



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 3, 2015, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 3, 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 Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 3, 2015, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 3, 2015, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through October 3, 2015 for the United States were 6.89 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 29, 2015	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,860	28,362	28,517	28,526	28,390	27,333
Arkansas .....	22,052	22,455	22,120	19,978	22,535	21,903
Delaware .....	4,755	4,755	4,754	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida .....	1,225	1,224	1,224	917	1,224	1,190
Georgia .....	33,139	32,933	32,700	32,001	32,564	32,222
Kentucky .....	8,008	8,030	8,189	6,421	7,867	7,268
Louisiana .....	3,833	3,552	3,954	3,954	3,651	3,651
Maryland .....	7,819	7,801	7,372	7,455	7,958	7,306
Mississippi .....	17,294	16,414	17,419	16,164	16,890	15,430
Missouri .....	8,113	8,178	8,185	7,528	8,017	7,823
North Carolina .....	20,357	19,098	18,154	18,476	20,088	19,074
Oklahoma .....	6,495	6,248	6,668	6,765	6,815	6,159
Pennsylvania .....	4,872	4,689	4,816	4,768	3,903	4,604
South Carolina .....	5,517	5,213	5,233	5,860	5,713	5,402
Texas .....	14,775	13,979	14,443	13,985	13,444	13,546
Virginia .....	6,202	6,408	6,007	5,926	6,319	6,094
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,274	11,345	9,612	9,602	10,879	11,061
19 State total .....	204,590	200,684	199,367	193,081	201,012	194,821
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	99	97	100	100
Other States .....	7,902	7,909	7,917	7,801	7,258	7,641
United States .....	212,492	208,593	207,284	200,882	208,270	202,462
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	99	98	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	August 29, 2015	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,858	20,083	19,928	21,904	20,671	21,377
Arkansas .....	19,718	19,493	21,033	20,703	20,025	20,139
Delaware .....	5,478	4,647	4,999	4,935	4,871	4,888
Florida .....	1,195	1,469	1,141	1,107	1,236	1,138
Georgia .....	27,433	26,819	27,974	27,076	26,684	26,749
Kentucky .....	6,083	7,110	5,845	6,204	6,555	6,265
Louisiana .....	3,304	3,309	3,363	3,393	3,151	3,495
Maryland .....	6,072	6,958	6,496	6,413	5,803	5,699
Mississippi .....	14,598	14,613	14,702	14,412	13,704	14,509
Missouri .....	6,234	6,088	5,903	5,290	6,232	6,306
North Carolina .....	17,070	16,612	16,955	15,741	15,366	14,579
Oklahoma .....	4,303	4,469	3,865	4,720	4,210	4,082
Pennsylvania .....	3,692	4,000	3,861	3,998	3,751	4,075
South Carolina .....	4,040	4,818	4,283	4,768	5,068	5,274
Texas .....	12,071	12,531	11,825	11,973	11,283	11,822
Virginia .....	4,813	4,978	5,212	5,391	5,847	4,964
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,452	10,891	10,552	10,206	10,077	8,840
19 State total .....	169,414	168,888	167,937	168,234	164,534	164,201
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	99	101	100	100
Other States .....	6,576	6,311	6,703	6,610	6,179	5,848
United States .....	175,990	175,199	174,640	174,844	170,713	170,049
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	100	101	100	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.

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**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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