



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 11, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 11, 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 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 11, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 11, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through July 11, 2015 for the United States were 4.78 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					
	June 6, 2015	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,571	29,414	29,709	29,179	29,276	29,212
Arkansas .....	22,292	21,602	21,524	21,057	21,101	21,681
Delaware .....	4,751	4,757	4,757	4,752	4,754	4,755
Florida .....	1,225	1,223	1,224	1,222	1,188	1,224
Georgia .....	34,559	34,052	34,296	34,281	33,688	34,267
Kentucky .....	7,958	8,041	7,999	7,715	7,887	7,981
Louisiana .....	3,848	3,848	3,677	3,833	3,848	3,833
Maryland .....	8,092	8,019	8,103	8,063	7,314	8,021
Mississippi .....	18,068	17,834	17,647	17,880	17,896	18,058
Missouri .....	8,341	8,310	8,325	8,215	8,372	7,316
North Carolina .....	21,860	21,524	21,785	21,800	21,113	21,243
Oklahoma .....	6,679	6,674	6,841	6,681	6,722	6,699
Pennsylvania .....	4,757	4,639	4,682	4,925	4,736	4,699
South Carolina .....	5,726	5,537	5,683	5,559	5,526	5,502
Texas .....	15,228	15,017	14,910	15,493	15,293	15,059
Virginia .....	6,495	6,412	6,401	6,393	6,412	6,417
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,180	12,483	12,602	12,233	12,002	12,057
19 State total .....	211,630	209,386	210,165	209,281	207,128	208,024
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	102	101	101
Other States .....	8,179	8,177	8,106	8,267	8,046	8,077
United States .....	219,809	217,563	218,271	217,548	215,174	216,101
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	102	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	June 6, 2015	June 13, 2015	June 20, 2015	June 27, 2015	July 4, 2015	July 11, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,993	22,890	21,979	21,798	21,928	22,314
Arkansas .....	19,217	19,945	19,930	20,314	20,266	19,887
Delaware .....	4,915	4,961	5,486	5,013	5,527	4,807
Florida .....	1,345	1,411	1,389	1,366	1,358	1,398
Georgia .....	27,407	27,045	28,383	28,593	26,993	27,779
Kentucky .....	6,501	6,097	6,261	6,930	6,163	6,244
Louisiana .....	3,393	3,355	3,348	3,416	3,410	3,260
Maryland .....	6,171	6,560	5,961	6,684	6,166	7,274
Mississippi .....	15,231	15,122	15,127	15,090	14,808	14,609
Missouri .....	5,810	6,026	6,282	6,138	6,081	6,423
North Carolina .....	17,180	17,266	17,628	17,160	17,044	16,809
Oklahoma .....	5,335	4,618	4,038	4,594	4,135	4,142
Pennsylvania .....	3,993	3,735	3,884	3,977	3,807	3,822
South Carolina .....	5,252	4,914	4,578	4,950	5,256	4,673
Texas .....	12,759	12,380	12,585	12,517	12,355	12,239
Virginia .....	5,900	5,432	5,297	5,058	5,228	5,211
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,319	11,222	11,304	11,054	11,803	12,000
19 State total .....	173,721	172,979	173,460	174,652	172,328	172,891
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	103	103	102
Other States .....	6,885	6,576	6,766	6,387	6,656	6,363
United States .....	180,606	179,555	180,226	181,039	178,984	179,254
Percent of previous year .....	104	103	102	103	103	103

## 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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