



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 8, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 8, 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 8, 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 8, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through August 8, 2015 for the United States were 5.49 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					
	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,276	29,164	29,258	29,618	29,166	29,115
Arkansas .....	20,751	21,680	21,672	21,797	21,474	22,081
Delaware .....	4,754	4,755	4,755	4,753	4,753	4,753
Florida .....	1,188	1,224	1,223	1,182	1,225	1,222
Georgia .....	33,688	33,959	34,227	34,365	34,039	33,003
Kentucky .....	7,907	7,976	7,978	8,051	7,963	7,801
Louisiana .....	3,818	3,802	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,772
Maryland .....	7,314	8,053	7,622	7,985	7,988	7,916
Mississippi .....	17,896	18,058	17,550	17,359	17,794	17,286
Missouri .....	8,372	7,316	8,264	8,275	8,246	8,164
North Carolina .....	21,113	21,243	21,378	20,796	21,193	21,140
Oklahoma .....	6,722	6,699	6,779	6,696	6,613	6,558
Pennsylvania .....	4,736	4,571	4,475	4,569	4,518	4,553
South Carolina .....	5,515	5,502	5,597	5,698	5,399	5,466
Texas .....	15,293	15,044	14,689	14,454	14,270	14,925
Virginia .....	6,412	6,417	6,377	6,393	6,324	6,130
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,969	12,340	12,293	11,918	12,048	12,101
19 State total .....	206,724	207,803	207,909	207,681	206,785	205,986
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	100	101	100	100
Other States .....	8,046	8,077	7,651	7,825	7,951	8,053
United States .....	214,770	215,880	215,560	215,506	214,736	214,039
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	100	101	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,928	22,124	21,578	22,088	22,192	22,168
Arkansas .....	20,263	19,850	18,923	20,235	18,983	19,107
Delaware .....	5,527	4,782	5,321	5,173	6,014	5,183
Florida .....	1,358	1,441	1,249	1,269	1,158	1,163
Georgia .....	26,968	27,698	27,722	26,910	26,991	27,488
Kentucky .....	6,163	6,250	6,478	6,132	5,948	6,559
Louisiana .....	3,419	3,266	3,403	3,369	3,313	3,297
Maryland .....	6,166	7,273	6,267	5,534	5,307	5,918
Mississippi .....	14,808	14,609	15,029	14,972	15,078	14,639
Missouri .....	6,081	6,423	5,900	5,843	5,450	6,198
North Carolina .....	17,046	16,888	17,254	16,795	16,968	17,063
Oklahoma .....	4,135	4,141	5,049	3,711	4,903	4,779
Pennsylvania .....	3,792	3,819	4,036	3,804	3,706	3,694
South Carolina .....	5,177	4,613	5,062	5,104	5,066	4,606
Texas .....	12,355	12,239	12,650	12,526	12,507	12,166
Virginia .....	5,228	5,265	5,366	6,054	5,464	5,469
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,830	12,052	10,676	10,696	12,094	11,179
19 State total .....	172,244	172,733	171,963	170,215	171,142	170,676
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	102	101	101
Other States .....	6,656	6,363	6,472	6,660	6,614	6,191
United States .....	178,900	179,096	178,435	176,875	177,756	176,867
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	102	101	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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