



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 29, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 29, 2014, down 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 Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 29, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 29, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through March 29, 2014 for the United States were 2.20 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 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,378	28,060	28,482	28,488	28,289	28,564
Arkansas .....	20,341	20,595	20,960	20,334	20,508	20,696
Delaware .....	4,462	4,407	4,607	4,669	4,269	4,623
Florida .....	1,159	1,221	1,224	1,224	1,222	1,219
Georgia .....	33,442	33,619	33,696	34,410	33,887	33,918
Kentucky .....	7,518	7,765	7,449	7,765	7,866	7,652
Louisiana .....	3,878	3,848	3,833	3,772	3,772	3,772
Maryland .....	7,711	7,740	7,692	7,735	7,694	7,684
Mississippi .....	17,567	17,958	17,823	17,660	16,794	17,285
Missouri .....	8,517	8,559	8,533	8,541	8,456	8,180
North Carolina .....	20,651	20,453	20,290	20,330	20,599	20,606
Oklahoma .....	6,452	7,214	6,998	6,851	7,095	6,873
Pennsylvania .....	3,746	4,073	3,908	3,903	3,766	3,889
South Carolina .....	5,047	5,235	5,102	4,786	4,842	4,973
Texas .....	14,828	14,714	14,358	14,464	14,454	14,016
Virginia .....	6,415	6,541	6,681	6,829	6,655	6,601
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,793	9,826	9,978	9,357	8,976	9,743
19 State total .....	199,905	201,828	201,614	201,118	199,144	200,294
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	101	100	100
Other States .....	7,871	7,889	7,933	7,828	7,682	7,920
United States .....	207,776	209,717	209,547	208,946	206,826	208,214
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	101	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,175	21,417	21,528	21,624	20,547	21,784
Arkansas .....	18,464	18,774	19,532	19,326	18,327	18,981
Delaware .....	5,360	4,713	4,517	4,147	4,664	5,046
Florida .....	1,542	1,379	1,218	1,366	1,283	1,329
Georgia .....	25,182	26,776	26,442	26,080	26,538	26,209
Kentucky .....	5,585	5,811	5,792	6,053	6,418	5,934
Louisiana .....	3,442	3,401	3,397	3,407	3,410	3,693
Maryland .....	5,295	5,349	5,937	6,690	6,024	5,278
Mississippi .....	14,709	14,787	14,638	14,784	15,288	15,106
Missouri .....	6,060	4,721	5,959	5,097	5,933	6,305
North Carolina .....	15,793	15,435	15,909	16,348	15,840	16,004
Oklahoma .....	4,879	5,001	3,803	4,483	5,092	4,520
Pennsylvania .....	3,354	3,163	2,614	3,038	3,335	3,058
South Carolina .....	4,917	4,416	4,351	4,716	4,913	4,441
Texas .....	11,776	11,982	11,846	11,707	11,740	11,144
Virginia .....	4,813	4,888	5,486	5,012	5,202	5,950
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,281	9,537	9,534	8,867	9,639	9,717
19 State total .....	162,627	161,550	162,503	162,745	164,193	164,499
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	99	99	100	100
Other States .....	6,095	6,125	5,847	5,911	5,897	5,897
United States .....	168,722	167,675	168,350	168,656	170,090	170,396
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	99	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.

**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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