



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 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 28, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 28, 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 28, 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 28, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through June 28, 2014 for the United States were 4.46 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 24, 2014	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,484	28,829	28,789	28,684	28,902	28,305
Arkansas	21,358	21,527	21,460	20,794	21,165	20,883
Delaware	4,692	4,618	4,611	4,618	4,633	4,534
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,223	1,223
Georgia	34,567	34,498	34,489	33,919	34,319	33,957
Kentucky	7,951	7,878	7,787	7,786	7,616	7,747
Louisiana	3,772	3,787	3,802	3,772	3,802	3,772
Maryland	7,479	7,793	7,522	7,411	7,640	7,547
Mississippi	17,355	17,748	17,627	16,704	17,490	17,617
Missouri	8,152	8,296	8,162	8,488	8,408	8,312
North Carolina	21,407	21,160	21,065	21,208	20,525	21,120
Oklahoma	6,804	6,584	6,734	6,501	6,461	6,720
Pennsylvania	4,314	4,352	4,155	4,189	4,432	4,187
South Carolina	5,275	5,304	5,004	5,120	5,143	4,958
Texas	14,792	15,022	15,266	14,352	14,774	14,753
Virginia	6,619	6,679	6,679	6,678	6,679	6,680
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,410	11,355	11,264	11,626	11,198	11,277
19 State total	205,656	206,655	205,641	203,073	204,410	203,592
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	101	101
Other States	8,286	8,155	8,304	8,213	7,936	8,020
United States	213,942	214,810	213,945	211,286	212,346	211,612
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	May 24, 2014	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,068	21,406	21,531	21,183	22,286	20,921
Arkansas	19,122	18,488	19,810	19,385	19,793	20,613
Delaware	4,711	5,069	4,671	5,054	5,513	4,474
Florida	1,251	1,269	1,237	1,298	1,285	1,462
Georgia	26,354	27,164	27,418	27,846	26,811	28,068
Kentucky	6,797	6,260	6,187	6,117	6,699	6,380
Louisiana	3,333	3,395	3,397	3,398	3,398	3,412
Maryland	6,355	5,541	5,987	6,046	5,699	6,428
Mississippi	14,535	13,963	14,601	14,727	14,984	15,052
Missouri	6,244	5,862	4,684	6,150	5,645	6,054
North Carolina	16,052	16,353	16,340	16,439	16,458	16,026
Oklahoma	4,000	4,968	5,403	3,916	4,426	2,931
Pennsylvania	3,515	3,765	3,533	3,569	3,620	3,462
South Carolina	5,406	4,275	4,582	4,582	4,840	4,786
Texas	11,544	11,523	11,753	12,016	11,974	12,302
Virginia	5,566	5,592	5,500	5,474	5,563	5,346
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,214	10,708	10,735	11,250	10,805	10,735
19 State total	167,067	165,601	167,369	168,450	169,799	168,452
Percent of previous year	100	99	99	100	100	100
Other States	5,840	5,969	6,059	6,464	5,948	6,040
United States	172,907	171,570	173,428	174,914	175,747	174,492
Percent of previous year	100	99	99	100	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.

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