



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 22, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 22, 2014, up slightly 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 22, 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 22, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through February 22, 2014 for the United States were 1.36 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama .....	28,196	28,140	28,298	28,145	28,013	28,378
Arkansas .....	20,601	20,807	20,487	20,245	20,685	20,341
Delaware .....	4,398	4,484	4,342	4,373	4,382	4,480
Florida .....	1,223	1,223	1,222	1,223	1,145	1,159
Georgia .....	33,356	33,419	33,662	33,734	33,659	33,442
Kentucky .....	7,177	7,859	7,601	7,693	7,636	7,566
Louisiana .....	3,864	3,894	3,909	3,894	3,878	3,878
Maryland .....	7,679	7,732	7,690	7,193	7,695	7,788
Mississippi .....	17,014	17,331	17,538	17,757	17,543	17,567
Missouri .....	8,431	8,415	8,443	8,176	8,516	8,517
North Carolina .....	20,148	20,496	20,055	19,964	20,468	20,668
Oklahoma .....	6,897	7,161	6,942	7,180	6,915	6,452
Pennsylvania .....	3,796	3,734	4,048	3,730	3,158	3,713
South Carolina .....	5,362	5,210	5,249	5,207	5,053	5,047
Texas .....	14,531	14,609	14,524	14,561	14,598	14,803
Virginia .....	6,405	6,332	6,168	6,110	6,419	6,415
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,247	9,801	10,091	9,855	9,931	10,149
19 State total .....	199,325	200,647	200,269	199,040	199,694	200,363
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	101	101	100	100
Other States .....	7,838	7,857	7,777	7,803	7,910	7,833
United States .....	207,163	208,504	208,046	206,843	207,604	208,196
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	101	101	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama .....	21,019	20,608	22,085	21,620	21,137	21,175
Arkansas .....	19,213	19,426	19,618	19,856	20,847	18,447
Delaware .....	5,402	4,789	4,713	5,146	4,629	5,324
Florida .....	1,350	1,439	1,262	1,250	1,317	1,542
Georgia .....	26,335	27,372	25,896	26,931	25,919	25,206
Kentucky .....	6,445	6,377	5,914	5,908	6,529	5,633
Louisiana .....	3,292	3,364	3,370	3,387	3,406	3,442
Maryland .....	4,805	5,809	5,689	5,691	6,138	5,591
Mississippi .....	14,842	14,693	14,971	14,253	14,653	14,709
Missouri .....	5,717	5,785	6,238	6,189	5,175	6,060
North Carolina .....	16,005	15,827	15,373	16,082	16,223	15,699
Oklahoma .....	4,922	4,877	4,022	3,514	3,792	4,879
Pennsylvania .....	3,151	3,156	3,149	3,222	3,163	3,328
South Carolina .....	5,134	4,506	4,902	4,157	4,370	4,917
Texas .....	11,388	11,584	11,775	11,631	11,697	11,710
Virginia .....	5,685	5,293	4,783	4,837	5,027	4,671
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,761	8,094	9,625	9,235	9,350	10,235
19 State total .....	164,466	162,999	163,385	162,909	163,372	162,568
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	100	100	100	100
Other States .....	5,790	5,859	5,935	5,597	5,730	6,093
United States .....	170,256	168,858	169,320	168,506	169,102	168,661
Percent of previous year .....	102	100	101	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.

**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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