



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 14, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 14, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 14, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 14, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through June 14, 2014 for the United States were 4.11 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 10, 2014	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)					
Alabama	28,638	28,521	28,484	28,829	28,789	28,664
Arkansas	21,281	21,420	21,358	21,527	21,460	20,794
Delaware	4,728	4,687	4,692	4,618	4,611	4,618
Florida	1,223	1,207	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223
Georgia	34,337	34,434	34,567	34,498	34,489	34,197
Kentucky	7,955	7,774	7,951	7,878	7,752	7,751
Louisiana	3,802	3,802	3,772	3,787	3,802	3,772
Maryland	7,549	7,837	7,479	7,793	7,522	7,411
Mississippi	16,395	16,925	17,640	17,748	17,627	16,704
Missouri	8,040	8,406	8,152	8,296	8,162	8,488
North Carolina	20,613	21,239	21,407	21,160	21,065	21,203
Oklahoma	6,720	6,659	6,804	6,584	6,734	6,501
Pennsylvania	4,558	4,277	4,314	4,358	4,168	4,160
South Carolina	5,269	5,155	5,275	5,304	5,004	5,120
Texas	14,326	14,740	14,792	15,022	15,266	14,479
Virginia	6,582	6,547	6,619	6,679	6,679	6,678
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,107	11,236	11,410	11,367	11,270	11,550
19 State total	203,123	204,866	205,941	206,673	205,625	203,313
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	101	101	100
Other States	7,941	8,126	8,286	8,160	8,304	8,213
United States	211,064	212,992	214,227	214,833	213,929	211,526
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	101	101	100

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

State	Week ending					
	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama	21,553	21,949	22,068	21,406	21,484	21,062
Arkansas	19,945	19,847	19,122	18,488	19,810	19,385
Delaware	5,326	4,779	4,711	5,069	4,671	4,992
Florida	1,574	1,152	1,251	1,269	1,237	1,298
Georgia	26,855	26,626	26,354	27,164	27,357	27,667
Kentucky	7,176	5,574	6,797	6,260	6,186	6,110
Louisiana	3,386	3,041	3,333	3,395	3,397	3,398
Maryland	5,287	6,748	6,355	5,541	5,987	6,222
Mississippi	14,941	14,802	14,535	13,963	14,601	14,721
Missouri	6,098	5,161	6,244	5,862	4,684	6,150
North Carolina	16,519	16,061	16,052	16,353	16,410	16,507
Oklahoma	3,306	4,186	4,000	4,968	5,403	3,916
Pennsylvania	3,689	3,581	3,515	3,765	3,533	3,465
South Carolina	4,731	5,068	5,406	4,275	4,582	4,582
Texas	11,988	11,941	11,544	11,523	11,753	11,846
Virginia	5,503	4,957	5,566	5,592	5,500	5,474
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,057	10,571	10,214	10,708	10,735	11,260
19 State total	167,934	166,044	167,067	165,601	167,330	168,055
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	99	99	100
Other States	5,908	6,143	5,840	5,969	6,058	6,462
United States	173,842	172,187	172,907	171,570	173,388	174,517
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	99	99	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.

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