



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 March 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 March 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 15, 2014, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 15, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through March 15, 2014 for the United States were 1.86 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					
	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,095	28,034	28,378	28,060	28,482	28,534
Arkansas	20,245	20,685	20,341	20,466	20,960	20,334
Delaware	4,373	4,382	4,462	4,407	4,607	4,669
Florida	1,223	1,145	1,159	1,221	1,224	1,224
Georgia	33,734	33,599	33,442	33,619	33,696	34,237
Kentucky	7,659	7,636	7,566	7,778	7,449	7,765
Louisiana	3,894	3,878	3,878	3,848	3,833	3,772
Maryland	7,193	7,695	7,711	7,740	7,692	7,735
Mississippi	17,757	17,543	17,567	17,958	17,611	17,660
Missouri	8,176	8,516	8,517	8,559	8,533	8,541
North Carolina	20,187	20,449	20,649	20,416	19,985	20,330
Oklahoma	7,180	6,915	6,452	7,214	6,998	6,851
Pennsylvania	3,730	3,158	3,746	4,073	3,908	3,831
South Carolina	5,207	5,053	5,047	5,235	5,102	4,786
Texas	14,561	14,788	14,828	14,714	14,358	14,555
Virginia	6,132	6,419	6,415	6,541	6,681	6,829
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,860	9,929	9,793	9,957	9,933	9,584
19 State total	199,206	199,824	199,951	201,806	201,052	201,237
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	101	101	101
Other States	7,808	7,948	7,871	7,827	7,933	7,828
United States	207,014	207,772	207,822	209,633	208,985	209,065
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	101	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,620	21,138	21,175	21,417	21,528	21,718
Arkansas	19,856	20,847	18,464	18,774	19,532	19,326
Delaware	5,146	4,629	5,360	4,713	4,539	4,139
Florida	1,250	1,317	1,542	1,379	1,218	1,366
Georgia	26,931	25,919	25,206	26,912	26,443	26,092
Kentucky	5,925	6,550	5,585	5,803	5,787	6,109
Louisiana	3,387	3,406	3,442	3,401	3,397	3,407
Maryland	5,691	6,138	5,295	5,349	6,006	6,689
Mississippi	14,253	14,652	14,709	14,787	14,638	14,763
Missouri	6,189	5,175	6,060	4,721	5,958	5,097
North Carolina	16,085	16,292	15,793	15,305	15,897	16,372
Oklahoma	3,514	3,792	4,879	5,001	3,803	4,483
Pennsylvania	3,222	3,163	3,354	3,163	2,614	3,054
South Carolina	4,157	4,370	4,917	4,416	4,351	4,716
Texas	11,631	11,697	11,776	11,982	11,846	11,713
Virginia	4,837	5,027	4,671	4,862	5,460	5,008
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,240	9,348	10,281	9,423	9,543	8,760
19 State total	162,934	163,460	162,509	161,408	162,560	162,812
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	99	99	99
Other States	5,604	5,736	6,095	6,218	5,847	5,919
United States	168,538	169,196	168,604	167,626	168,407	168,731
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	99	99	99

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.

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.

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