



Broiler Hatchery

ISSN: 1949-1840

Released May 29, 2014, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2014, down 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 24, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through May 24, 2014 for the United States were 3.59 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 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,954	28,643	28,896	28,638	28,521	28,484
Arkansas	20,874	20,618	21,070	21,281	21,415	21,358
Delaware	4,727	4,495	4,714	4,728	4,687	4,693
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,223	1,207	1,225
Georgia	33,626	33,984	34,048	34,337	34,434	34,569
Kentucky	7,994	7,514	7,985	7,966	7,745	7,876
Louisiana	3,802	3,394	3,727	3,802	3,802	3,772
Maryland	7,916	7,886	7,886	7,549	7,837	7,479
Mississippi	17,559	17,497	17,122	16,395	16,925	17,640
Missouri	8,303	8,344	8,300	8,040	8,406	8,152
North Carolina	20,961	20,792	20,873	20,402	21,134	21,202
Oklahoma	6,649	6,680	6,584	6,720	6,659	6,804
Pennsylvania	4,375	4,333	4,202	4,558	4,277	4,307
South Carolina	5,137	5,256	4,995	5,269	5,155	5,275
Texas	15,029	14,924	14,562	14,326	14,740	14,792
Virginia	6,621	6,620	6,897	6,582	6,547	6,619
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,555	11,354	10,699	11,155	11,264	11,432
19 State total	205,307	203,559	203,783	202,971	204,755	205,679
Percent of previous year	103	102	101	100	100	101
Other States	8,116	8,162	8,170	7,850	8,205	8,364
United States	213,423	211,721	211,953	210,821	212,960	214,043
Percent of previous year	103	102	101	100	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,705	21,407	21,190	21,553	21,949	22,065
Arkansas	18,882	19,762	18,205	19,945	19,833	19,122
Delaware	5,277	4,598	4,307	5,326	4,779	4,813
Florida	1,340	1,226	1,271	1,574	1,152	1,251
Georgia	26,660	26,992	26,843	26,855	26,625	26,354
Kentucky	6,095	6,433	5,892	7,227	5,572	6,810
Louisiana	3,376	3,364	3,389	3,386	3,041	3,333
Maryland	5,783	6,016	6,798	5,287	6,748	6,365
Mississippi	14,822	15,075	14,874	14,941	14,802	14,535
Missouri	6,528	5,005	5,799	6,098	5,161	6,234
North Carolina	16,444	16,124	16,373	16,444	16,018	16,008
Oklahoma	3,701	4,055	4,683	3,306	4,186	4,085
Pennsylvania	3,504	3,691	3,639	3,689	3,581	3,516
South Carolina	4,085	4,784	4,840	4,731	5,068	5,406
Texas	11,211	11,901	12,159	11,988	11,941	11,544
Virginia	4,848	5,791	5,249	5,503	4,957	5,511
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,853	10,596	11,602	10,063	10,584	10,228
19 State total	164,114	166,820	167,113	167,916	165,997	167,180
Percent of previous year	99	101	100	101	100	100
Other States	6,199	6,050	5,959	5,905	6,143	5,733
United States	170,313	172,870	173,072	173,821	172,140	172,913
Percent of previous year	99	101	100	101	100	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.

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.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@nass.usda.gov

Dan Kerestes, Chief, Livestock Branch	(202) 720-3570
Bruce Boess, Head, Poultry and Specialty Commodities Section	(202) 720-4447
Alissa Cowell-Mytar – Cold Storage	(202) 720-4751
Dawn Keen – Egg Products	(202) 720-4448
Michael Klamm – Poultry Slaughter, Turkey Hatchery, Turkeys Raised	(202) 690-3237
Tom Kruchten – Census of Aquaculture	(202) 690-4870
Kim Linonis – Layers, Eggs	(202) 690-8632
Joshua O’Rear – Honey	(202) 690-3676
Miste Salmon – Broiler Hatchery, Chicken Hatchery	(202) 720-3244
Vacant – Catfish Production, Trout Production, Mink	(202) 720-0585

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov> and in the “Follow NASS” box under “Receive reports by Email,” click on “National” or “State” to select the reports you would like to receive.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.