



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 26, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 26, 2015, up 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 26, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 26, 2015, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through September 26, 2015 for the United States were 6.72 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 22, 2015	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,500	28,860	28,362	28,517	28,526	28,186
Arkansas .....	22,338	22,052	22,455	22,120	19,978	22,535
Delaware .....	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,754	4,755	4,755
Florida .....	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,224	917	1,224
Georgia .....	33,363	33,139	32,933	32,700	32,001	32,564
Kentucky .....	8,072	8,008	8,030	8,189	6,421	7,867
Louisiana .....	3,802	3,833	3,552	3,954	3,954	3,954
Maryland .....	7,871	7,819	7,801	7,372	7,455	7,958
Mississippi .....	17,478	17,294	16,414	17,419	16,164	16,890
Missouri .....	8,080	8,113	8,178	8,185	7,528	8,016
North Carolina .....	20,764	20,357	19,098	18,154	18,476	20,088
Oklahoma .....	6,942	6,495	6,248	6,668	6,765	6,815
Pennsylvania .....	4,712	4,872	4,689	4,816	4,768	4,519
South Carolina .....	5,480	5,517	5,213	5,233	5,860	5,713
Texas .....	14,641	14,775	13,979	14,443	13,985	13,444
Virginia .....	6,178	6,202	6,408	6,007	5,926	6,319
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,546	11,274	11,345	9,612	9,602	10,879
19 State total .....	204,747	204,590	200,684	199,367	193,081	201,726
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	99	99	97	100
Other States .....	7,817	7,902	7,909	7,917	7,801	7,413
United States .....	212,564	212,492	208,593	207,284	200,882	209,139
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	99	99	98	100

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

State	Week ending					
	August 22, 2015	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,667	21,858	20,083	19,928	21,904	20,675
Arkansas .....	18,899	19,718	19,493	21,033	20,729	20,068
Delaware .....	5,093	5,478	4,647	4,999	4,935	4,871
Florida .....	1,144	1,195	1,469	1,141	1,107	1,236
Georgia .....	27,309	27,433	26,819	27,974	27,076	26,666
Kentucky .....	6,169	6,083	7,110	5,845	6,204	6,552
Louisiana .....	3,247	3,304	3,309	3,363	3,393	3,130
Maryland .....	6,524	6,072	6,958	6,496	6,413	5,804
Mississippi .....	14,975	14,598	14,613	14,702	14,412	13,696
Missouri .....	7,009	6,234	6,088	5,903	5,290	6,134
North Carolina .....	16,615	17,070	16,612	16,955	15,741	15,339
Oklahoma .....	4,278	4,303	4,469	3,865	4,720	4,319
Pennsylvania .....	3,734	3,692	4,000	3,861	3,998	3,727
South Carolina .....	5,263	4,040	4,818	4,283	4,768	5,068
Texas .....	11,779	12,071	12,531	11,825	11,985	11,304
Virginia .....	5,346	4,813	4,978	5,212	5,391	5,850
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,032	11,452	10,891	10,552	10,206	10,077
19 State total .....	170,083	169,414	168,888	167,937	168,272	164,516
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	99	101	100
Other States .....	6,466	6,576	6,311	6,703	6,610	6,793
United States .....	176,549	175,990	175,199	174,640	174,882	171,309
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	100	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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