



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 12, 2015, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 12, 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 12, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 12, 2015, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through September 12, 2015 for the United States were 6.37 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 8, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,315	27,609	27,500	28,860	28,362	28,517
Arkansas	22,068	21,521	21,858	21,573	21,936	21,641
Delaware	4,753	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,754
Florida	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,224
Georgia	33,003	33,830	33,363	33,139	32,933	32,700
Kentucky	7,801	7,987	8,072	8,008	8,030	8,189
Louisiana	3,772	3,802	3,802	3,833	3,552	3,954
Maryland	7,903	7,826	7,871	7,819	7,788	7,357
Mississippi	17,286	17,151	17,478	17,294	16,414	17,419
Missouri	8,164	8,152	8,080	8,113	8,178	8,185
North Carolina	21,121	20,899	20,764	20,357	19,098	18,154
Oklahoma	6,558	6,571	6,942	6,495	6,248	6,668
Pennsylvania	4,519	4,781	4,712	4,875	4,689	4,762
South Carolina	5,466	5,489	5,480	5,517	5,213	5,233
Texas	14,925	15,223	14,641	14,775	13,979	14,443
Virginia	6,130	6,301	6,178	6,202	6,408	6,007
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,233	12,027	11,546	11,551	11,331	11,091
19 State total	206,239	205,149	204,267	204,391	200,138	200,298
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	100	99	100
Other States	8,104	7,935	7,817	7,902	7,909	7,830
United States	214,343	213,084	212,084	212,293	208,047	208,128
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	100	99	100

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

State	Week ending					
	August 8, 2015	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,168	22,599	21,667	21,858	20,083	19,928
Arkansas	19,138	19,719	18,899	19,718	19,582	20,687
Delaware	4,876	4,815	5,093	5,478	4,665	5,087
Florida	1,159	1,190	1,144	1,195	1,469	1,141
Georgia	27,489	27,301	27,309	27,433	26,819	27,953
Kentucky	6,560	6,608	6,169	6,083	7,110	5,845
Louisiana	3,297	3,329	3,247	3,304	3,309	3,363
Maryland	6,042	5,623	6,524	6,072	6,883	6,643
Mississippi	14,639	14,483	14,975	14,598	14,613	14,702
Missouri	6,198	6,110	7,009	6,234	6,088	5,903
North Carolina	17,063	16,880	16,615	17,070	16,612	16,948
Oklahoma	4,779	4,322	4,278	4,303	4,469	3,865
Pennsylvania	3,621	3,992	3,734	3,692	4,000	3,897
South Carolina	4,608	5,387	5,263	4,040	4,818	4,283
Texas	12,166	12,171	11,779	12,071	12,531	11,834
Virginia	5,662	5,414	5,346	4,813	5,043	4,974
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,149	10,166	11,032	11,452	10,891	10,542
19 State total	170,614	170,109	170,083	169,414	168,985	167,595
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	100	99
Other States	6,194	6,264	6,466	6,576	6,311	6,703
United States	176,808	176,373	176,549	175,990	175,296	174,298
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	101	100	99

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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