



# 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 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 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 Up 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through April 26, 2014 for the United States were 2.90 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 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,289	28,564	28,725	28,597	28,954	28,643
Arkansas .....	20,508	20,696	20,567	20,736	20,874	20,618
Delaware .....	4,286	4,672	4,495	4,585	4,727	4,487
Florida .....	1,222	1,219	1,176	1,222	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	33,887	33,918	34,270	34,016	33,626	33,984
Kentucky .....	7,849	7,929	7,793	7,845	7,994	7,388
Louisiana .....	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,832	3,802	3,394
Maryland .....	7,694	7,730	7,753	7,776	7,867	7,883
Mississippi .....	16,794	17,311	17,773	17,689	17,559	17,497
Missouri .....	8,456	8,180	7,737	8,175	8,303	8,344
North Carolina .....	20,555	20,606	20,544	20,630	20,513	20,534
Oklahoma .....	6,781	6,559	6,719	6,661	6,649	6,680
Pennsylvania .....	4,240	4,412	4,293	4,423	4,375	4,359
South Carolina .....	4,842	4,973	4,958	5,129	5,137	5,256
Texas .....	14,628	14,065	14,960	14,717	15,029	14,924
Virginia .....	6,655	6,601	6,672	6,668	6,621	6,620
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,002	10,080	11,374	11,694	11,494	11,148
19 State total .....	200,460	201,287	203,581	204,395	204,749	202,984
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	101	102	101
Other States .....	7,829	8,065	8,036	8,209	8,170	8,216
United States .....	208,289	209,352	211,617	212,604	212,919	211,200
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	101	101	102	101

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

State	Week ending					
	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,547	21,786	21,282	21,290	21,705	21,407
Arkansas .....	18,327	18,981	18,730	20,844	18,866	19,762
Delaware .....	4,544	5,433	4,956	4,862	5,277	4,611
Florida .....	1,283	1,329	1,333	1,358	1,274	1,226
Georgia .....	26,538	26,209	26,753	27,039	26,660	26,992
Kentucky .....	6,418	5,933	6,524	6,029	6,095	6,386
Louisiana .....	3,410	3,693	3,361	3,359	3,376	3,364
Maryland .....	6,139	4,781	5,891	5,656	5,783	6,094
Mississippi .....	15,288	15,130	14,995	14,273	14,822	15,075
Missouri .....	5,933	6,305	5,748	5,231	6,529	5,006
North Carolina .....	15,840	16,032	16,012	16,391	16,406	16,139
Oklahoma .....	4,857	4,284	4,653	2,878	3,701	4,055
Pennsylvania .....	3,740	3,559	3,706	3,577	3,504	3,612
South Carolina .....	4,913	4,441	4,897	4,165	4,085	4,784
Texas .....	11,740	11,143	11,625	11,886	11,211	11,901
Virginia .....	5,202	5,985	5,581	5,169	4,946	5,391
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,445	10,668	10,028	9,640	9,837	10,603
19 State total .....	165,164	165,692	166,075	163,647	164,077	166,408
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	99	99	100
Other States .....	5,897	5,936	5,508	5,848	6,198	6,026
United States .....	171,061	171,628	171,583	169,495	170,275	172,434
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	99	99	101

## 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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