



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 15, 2015, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 15, 2015, down 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 15, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 15, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through August 15, 2015 for the United States were 5.67 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 11, 2015	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,164	29,258	29,618	29,166	29,115	27,641
Arkansas .....	21,680	21,672	21,618	21,474	22,081	21,578
Delaware .....	4,755	4,755	4,753	4,753	4,753	4,755
Florida .....	1,224	1,223	1,182	1,225	1,222	1,225
Georgia .....	33,959	34,227	34,365	34,039	33,003	33,830
Kentucky .....	7,976	7,978	8,051	7,963	7,801	7,987
Louisiana .....	3,802	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,802
Maryland .....	8,053	7,622	7,985	7,988	7,916	7,847
Mississippi .....	18,058	17,550	17,359	17,794	17,286	17,151
Missouri .....	7,316	8,264	8,275	8,246	8,164	8,152
North Carolina .....	21,243	21,378	20,796	21,193	21,140	20,899
Oklahoma .....	6,699	6,779	6,696	6,613	6,558	6,571
Pennsylvania .....	4,571	4,475	4,569	4,518	4,553	4,530
South Carolina .....	5,502	5,597	5,698	5,399	5,466	5,487
Texas .....	15,044	14,689	14,454	14,270	14,925	15,224
Virginia .....	6,417	6,377	6,393	6,324	6,130	6,301
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,340	12,293	11,901	12,048	12,101	12,323
19 State total .....	207,803	207,909	207,485	206,785	205,986	205,303
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	100	100	100
Other States .....	8,077	7,651	7,825	7,951	8,104	7,969
United States .....	215,880	215,560	215,310	214,736	214,090	213,272
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	100	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	July 11, 2015	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,124	21,578	22,088	22,192	22,168	22,675
Arkansas .....	19,850	18,923	20,235	18,983	19,107	19,776
Delaware .....	4,782	5,321	5,173	6,014	5,183	4,861
Florida .....	1,441	1,249	1,269	1,158	1,163	1,146
Georgia .....	27,698	27,722	26,910	26,999	27,488	27,144
Kentucky .....	6,250	6,478	6,132	5,883	6,559	6,592
Louisiana .....	3,266	3,403	3,369	3,313	3,297	3,329
Maryland .....	7,273	6,267	5,534	5,307	5,918	5,516
Mississippi .....	14,609	15,029	14,972	15,078	14,639	14,483
Missouri .....	6,423	5,900	5,843	5,450	6,198	6,110
North Carolina .....	16,888	17,254	16,795	17,025	17,063	16,852
Oklahoma .....	4,141	5,049	3,711	4,903	4,779	4,322
Pennsylvania .....	3,819	4,036	3,804	3,706	3,685	4,024
South Carolina .....	4,613	5,062	5,104	5,066	4,606	5,418
Texas .....	12,239	12,650	12,526	12,507	12,166	12,098
Virginia .....	5,265	5,366	6,054	5,464	5,469	5,649
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,052	10,676	10,696	12,094	11,179	10,157
19 State total .....	172,733	171,963	170,215	171,142	170,667	170,152
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	102	101	101	101
Other States .....	6,363	6,472	6,660	6,614	6,197	6,266
United States .....	179,096	178,435	176,875	177,756	176,864	176,418
Percent of previous year .....	102	103	102	101	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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