



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 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 5, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 5, 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 5, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 5, 2015, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through September 5, 2015 for the United States were 6.20 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2015

State	Week ending					
	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,166	29,315	27,609	27,500	28,860	28,625
Arkansas	21,646	22,068	21,521	21,868	21,573	21,936
Delaware	4,753	4,753	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224
Georgia	34,039	33,003	33,830	33,363	33,139	32,967
Kentucky	7,963	7,801	7,987	8,072	8,008	8,030
Louisiana	3,772	3,772	3,802	3,802	3,833	3,552
Maryland	7,988	7,903	7,826	7,871	7,819	7,788
Mississippi	17,794	17,286	17,151	17,478	17,294	16,414
Missouri	8,246	8,164	8,152	8,080	8,113	8,178
North Carolina	21,259	21,121	20,899	20,764	20,357	19,098
Oklahoma	6,613	6,558	6,571	6,942	6,495	6,248
Pennsylvania	4,484	4,519	4,781	4,712	4,795	4,635
South Carolina	5,399	5,466	5,489	5,480	5,517	5,213
Texas	14,270	14,925	15,223	14,641	14,775	13,979
Virginia	6,324	6,130	6,301	6,178	6,202	6,408
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,080	12,135	11,924	11,457	11,534	11,354
19 State total	207,021	206,141	205,046	204,188	204,294	200,404
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	99	100	99
Other States	8,029	8,104	7,935	7,717	7,902	7,909
United States	215,050	214,245	212,981	211,905	212,196	208,313
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	99	100	99

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

State	Week ending					
	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,192	22,168	22,599	21,667	21,858	20,072
Arkansas	18,983	19,138	19,719	18,899	19,718	19,582
Delaware	6,014	4,876	4,815	5,093	5,478	4,665
Florida	1,153	1,159	1,190	1,144	1,200	1,469
Georgia	27,000	27,489	27,301	27,309	27,433	26,819
Kentucky	5,882	6,560	6,608	6,169	6,082	7,110
Louisiana	3,313	3,297	3,329	3,247	3,304	3,309
Maryland	5,305	6,042	5,623	6,524	6,074	6,883
Mississippi	15,078	14,639	14,483	14,975	14,598	14,613
Missouri	5,450	6,198	6,110	7,009	6,234	6,088
North Carolina	17,025	17,063	16,880	16,615	17,070	16,612
Oklahoma	4,903	4,779	4,322	4,278	4,303	4,469
Pennsylvania	3,651	3,621	3,992	3,734	3,777	4,002
South Carolina	5,044	4,608	5,387	5,263	4,040	4,818
Texas	12,507	12,166	12,171	11,779	12,071	12,531
Virginia	5,464	5,662	5,414	5,346	4,813	5,034
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,095	11,163	10,166	11,038	11,392	10,808
19 State total	171,059	170,628	170,109	170,089	169,445	168,884
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	101	100
Other States	6,609	6,194	6,264	6,466	6,586	6,311
United States	177,668	176,822	176,373	176,555	176,031	175,195
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	101	100

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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