



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 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 7, 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 June 7, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 7, 2014, down 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 June 7, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through June 7, 2014 for the United States were 3.93 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					
	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,896	28,638	28,521	28,484	28,829	28,780
Arkansas	21,070	21,281	21,420	21,358	21,527	21,460
Delaware	4,714	4,728	4,687	4,692	4,614	4,606
Florida	1,223	1,223	1,207	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,048	34,337	34,434	34,567	34,498	34,457
Kentucky	7,985	7,955	7,774	7,951	7,878	7,810
Louisiana	3,727	3,802	3,802	3,772	3,787	3,802
Maryland	7,886	7,549	7,837	7,479	7,793	7,637
Mississippi	17,122	16,395	16,925	17,640	17,748	17,627
Missouri	8,300	8,040	8,406	8,152	8,296	8,162
North Carolina	20,873	20,613	21,134	21,514	21,159	21,109
Oklahoma	6,584	6,720	6,659	6,804	6,584	6,734
Pennsylvania	4,202	4,558	4,277	4,318	4,358	4,264
South Carolina	4,995	5,269	5,155	5,275	5,304	5,000
Texas	14,562	14,326	14,740	14,792	15,022	15,266
Virginia	6,897	6,582	6,547	6,619	6,679	6,679
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,699	11,145	11,251	11,432	11,372	11,294
19 State total	203,783	203,161	204,776	206,074	206,673	205,912
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	101	101	101
Other States	8,327	7,941	8,244	8,404	8,278	8,401
United States	212,110	211,102	213,020	214,478	214,951	214,313
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	101	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,190	21,553	21,949	22,068	21,406	21,466
Arkansas	18,205	19,945	19,847	19,122	18,488	19,810
Delaware	4,307	5,326	4,779	4,711	4,942	5,246
Florida	1,271	1,574	1,152	1,251	1,269	1,237
Georgia	26,843	26,855	26,625	26,354	27,164	27,334
Kentucky	5,892	7,176	5,574	6,797	6,260	6,144
Louisiana	3,389	3,386	3,041	3,333	3,395	3,397
Maryland	6,798	5,287	6,748	6,355	5,707	5,954
Mississippi	14,874	14,941	14,802	14,535	13,963	14,602
Missouri	5,799	6,098	5,161	6,234	5,862	4,685
North Carolina	16,373	16,519	16,061	16,052	16,353	16,390
Oklahoma	4,683	3,306	4,186	4,000	4,968	4,978
Pennsylvania	3,639	3,689	3,581	3,515	3,765	3,563
South Carolina	4,840	4,731	5,068	5,406	4,275	4,680
Texas	12,159	11,988	11,941	11,544	11,523	11,753
Virginia	5,249	5,503	4,957	5,566	5,592	5,500
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,602	10,063	10,578	10,228	10,726	10,764
19 State total	167,113	167,940	166,050	167,071	165,658	167,503
Percent of previous year	100	101	100	100	99	99
Other States	5,959	5,908	6,143	5,840	5,969	6,059
United States	173,072	173,848	172,193	172,911	171,627	173,562
Percent of previous year	100	101	100	100	99	99

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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