



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 25, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 25, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 25, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 25, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through July 25, 2015 for the United States were 5.14 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 20, 2015	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,709	29,179	29,276	28,983	29,258	29,618
Arkansas	21,524	21,054	20,751	21,681	21,732	21,797
Delaware	4,757	4,752	4,754	4,755	4,755	4,753
Florida	1,224	1,222	1,188	1,224	1,223	1,182
Georgia	34,296	34,281	33,688	34,102	34,227	34,145
Kentucky	7,999	7,715	7,907	7,976	7,972	7,946
Louisiana	3,677	3,833	3,818	3,802	3,772	3,772
Maryland	8,103	8,063	7,314	8,053	7,622	7,985
Mississippi	17,647	17,880	17,896	18,058	17,550	17,359
Missouri	8,325	8,215	8,372	7,316	8,264	8,275
North Carolina	21,785	21,800	21,113	21,243	21,378	20,796
Oklahoma	6,841	6,681	6,722	6,699	6,779	6,696
Pennsylvania	4,682	4,925	4,736	4,571	4,475	4,536
South Carolina	5,683	5,559	5,515	5,502	5,597	5,698
Texas	14,910	15,493	15,293	15,059	14,689	14,454
Virginia	6,401	6,393	6,412	6,417	6,377	6,393
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,602	12,223	11,976	12,318	12,290	11,888
19 State total	210,165	209,268	206,731	207,759	207,960	207,293
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	100	100	101
Other States	8,106	8,267	8,046	8,077	7,665	7,924
United States	218,271	217,535	214,777	215,836	215,625	215,217
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	100	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,979	21,798	21,928	22,124	21,578	22,088
Arkansas	19,930	20,314	20,266	19,877	18,919	20,229
Delaware	5,486	5,013	5,527	4,782	5,321	5,173
Florida	1,389	1,366	1,358	1,441	1,249	1,269
Georgia	28,383	28,593	26,968	27,698	27,726	26,915
Kentucky	6,261	6,930	6,163	6,250	6,546	6,090
Louisiana	3,348	3,416	3,419	3,266	3,403	3,369
Maryland	5,961	6,684	6,166	7,273	6,267	5,534
Mississippi	15,127	15,090	14,808	14,609	15,029	14,972
Missouri	6,282	6,138	6,081	6,423	5,900	5,843
North Carolina	17,628	17,160	17,046	16,888	17,195	16,733
Oklahoma	4,038	4,594	4,135	4,141	5,049	3,711
Pennsylvania	3,884	3,977	3,792	3,819	4,036	3,834
South Carolina	4,578	4,910	5,177	4,673	5,062	5,090
Texas	12,585	12,517	12,355	12,239	12,650	12,526
Virginia	5,297	5,058	5,228	5,265	5,366	6,039
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,304	11,054	11,803	11,954	10,661	10,865
19 State total	173,460	174,612	172,220	172,722	171,957	170,280
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	103	102
Other States	6,766	6,387	6,656	6,363	6,472	6,673
United States	180,226	180,999	178,876	179,085	178,429	176,953
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	102	103	102

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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