



# 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 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 15, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 15, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 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 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 15, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 15, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through February 15, 2014 for the United States were 1.19 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	January 11, 2014	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)					
Alabama .....	28,188	28,196	28,140	28,298	28,145	27,998
Arkansas .....	20,787	20,601	20,807	20,152	20,245	20,685
Delaware .....	4,405	4,398	4,484	4,342	4,373	4,408
Florida .....	1,224	1,223	1,223	1,222	1,223	1,145
Georgia .....	33,711	33,356	33,419	33,662	33,734	33,659
Kentucky .....	7,748	7,301	7,828	7,671	7,693	7,636
Louisiana .....	3,864	3,864	3,894	3,909	3,894	3,878
Maryland .....	7,226	7,679	7,732	7,690	7,193	7,695
Mississippi .....	17,931	17,014	17,331	17,538	17,757	17,543
Missouri .....	8,476	8,431	8,415	8,443	8,176	8,516
North Carolina .....	20,048	20,148	20,496	20,055	19,964	20,444
Oklahoma .....	7,270	6,897	7,161	6,942	7,180	6,915
Pennsylvania .....	3,825	3,796	3,734	4,048	3,730	3,717
South Carolina .....	5,169	5,362	5,210	5,249	5,207	5,123
Texas .....	14,788	14,531	14,609	14,524	14,561	14,598
Virginia .....	6,448	6,405	6,332	6,168	6,110	6,419
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,392	10,247	9,801	10,107	9,855	10,192
19 State total .....	201,500	199,449	200,616	200,020	199,040	200,571
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	102	101	101	101
Other States .....	7,797	7,838	7,886	7,813	7,845	7,960
United States .....	209,297	207,287	208,502	207,833	206,885	208,531
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	102	101	101	101

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	January 11, 2014	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama .....	20,952	21,019	20,608	22,085	21,620	21,116
Arkansas .....	19,450	19,213	19,426	19,618	19,856	20,847
Delaware .....	5,059	5,402	4,789	4,713	5,146	4,842
Florida .....	1,210	1,350	1,439	1,262	1,250	1,317
Georgia .....	27,899	26,335	27,372	25,896	26,931	25,919
Kentucky .....	5,539	6,445	6,377	5,914	5,842	6,466
Louisiana .....	3,241	3,292	3,364	3,370	3,387	3,406
Maryland .....	5,288	4,805	5,809	5,689	5,691	6,070
Mississippi .....	14,813	14,842	14,693	14,971	14,253	14,653
Missouri .....	5,896	5,717	5,785	6,238	6,189	5,175
North Carolina .....	15,836	16,005	15,827	15,373	16,022	16,173
Oklahoma .....	4,572	4,922	4,877	4,022	3,514	3,792
Pennsylvania .....	3,106	3,151	3,156	3,149	3,222	3,077
South Carolina .....	4,468	5,134	4,506	4,902	4,157	4,441
Texas .....	11,349	11,388	11,584	11,775	11,631	11,697
Virginia .....	5,548	5,685	5,293	4,783	4,837	5,027
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,967	9,761	8,094	9,625	9,235	9,266
19 State total .....	164,193	164,466	162,999	163,385	162,783	163,284
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	100	100	100	100
Other States .....	6,043	5,790	5,859	5,935	5,597	5,752
United States .....	170,236	170,256	168,858	169,320	168,380	169,036
Percent of previous year .....	100	102	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.

**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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