



# 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 August 1, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 1, 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 1, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 1, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through August 1, 2015 for the United States were 5.32 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 27, 2015	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,179	29,276	29,164	29,258	29,618	29,166
Arkansas .....	21,054	20,751	21,680	21,669	21,797	21,474
Delaware .....	4,752	4,754	4,755	4,755	4,753	4,753
Florida .....	1,222	1,188	1,224	1,223	1,182	1,225
Georgia .....	34,281	33,688	33,959	34,227	34,365	34,039
Kentucky .....	7,715	7,907	7,976	7,972	8,009	7,963
Louisiana .....	3,833	3,818	3,802	3,772	3,772	3,772
Maryland .....	8,063	7,314	8,053	7,622	7,985	7,988
Mississippi .....	17,880	17,896	18,058	17,550	17,359	17,838
Missouri .....	8,215	8,372	7,316	8,264	8,275	8,246
North Carolina .....	21,800	21,113	21,243	21,378	20,796	21,193
Oklahoma .....	6,681	6,722	6,699	6,779	6,696	6,613
Pennsylvania .....	4,925	4,736	4,571	4,475	4,569	4,527
South Carolina .....	5,559	5,515	5,502	5,597	5,698	5,399
Texas .....	15,493	15,293	15,044	14,689	14,454	14,270
Virginia .....	6,393	6,412	6,417	6,377	6,393	6,324
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,251	11,969	12,340	12,310	11,918	12,048
19 State total .....	209,296	206,724	207,803	207,917	207,639	206,838
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	100	100	101	101
Other States .....	8,267	8,046	8,077	7,651	7,825	7,914
United States .....	217,563	214,770	215,880	215,568	215,464	214,752
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	100	100	101	100

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

State	Week ending					
	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,798	21,928	22,124	21,578	22,088	22,192
Arkansas .....	20,314	20,263	19,850	18,923	20,235	18,983
Delaware .....	5,013	5,527	4,782	5,321	5,173	6,014
Florida .....	1,366	1,358	1,441	1,249	1,269	1,158
Georgia .....	28,593	26,968	27,698	27,726	26,915	26,991
Kentucky .....	6,930	6,163	6,250	6,546	6,200	5,948
Louisiana .....	3,416	3,419	3,266	3,403	3,369	3,324
Maryland .....	6,684	6,166	7,273	6,267	5,534	5,307
Mississippi .....	15,090	14,808	14,609	15,029	14,972	15,076
Missouri .....	6,138	6,081	6,423	5,900	5,843	5,450
North Carolina .....	17,160	17,046	16,888	17,195	16,733	16,968
Oklahoma .....	4,594	4,135	4,141	5,049	3,711	4,903
Pennsylvania .....	3,977	3,792	3,819	4,036	3,804	3,707
South Carolina .....	4,910	5,177	4,673	5,062	5,090	5,066
Texas .....	12,517	12,355	12,239	12,650	12,526	12,507
Virginia .....	5,058	5,228	5,265	5,366	6,054	5,537
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,063	11,830	12,052	10,676	10,696	12,016
19 State total .....	174,621	172,244	172,793	171,976	170,212	171,147
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	103	102	101
Other States .....	6,387	6,656	6,363	6,472	6,660	6,608
United States .....	181,008	178,900	179,156	178,448	176,872	177,755
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	103	102	101

## 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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