



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 17, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 17, 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 17, 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 May 17, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through May 17, 2014 for the United States were 3.42 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 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,597	28,954	28,643	28,896	28,638	28,501
Arkansas	20,736	20,874	20,618	21,070	21,281	21,415
Delaware	4,585	4,727	4,495	4,714	4,728	4,681
Florida	1,222	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,223	1,207
Georgia	34,016	33,626	33,984	34,048	34,337	34,387
Kentucky	7,845	7,994	7,514	7,985	7,966	7,745
Louisiana	3,832	3,802	3,394	3,571	3,802	3,802
Maryland	7,776	7,916	7,886	7,886	7,549	7,837
Mississippi	17,689	17,559	17,497	17,122	16,395	16,925
Missouri	8,175	8,303	8,344	8,300	8,040	8,406
North Carolina	20,630	20,961	20,792	20,508	20,402	21,134
Oklahoma	6,661	6,649	6,680	6,584	6,720	6,659
Pennsylvania	4,423	4,375	4,333	4,202	4,558	4,391
South Carolina	5,129	5,137	5,256	4,995	5,269	5,155
Texas	14,717	15,029	14,924	14,562	14,326	14,740
Virginia	6,668	6,621	6,620	6,897	6,582	6,547
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,828	11,555	11,354	10,694	11,155	11,041
19 State total	204,529	205,307	203,559	203,257	202,971	204,573
Percent of previous year	101	103	102	101	100	100
Other States	8,151	8,116	8,162	8,170	7,850	8,205
United States	212,680	213,423	211,721	211,427	210,821	212,778
Percent of previous year	101	103	102	101	100	100

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

State	Week ending					
	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,290	21,705	21,407	21,190	21,553	21,954
Arkansas	20,844	18,882	19,762	18,205	19,945	19,817
Delaware	4,862	5,277	4,598	4,307	5,326	4,922
Florida	1,358	1,340	1,226	1,271	1,574	1,152
Georgia	27,039	26,660	26,992	26,843	26,855	26,601
Kentucky	6,029	6,095	6,433	5,892	7,227	5,572
Louisiana	3,359	3,376	3,364	3,389	3,386	3,041
Maryland	5,656	5,783	6,016	6,798	5,287	6,724
Mississippi	14,273	14,822	15,075	14,874	14,941	14,817
Missouri	5,231	6,528	5,005	5,799	6,098	5,160
North Carolina	16,391	16,444	16,124	16,373	16,444	16,018
Oklahoma	2,878	3,701	4,055	4,683	3,306	4,186
Pennsylvania	3,577	3,504	3,691	3,639	3,689	3,573
South Carolina	4,165	4,085	4,784	4,840	4,731	5,068
Texas	11,886	11,211	11,901	12,159	11,988	11,941
Virginia	5,169	4,946	5,785	5,258	5,450	5,050
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,594	9,853	10,596	11,602	10,063	10,542
19 State total	163,601	164,212	166,814	167,122	167,863	166,138
Percent of previous year	99	99	101	100	101	100
Other States	5,857	6,199	6,050	5,959	5,905	6,138
United States	169,458	170,411	172,864	173,081	173,768	172,276
Percent of previous year	99	99	101	100	101	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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