



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 19, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 19, 2014, up 2 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 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2014, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through April 19, 2014 for the United States were 2.72 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,488	28,289	28,564	28,725	28,597	28,820
Arkansas	20,580	20,508	20,696	20,567	20,736	20,874
Delaware	4,669	4,269	4,623	4,446	4,548	4,701
Florida	1,224	1,222	1,219	1,176	1,222	1,225
Georgia	34,410	33,887	33,918	34,270	34,016	33,762
Kentucky	7,599	7,849	7,929	7,793	7,845	7,994
Louisiana	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,832	3,802
Maryland	7,735	7,694	7,730	7,753	7,776	7,764
Mississippi	17,660	16,794	17,311	17,773	17,689	17,559
Missouri	8,541	8,456	8,180	7,737	8,175	8,303
North Carolina	20,288	20,555	20,606	20,544	20,630	20,513
Oklahoma	6,537	6,781	6,559	6,719	6,661	6,649
Pennsylvania	4,377	4,240	4,412	4,293	4,341	4,380
South Carolina	4,786	4,842	4,973	4,958	5,129	5,141
Texas	14,464	14,628	14,065	14,960	14,717	14,994
Virginia	6,829	6,655	6,601	6,672	6,668	6,621
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,449	10,002	10,086	11,379	11,694	11,448
19 State total	202,408	200,443	201,244	203,537	204,276	204,550
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	101	101	102
Other States	7,957	7,829	8,065	8,036	8,209	8,204
United States	210,365	208,272	209,309	211,573	212,485	212,754
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	101	101	102

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

State	Week ending					
	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,624	20,547	21,786	21,282	21,290	21,780
Arkansas	19,326	18,327	18,981	18,730	20,844	18,866
Delaware	4,147	4,664	4,926	4,646	4,870	4,886
Florida	1,366	1,283	1,329	1,333	1,358	1,274
Georgia	26,080	26,538	26,209	26,753	27,039	26,588
Kentucky	6,053	6,418	5,933	6,524	6,029	6,093
Louisiana	3,407	3,410	3,693	3,361	3,359	3,376
Maryland	6,690	6,024	5,306	6,156	5,627	6,196
Mississippi	14,784	15,288	15,130	14,995	14,273	14,822
Missouri	5,097	5,933	6,305	5,748	5,231	6,529
North Carolina	16,348	15,840	16,032	16,012	16,391	16,406
Oklahoma	4,248	4,857	4,284	4,653	2,878	3,701
Pennsylvania	3,444	3,740	3,559	3,706	3,595	3,595
South Carolina	4,716	4,913	4,441	4,897	4,165	4,186
Texas	11,707	11,740	11,143	11,625	11,886	11,222
Virginia	5,012	5,202	5,985	5,581	5,169	4,946
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,694	10,445	10,668	10,028	9,640	9,744
19 State total	163,743	165,169	165,710	166,030	163,644	164,210
Percent of previous year	99	99	100	100	99	99
Other States	5,911	5,897	5,936	5,508	5,848	6,186
United States	169,654	171,066	171,646	171,538	169,492	170,396
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	100	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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