



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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 5, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 5, 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 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through April 5, 2014 for the United States were 2.37 million. 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					
	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,060	28,482	28,488	28,289	28,564	28,714
Arkansas	20,595	20,960	20,580	20,508	20,696	20,567
Delaware	4,407	4,607	4,669	4,269	4,623	4,446
Florida	1,221	1,224	1,224	1,222	1,219	1,176
Georgia	33,619	33,696	34,410	33,887	33,918	34,192
Kentucky	7,765	7,449	7,765	7,866	7,652	7,631
Louisiana	3,848	3,833	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,772
Maryland	7,740	7,692	7,735	7,694	7,730	7,753
Mississippi	17,958	17,848	17,660	16,794	17,311	17,773
Missouri	8,559	8,533	8,541	8,456	8,180	7,737
North Carolina	20,453	20,290	20,288	20,599	20,606	20,529
Oklahoma	7,214	6,998	6,851	7,095	6,873	7,033
Pennsylvania	4,073	3,908	3,903	3,766	3,938	3,833
South Carolina	5,235	5,102	4,786	4,842	4,973	4,958
Texas	14,714	14,358	14,464	14,454	14,065	14,960
Virginia	6,541	6,681	6,829	6,655	6,601	6,672
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,826	9,978	9,446	8,976	9,187	10,358
19 State total	201,828	201,639	201,411	199,144	199,908	202,104
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	100	101
Other States	7,912	7,956	7,887	7,756	7,994	7,968
United States	209,740	209,595	209,298	206,900	207,902	210,072
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,417	21,528	21,624	20,547	21,786	21,290
Arkansas	18,774	19,532	19,326	18,327	18,981	18,730
Delaware	4,713	4,517	4,147	4,664	4,926	4,677
Florida	1,379	1,218	1,366	1,283	1,329	1,333
Georgia	26,776	26,442	26,080	26,538	26,209	26,753
Kentucky	5,811	5,792	6,053	6,418	5,934	6,484
Louisiana	3,401	3,397	3,407	3,410	3,693	3,361
Maryland	5,349	5,937	6,690	6,024	5,306	6,252
Mississippi	14,787	14,638	14,784	15,288	15,130	14,995
Missouri	4,721	5,959	5,097	5,933	6,305	5,749
North Carolina	15,435	15,909	16,348	15,840	16,032	16,040
Oklahoma	5,001	3,803	4,483	5,092	4,520	4,888
Pennsylvania	3,163	2,614	3,038	3,335	3,153	3,236
South Carolina	4,416	4,351	4,716	4,913	4,441	4,927
Texas	11,982	11,846	11,707	11,740	11,143	11,625
Virginia	4,888	5,486	5,012	5,202	5,950	5,546
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,537	9,534	8,867	9,639	9,846	9,258
19 State total	161,550	162,503	162,745	164,193	164,684	165,144
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	100	100	100
Other States	6,125	5,847	5,911	5,897	5,896	5,450
United States	167,675	168,350	168,656	170,090	170,580	170,594
Percent of previous year	100	99	99	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.

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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