



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 22, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 22, 2015, down 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 22, 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 22, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through August 22, 2015 for the United States were 5.85 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 18, 2015	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,258	29,618	29,166	29,115	27,609	27,500
Arkansas .....	21,672	21,618	21,504	21,889	21,382	22,053
Delaware .....	4,755	4,753	4,753	4,753	4,755	4,755
Florida .....	1,223	1,182	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,227	34,365	34,039	33,003	33,830	33,363
Kentucky .....	7,978	8,051	7,963	7,801	7,987	8,046
Louisiana .....	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,802	3,802
Maryland .....	7,622	7,985	7,988	7,903	7,826	7,871
Mississippi .....	17,550	17,359	17,794	17,286	17,151	17,478
Missouri .....	8,264	8,275	8,246	8,164	8,152	8,080
North Carolina .....	21,378	20,796	21,193	21,140	20,899	20,755
Oklahoma .....	6,779	6,696	6,613	6,558	6,571	6,942
Pennsylvania .....	4,475	4,569	4,518	4,516	4,618	4,596
South Carolina .....	5,597	5,698	5,399	5,466	5,487	5,480
Texas .....	14,689	14,454	14,270	14,925	15,224	14,641
Virginia .....	6,377	6,393	6,324	6,130	6,301	6,178
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,293	11,901	12,036	12,101	12,009	11,521
19 State total .....	207,909	207,485	206,803	205,744	204,828	204,286
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	100	100	100	99
Other States .....	7,651	7,825	8,029	8,104	7,935	7,674
United States .....	215,560	215,310	214,832	213,848	212,763	211,960
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	100	100	99	99

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

State	Week ending					
	July 18, 2015	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,578	22,088	22,192	22,168	22,599	21,667
Arkansas .....	18,923	20,235	18,983	19,138	19,778	19,108
Delaware .....	5,321	5,173	6,014	4,876	4,815	5,093
Florida .....	1,249	1,269	1,158	1,163	1,195	1,147
Georgia .....	27,722	26,910	26,999	27,488	27,144	27,105
Kentucky .....	6,478	6,132	5,883	6,559	6,592	6,157
Louisiana .....	3,403	3,369	3,313	3,297	3,329	3,247
Maryland .....	6,267	5,534	5,307	6,043	5,624	6,524
Mississippi .....	15,029	14,972	15,078	14,639	14,483	14,975
Missouri .....	5,900	5,843	5,450	6,198	6,110	7,009
North Carolina .....	17,254	16,795	17,025	17,063	16,852	16,604
Oklahoma .....	5,049	3,711	4,903	4,779	4,322	4,278
Pennsylvania .....	4,036	3,804	3,706	3,708	4,028	3,777
South Carolina .....	5,062	5,104	5,066	4,606	5,418	5,276
Texas .....	12,650	12,526	12,507	12,166	12,098	11,656
Virginia .....	5,366	6,054	5,464	5,662	5,416	5,335
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,676	10,696	12,094	11,163	10,354	11,241
19 State total .....	171,963	170,215	171,142	170,716	170,157	170,199
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	101	101	101	101
Other States .....	6,472	6,660	6,614	6,198	6,268	6,459
United States .....	178,435	176,875	177,756	176,914	176,425	176,658
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	101	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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