



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2015, up 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 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2015, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through December 19, 2015 for the United States were 8.75 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					
	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,688	29,341	30,196	28,609	29,536	29,902
Arkansas .....	22,069	22,175	21,425	21,740	22,096	21,522
Delaware .....	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,751	4,755
Florida .....	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	33,839	34,102	33,889	33,660	33,901	34,094
Kentucky .....	7,867	7,930	7,979	7,979	8,091	8,083
Louisiana .....	3,651	3,530	3,561	3,636	3,833	3,651
Maryland .....	7,224	8,139	7,600	7,577	7,868	7,773
Mississippi .....	17,566	17,797	17,705	17,798	18,006	18,360
Missouri .....	8,295	8,045	7,892	7,968	7,984	7,881
North Carolina .....	20,287	20,432	20,617	20,188	20,918	20,585
Oklahoma .....	6,911	6,770	6,853	6,649	6,740	7,237
Pennsylvania .....	4,869	4,776	4,883	4,657	4,843	4,840
South Carolina .....	5,817	5,797	5,270	5,344	5,368	5,706
Texas .....	14,896	15,178	15,446	14,349	14,911	14,603
Virginia .....	6,206	6,264	6,596	5,818	6,355	6,433
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,331	12,325	12,739	11,256	11,471	11,850
19 State total .....	207,495	208,581	208,631	203,208	207,897	208,500
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	99	101	101
Other States .....	7,850	7,901	7,853	7,672	7,921	7,799
United States .....	215,345	216,482	216,484	210,880	215,818	216,299
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	99	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015	November 28, 2015	December 5, 2015	December 12, 2015	December 19, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,782	20,052	21,087	21,609	21,674	21,424
Arkansas .....	18,384	18,786	19,073	20,735	20,450	19,806
Delaware .....	5,163	4,370	4,546	4,873	6,057	4,330
Florida .....	1,085	1,185	1,183	1,271	1,288	1,374
Georgia .....	26,923	25,981	25,339	26,263	27,096	27,497
Kentucky .....	4,456	6,198	5,901	6,311	5,829	6,283
Louisiana .....	2,990	2,705	2,999	3,225	3,060	3,050
Maryland .....	6,130	7,196	6,804	5,060	5,558	7,706
Mississippi .....	14,752	13,849	14,265	14,923	15,087	14,825
Missouri .....	4,975	5,846	5,524	6,080	6,352	5,655
North Carolina .....	15,926	16,383	16,003	16,204	16,961	16,475
Oklahoma .....	4,005	3,560	4,309	3,963	3,436	4,332
Pennsylvania .....	3,350	3,862	4,010	4,469	3,971	4,366
South Carolina .....	5,077	4,324	4,747	5,693	5,316	4,676
Texas .....	11,785	11,994	11,652	12,250	12,749	13,026
Virginia .....	4,804	4,069	5,134	6,045	4,911	5,055
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,757	10,559	9,939	10,967	11,068	11,546
19 State total .....	160,344	160,919	162,515	169,941	170,863	171,426
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	100	100	100
Other States .....	6,330	6,209	5,915	5,982	6,737	6,113
United States .....	166,674	167,128	168,430	175,923	177,600	177,539
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	100	100	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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