



# Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 10, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 10, 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 10, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 10, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through May 10, 2014 for the United States were 3.24 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					
	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,725	28,597	28,954	28,643	28,896	28,653
Arkansas .....	20,567	20,736	20,874	20,618	21,070	21,281
Delaware .....	4,495	4,585	4,727	4,495	4,714	4,604
Florida .....	1,176	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,223
Georgia .....	34,270	34,016	33,626	33,984	34,048	34,337
Kentucky .....	7,793	7,845	7,994	7,514	7,985	7,966
Louisiana .....	3,772	3,832	3,802	3,394	3,571	3,802
Maryland .....	7,753	7,776	7,916	7,886	7,886	7,547
Mississippi .....	17,773	17,689	17,559	17,497	17,122	16,574
Missouri .....	7,737	8,175	8,303	8,344	8,300	8,040
North Carolina .....	20,544	20,630	20,525	20,356	20,073	19,874
Oklahoma .....	6,719	6,661	6,649	6,680	6,584	6,720
Pennsylvania .....	4,293	4,423	4,375	4,333	4,202	4,402
South Carolina .....	4,958	5,129	5,137	5,256	4,995	5,269
Texas .....	14,960	14,717	15,029	14,924	14,562	14,375
Virginia .....	6,672	6,668	6,621	6,620	6,897	6,582
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,536	11,828	11,550	11,350	10,694	11,025
19 State total .....	203,743	204,529	204,866	203,119	202,822	202,274
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	102	101	100	100
Other States .....	8,036	8,151	8,116	8,162	8,170	7,850
United States .....	211,779	212,680	212,982	211,281	210,992	210,124
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	102	101	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,282	21,290	21,705	21,407	21,190	21,581
Arkansas .....	18,730	20,844	18,882	19,762	18,205	19,945
Delaware .....	4,956	4,862	5,277	4,598	4,307	4,962
Florida .....	1,333	1,358	1,340	1,226	1,271	1,574
Georgia .....	26,753	27,039	26,660	26,992	26,843	26,848
Kentucky .....	6,524	6,029	6,095	6,433	5,892	7,227
Louisiana .....	3,361	3,359	3,376	3,364	3,389	3,386
Maryland .....	5,891	5,656	5,783	6,016	6,798	5,824
Mississippi .....	14,995	14,273	14,822	15,075	14,874	14,909
Missouri .....	5,748	5,231	6,528	5,005	5,799	6,098
North Carolina .....	16,012	16,391	16,444	16,124	16,373	16,252
Oklahoma .....	4,653	2,878	3,701	4,055	4,683	3,306
Pennsylvania .....	3,706	3,577	3,504	3,691	3,639	3,649
South Carolina .....	4,897	4,165	4,085	4,784	4,840	4,731
Texas .....	11,625	11,886	11,211	11,901	12,159	11,987
Virginia .....	5,581	5,169	4,946	5,785	5,258	5,450
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,022	9,594	9,853	10,596	11,602	10,014
19 State total .....	166,069	163,601	164,212	166,814	167,122	167,743
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	99	101	100	101
Other States .....	5,508	5,857	6,199	6,051	5,959	5,893
United States .....	171,577	169,458	170,411	172,865	173,081	173,636
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	99	101	100	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.

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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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