



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 5, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 5, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 5, 2014, down 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 July 5, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through July 5, 2014 for the United States were 4.63 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 31, 2014	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,829	28,789	28,684	28,902	28,288	28,137
Arkansas	21,527	21,460	20,794	21,165	20,838	20,327
Delaware	4,618	4,611	4,618	4,633	4,533	4,583
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223
Georgia	34,498	34,489	33,919	34,319	33,957	33,555
Kentucky	7,878	7,787	7,786	7,616	7,747	7,854
Louisiana	3,787	3,802	3,772	3,802	3,772	3,802
Maryland	7,793	7,522	7,411	7,640	7,547	7,630
Mississippi	17,748	17,627	16,704	17,490	17,617	17,422
Missouri	8,296	8,162	8,488	8,408	8,312	8,306
North Carolina	21,160	21,065	21,088	20,525	21,120	21,484
Oklahoma	6,584	6,589	6,646	6,461	6,720	6,537
Pennsylvania	4,352	4,155	4,189	4,432	4,213	4,209
South Carolina	5,304	5,004	5,120	5,143	4,958	5,274
Texas	15,022	15,266	14,352	14,774	14,753	14,776
Virginia	6,679	6,679	6,678	6,679	6,680	6,678
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,367	11,291	11,633	11,196	11,282	11,366
19 State total	206,667	205,523	203,105	204,408	203,560	203,163
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	101	101	100
Other States	8,155	8,304	8,213	7,936	8,026	7,974
United States	214,822	213,827	211,318	212,344	211,586	211,137
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	101	101	100

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

State	Week ending					
	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,406	21,531	21,183	22,286	20,897	21,685
Arkansas	18,488	19,810	19,385	19,793	20,658	18,311
Delaware	5,069	4,671	5,054	5,513	4,096	4,402
Florida	1,269	1,237	1,298	1,285	1,519	1,375
Georgia	27,064	27,318	27,746	26,711	27,968	26,871
Kentucky	6,260	6,187	6,117	6,699	6,380	6,268
Louisiana	3,395	3,397	3,398	3,398	3,412	3,387
Maryland	5,541	5,987	6,046	5,699	6,652	6,594
Mississippi	13,963	14,510	14,699	14,949	15,059	14,160
Missouri	5,862	4,684	6,150	5,645	6,054	6,202
North Carolina	16,353	16,340	16,439	16,458	15,976	16,122
Oklahoma	4,968	5,403	3,916	4,426	3,027	4,677
Pennsylvania	3,765	3,533	3,569	3,620	3,531	3,412
South Carolina	4,275	4,582	4,582	4,840	4,786	4,861
Texas	11,523	11,753	12,016	11,974	12,302	12,032
Virginia	5,592	5,728	5,508	5,597	5,389	5,112
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,809	10,830	11,342	10,905	10,828	10,945
19 State total	165,602	167,501	168,448	169,798	168,534	166,416
Percent of previous year	99	99	100	100	100	99
Other States	5,969	6,059	6,464	5,948	6,039	6,374
United States	171,571	173,560	174,912	175,746	174,573	172,790
Percent of previous year	99	99	100	100	100	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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