



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 6, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 6, 2015, up 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 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 6, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 6, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through June 6, 2015 for the United States were 3.88 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2015

State	Week ending					
	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015	May 16, 2015	May 23, 2015	May 30, 2015	June 6, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,905	29,372	29,614	29,603	29,423	29,571
Arkansas .....	22,173	22,127	21,717	21,332	21,735	22,308
Delaware .....	4,743	4,759	4,774	4,745	4,748	4,751
Florida .....	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,394	34,593	34,858	34,085	34,538	34,559
Kentucky .....	7,854	7,815	7,836	8,027	7,983	7,965
Louisiana .....	3,878	3,878	3,848	3,803	3,787	3,576
Maryland .....	8,054	7,984	8,068	8,012	8,029	8,092
Mississippi .....	17,621	18,022	17,974	18,081	18,057	18,068
Missouri .....	8,105	7,759	8,328	8,336	8,298	8,341
North Carolina .....	21,525	21,574	21,599	21,722	21,759	21,859
Oklahoma .....	6,768	6,801	6,708	6,667	6,491	6,679
Pennsylvania .....	4,481	4,542	4,751	4,626	4,664	4,705
South Carolina .....	5,739	5,705	5,759	5,707	5,590	5,726
Texas .....	15,324	15,336	15,135	15,257	15,264	15,228
Virginia .....	6,591	6,458	6,490	6,471	6,495	6,495
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,475	12,660	12,496	11,884	12,373	12,208
19 State total .....	209,854	210,610	211,180	209,583	210,459	211,356
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	102	102	103
Other States .....	8,571	8,556	8,587	7,923	8,482	8,179
United States .....	218,425	219,166	219,767	217,506	218,941	219,535
Percent of previous year .....	103	104	103	101	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	May 2, 2015	May 9, 2015	May 16, 2015	May 23, 2015	May 30, 2015	June 6, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,856	22,312	22,570	22,204	21,842	21,993
Arkansas .....	20,505	19,860	20,241	19,563	19,100	19,228
Delaware .....	5,516	6,395	5,031	5,113	5,742	4,989
Florida .....	1,340	1,411	1,287	1,397	1,379	1,346
Georgia .....	27,224	26,729	26,713	27,109	27,922	27,533
Kentucky .....	6,759	6,462	5,994	6,680	5,841	6,500
Louisiana .....	3,383	3,396	3,396	3,425	3,396	3,392
Maryland .....	6,603	5,307	6,519	6,310	5,693	6,040
Mississippi .....	14,781	15,132	14,670	15,116	15,328	15,231
Missouri .....	5,456	6,162	6,216	5,868	5,923	5,810
North Carolina .....	17,087	16,303	16,338	16,438	17,014	17,054
Oklahoma .....	4,383	4,112	3,138	4,635	4,942	5,335
Pennsylvania .....	3,932	4,197	4,059	3,665	3,863	3,987
South Carolina .....	5,130	4,882	4,956	5,408	5,148	5,217
Texas .....	13,111	12,813	12,583	12,813	12,760	12,759
Virginia .....	5,057	5,054	5,502	6,092	5,666	5,985
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,381	12,263	12,061	11,082	11,772	11,319
19 State total .....	173,504	172,790	171,274	172,918	173,331	173,718
Percent of previous year .....	104	102	103	103	104	103
Other States .....	6,365	6,376	6,590	6,345	6,486	6,884
United States .....	179,869	179,166	177,864	179,263	179,817	180,602
Percent of previous year .....	104	103	103	103	104	104

## 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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