



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 July 12, 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 July 12, 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 July 12, 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 July 12, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through July 12, 2014 for the United States were 4.81 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					
	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,789	28,684	28,801	28,288	28,137	28,842
Arkansas	21,460	20,794	21,165	20,838	20,327	21,324
Delaware	4,611	4,618	4,633	4,533	4,673	4,511
Florida	1,225	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223
Georgia	34,489	33,919	34,319	33,957	33,536	34,787
Kentucky	7,787	7,786	7,616	7,747	7,854	7,762
Louisiana	3,802	3,772	3,802	3,772	3,802	3,802
Maryland	7,522	7,411	7,640	7,547	7,630	7,556
Mississippi	17,627	16,704	17,835	17,617	17,422	17,645
Missouri	8,162	8,488	8,408	8,312	8,306	8,017
North Carolina	21,065	21,088	20,506	21,120	21,484	21,453
Oklahoma	6,589	6,646	6,461	6,720	6,537	6,730
Pennsylvania	4,155	4,340	4,432	4,213	4,200	4,339
South Carolina	5,004	5,120	5,143	4,958	5,274	5,289
Texas	15,266	14,352	14,961	14,753	14,811	14,709
Virginia	6,679	6,678	6,679	6,680	6,678	6,606
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,291	11,633	11,220	11,282	11,503	11,599
19 State total	205,523	203,256	204,844	203,560	203,397	206,194
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	101	100	101
Other States	8,304	8,213	7,936	8,026	7,974	7,921
United States	213,827	211,469	212,780	211,586	211,371	214,115
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	101	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,531	21,183	22,286	20,897	21,685	21,702
Arkansas	19,810	19,385	19,793	20,658	18,311	19,783
Delaware	4,671	5,054	5,513	4,096	4,620	4,325
Florida	1,237	1,298	1,285	1,519	1,375	1,343
Georgia	27,318	27,746	26,711	27,968	26,871	27,248
Kentucky	6,187	6,080	6,609	6,380	6,271	6,683
Louisiana	3,397	3,398	3,398	3,412	3,387	3,402
Maryland	5,987	6,046	5,699	6,652	6,252	5,662
Mississippi	14,510	14,699	14,949	15,059	14,160	15,105
Missouri	4,684	6,150	5,644	6,053	6,202	5,770
North Carolina	16,340	16,439	16,458	15,976	16,275	16,399
Oklahoma	5,403	3,916	4,426	3,027	4,677	4,003
Pennsylvania	3,533	3,569	3,620	3,531	3,592	3,629
South Carolina	4,582	4,582	4,840	4,786	4,861	4,420
Texas	11,753	12,016	11,974	12,302	12,006	12,079
Virginia	5,728	5,508	5,597	5,389	5,018	5,654
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,830	11,342	10,906	10,828	10,992	10,486
19 State total	167,501	168,411	169,708	168,533	166,555	167,693
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	100	99	100
Other States	6,059	6,464	5,948	6,039	6,387	5,858
United States	173,560	174,875	175,656	174,572	172,942	173,551
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	100	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.

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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