	179,555	180,282	181,039	179,007
Percent of previous year	104	104	103	102	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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