



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 29, 2015, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 29, 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 29, 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 29, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through August 29, 2015 for the United States were 6.02 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 25, 2015	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,618	29,166	29,315	27,609	27,500	28,860
Arkansas	21,594	21,646	22,067	21,245	21,868	21,591
Delaware	4,753	4,753	4,753	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,182	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,365	34,039	33,003	33,830	33,363	33,139
Kentucky	8,051	7,963	7,801	7,987	8,072	8,008
Louisiana	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,802	3,802	3,833
Maryland	7,985	7,988	7,903	7,826	7,871	7,807
Mississippi	17,359	17,794	17,286	17,151	17,478	17,294
Missouri	8,275	8,246	8,164	8,152	8,080	8,113
North Carolina	20,796	21,259	21,121	20,899	20,764	20,419
Oklahoma	6,696	6,613	6,558	6,571	6,942	6,495
Pennsylvania	4,569	4,518	4,516	4,618	4,712	4,674
South Carolina	5,698	5,399	5,466	5,489	5,480	5,517
Texas	14,454	14,270	14,925	15,223	14,641	14,775
Virginia	6,393	6,324	6,130	6,301	6,178	6,202
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,090	12,080	12,135	11,926	11,457	11,534
19 State total	207,650	207,055	206,137	204,609	204,188	204,241
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	99	99	100
Other States	7,825	8,029	8,104	7,935	7,717	7,938
United States	215,475	215,084	214,241	212,544	211,905	212,179
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	99	99	100

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

State	Week ending					
	July 25, 2015	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,088	22,192	22,168	22,599	21,667	21,896
Arkansas	20,235	18,983	19,138	19,563	18,899	19,726
Delaware	5,173	6,014	4,876	4,815	5,093	5,293
Florida	1,269	1,158	1,163	1,195	1,144	1,154
Georgia	26,910	26,999	27,488	27,301	27,309	27,551
Kentucky	6,132	5,883	6,559	6,609	6,169	6,082
Louisiana	3,369	3,313	3,297	3,329	3,247	3,304
Maryland	5,534	5,307	6,043	5,624	6,524	6,316
Mississippi	14,972	15,078	14,639	14,483	14,975	14,598
Missouri	5,843	5,450	6,198	6,110	7,009	6,234
North Carolina	16,795	17,025	17,063	16,881	16,615	17,103
Oklahoma	3,711	4,903	4,779	4,322	4,278	4,303
Pennsylvania	3,804	3,706	3,708	4,028	3,734	3,802
South Carolina	5,104	5,044	4,608	5,387	5,263	4,040
Texas	12,526	12,507	12,166	12,171	11,779	12,081
Virginia	6,054	5,464	5,662	5,416	5,346	4,756
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,696	12,094	11,163	10,166	11,038	11,329
19 State total	170,215	171,120	170,718	169,999	170,089	169,568
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	101	101	101
Other States	6,660	6,614	6,198	6,268	6,466	6,585
United States	176,875	177,734	176,916	176,267	176,555	176,153
Percent of previous year	102	101	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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