



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 3, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 3, 2014, up 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through May 3, 2014 for the United States were 3.07 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 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,564	28,725	28,597	28,954	28,643	28,885
Arkansas .....	20,696	20,567	20,736	20,874	20,618	21,070
Delaware .....	4,672	4,495	4,585	4,727	4,495	4,728
Florida .....	1,219	1,176	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,223
Georgia .....	33,918	34,270	34,016	33,626	33,984	34,034
Kentucky .....	7,929	7,793	7,845	7,994	7,514	7,985
Louisiana .....	3,772	3,772	3,832	3,802	3,394	3,571
Maryland .....	7,730	7,753	7,776	7,867	7,886	7,886
Mississippi .....	17,515	17,773	17,689	17,559	17,497	17,122
Missouri .....	8,180	7,737	8,175	8,303	8,344	8,300
North Carolina .....	20,549	20,544	20,630	20,553	20,356	20,073
Oklahoma .....	6,559	6,719	6,661	6,649	6,680	6,584
Pennsylvania .....	4,412	4,293	4,423	4,375	4,333	4,340
South Carolina .....	4,973	4,958	5,129	5,137	5,256	4,995
Texas .....	14,065	14,960	14,717	15,029	14,924	14,516
Virginia .....	6,601	6,672	6,668	6,621	6,620	6,897
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,305	11,536	11,828	11,551	11,327	10,664
19 State total .....	201,659	203,743	204,529	204,846	203,096	202,873
Percent of previous year .....	100	102	101	102	101	100
Other States .....	8,065	8,036	8,209	8,170	8,216	8,306
United States .....	209,724	211,779	212,738	213,016	211,312	211,179
Percent of previous year .....	100	102	101	102	101	100

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

State	Week ending					
	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,786	21,282	21,290	21,705	21,407	21,175
Arkansas .....	18,981	18,730	20,844	18,882	19,762	18,205
Delaware .....	5,433	4,956	4,862	5,277	4,598	4,913
Florida .....	1,329	1,333	1,358	1,340	1,226	1,271
Georgia .....	26,209	26,753	27,039	26,660	26,992	26,783
Kentucky .....	5,933	6,524	6,029	6,095	6,433	5,892
Louisiana .....	3,693	3,361	3,359	3,376	3,364	3,389
Maryland .....	4,781	5,891	5,656	5,783	6,016	6,299
Mississippi .....	15,130	14,995	14,273	14,822	15,075	14,872
Missouri .....	6,305	5,748	5,231	6,529	5,006	5,798
North Carolina .....	16,032	16,012	16,391	16,344	16,124	16,373
Oklahoma .....	4,284	4,653	2,878	3,701	4,055	4,683
Pennsylvania .....	3,559	3,706	3,577	3,504	3,691	3,541
South Carolina .....	4,441	4,897	4,165	4,085	4,784	4,840
Texas .....	11,143	11,625	11,886	11,211	11,901	12,162
Virginia .....	5,985	5,581	5,169	4,946	5,785	5,258
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,691	10,021	9,594	9,853	10,628	11,616
19 State total .....	165,715	166,068	163,601	164,113	166,847	167,070
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	99	101	100
Other States .....	5,936	5,508	5,848	6,198	6,050	5,958
United States .....	171,651	171,576	169,449	170,311	172,897	173,028
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	99	101	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.

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**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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