



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 18, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 18, 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 Up 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 18, 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 18, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through July 18, 2015 for the United States were 4.96 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					
	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,414	29,709	29,179	29,276	28,983	29,258
Arkansas .....	21,602	21,524	21,054	21,101	21,681	21,732
Delaware .....	4,757	4,757	4,752	4,754	4,755	4,755
Florida .....	1,223	1,224	1,222	1,188	1,224	1,223
Georgia .....	34,052	34,296	34,281	33,688	34,267	34,227
Kentucky .....	8,041	7,999	7,715	7,907	7,976	7,972
Louisiana .....	3,848	3,677	3,833	3,848	3,833	3,833
Maryland .....	8,019	8,103	8,063	7,314	8,021	7,560
Mississippi .....	17,834	17,647	17,880	17,896	18,058	17,638
Missouri .....	8,310	8,325	8,215	8,372	7,316	8,264
North Carolina .....	21,524	21,785	21,800	21,113	21,243	21,378
Oklahoma .....	6,674	6,841	6,681	6,722	6,699	6,779
Pennsylvania .....	4,639	4,682	4,925	4,736	4,571	4,493
South Carolina .....	5,537	5,683	5,559	5,515	5,502	5,597
Texas .....	15,017	14,910	15,493	15,293	15,059	14,688
Virginia .....	6,412	6,401	6,393	6,412	6,417	6,377
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,483	12,602	12,223	12,002	12,318	12,355
19 State total .....	209,386	210,165	209,268	207,137	207,923	208,129
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	102	101	100	100
Other States .....	8,177	8,106	8,267	8,046	8,077	7,665
United States .....	217,563	218,271	217,535	215,183	216,000	215,794
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	102	101	101	100

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

State	Week ending					
	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,890	21,979	21,798	21,928	22,124	21,578
Arkansas .....	19,945	19,930	20,314	20,266	19,877	18,919
Delaware .....	4,961	5,486	5,013	5,527	4,807	5,217
Florida .....	1,411	1,389	1,366	1,358	1,441	1,249
Georgia .....	27,045	28,383	28,593	26,968	27,698	27,726
Kentucky .....	6,097	6,261	6,930	6,163	6,250	6,546
Louisiana .....	3,355	3,348	3,416	3,410	3,260	3,393
Maryland .....	6,560	5,961	6,684	6,166	7,274	6,315
Mississippi .....	15,122	15,127	15,090	14,808	14,609	15,023
Missouri .....	6,026	6,282	6,138	6,081	6,423	5,900
North Carolina .....	17,266	17,628	17,160	17,046	16,888	17,195
Oklahoma .....	4,618	4,038	4,594	4,135	4,141	5,049
Pennsylvania .....	3,735	3,884	3,977	3,792	3,819	4,086
South Carolina .....	4,914	4,578	4,910	5,177	4,673	5,062
Texas .....	12,380	12,585	12,517	12,355	12,239	12,663
Virginia .....	5,432	5,297	5,058	5,228	5,223	5,431
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,222	11,304	11,054	11,803	11,954	10,684
19 State total .....	172,979	173,460	174,612	172,211	172,700	172,036
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	103	102	103
Other States .....	6,576	6,766	6,387	6,656	6,363	6,467
United States .....	179,555	180,226	180,999	178,867	179,063	178,503
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	103	102	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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