



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 19, 2015, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 19, 2015, down 3 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 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 19, 2015, up 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 19, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through September 19, 2015 for the United States were 6.55 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 15, 2015	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,609	27,500	28,860	28,362	28,517	28,526
Arkansas	21,521	22,338	22,052	22,455	22,120	19,978
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,754	4,755
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,224	917
Georgia	33,830	33,363	33,139	32,933	32,700	32,001
Kentucky	7,987	8,072	8,008	8,030	8,189	6,421
Louisiana	3,802	3,802	3,833	3,552	3,954	3,954
Maryland	7,826	7,871	7,819	7,788	7,357	7,443
Mississippi	17,151	17,478	17,294	16,414	17,419	16,164
Missouri	8,152	8,080	8,113	8,178	8,185	7,528
North Carolina	20,899	20,764	20,357	19,098	18,154	18,476
Oklahoma	6,571	6,942	6,495	6,248	6,668	6,765
Pennsylvania	4,781	4,712	4,872	4,689	4,816	4,773
South Carolina	5,489	5,480	5,517	5,213	5,233	5,860
Texas	15,223	14,641	14,775	13,979	14,443	13,985
Virginia	6,301	6,178	6,202	6,408	6,007	5,926
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,027	11,546	11,274	11,331	9,612	9,602
19 State total	205,149	204,747	204,590	200,657	199,352	193,074
Percent of previous year	100	99	100	99	99	97
Other States	7,935	7,817	7,902	7,909	7,917	7,801
United States	213,084	212,564	212,492	208,566	207,269	200,875
Percent of previous year	100	99	100	99	99	98

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

State	Week ending					
	August 15, 2015	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,599	21,667	21,858	20,083	19,928	21,904
Arkansas	19,719	18,899	19,718	19,493	21,033	20,729
Delaware	4,815	5,093	5,478	4,665	5,087	5,009
Florida	1,190	1,144	1,195	1,469	1,141	1,107
Georgia	27,301	27,309	27,433	26,819	27,974	27,053
Kentucky	6,608	6,169	6,083	7,110	5,845	6,119
Louisiana	3,329	3,247	3,304	3,309	3,363	3,393
Maryland	5,623	6,524	6,072	6,883	6,643	6,311
Mississippi	14,483	14,975	14,598	14,613	14,702	14,412
Missouri	6,110	7,009	6,234	6,088	5,903	5,290
North Carolina	16,880	16,615	17,070	16,612	16,955	15,734
Oklahoma	4,322	4,278	4,303	4,469	3,865	4,720
Pennsylvania	3,992	3,734	3,692	4,000	3,861	4,002
South Carolina	5,387	5,263	4,040	4,818	4,283	4,768
Texas	12,171	11,779	12,071	12,531	11,825	11,985
Virginia	5,414	5,346	4,813	5,043	4,979	5,423
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,166	11,032	11,452	10,891	10,552	10,291
19 State total	170,109	170,083	169,414	168,896	167,939	168,250
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	99	101
Other States	6,264	6,466	6,576	6,311	6,703	6,608
United States	176,373	176,549	175,990	175,207	174,642	174,858
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	100	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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