



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 19, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 19, 2014, up 3 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 Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 19, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 19, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through July 19, 2014 for the United States were 4.98 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 14, 2014	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,684	28,801	28,288	28,137	28,862	28,741
Arkansas .....	20,794	21,165	20,838	20,327	21,385	21,430
Delaware .....	4,618	4,633	4,533	4,673	4,513	4,534
Florida .....	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223
Georgia .....	33,919	34,319	33,957	33,536	34,787	34,807
Kentucky .....	7,786	7,616	7,787	7,839	7,762	7,848
Louisiana .....	3,772	3,802	3,772	3,802	3,802	3,802
Maryland .....	7,411	7,640	7,547	7,630	7,556	7,716
Mississippi .....	16,704	17,835	17,617	17,422	17,645	17,616
Missouri .....	8,488	8,408	8,312	8,306	8,017	8,514
North Carolina .....	21,088	20,506	21,120	21,516	21,379	21,263
Oklahoma .....	6,646	6,461	6,720	6,537	6,672	6,719
Pennsylvania .....	4,340	4,432	4,213	4,200	4,482	4,443
South Carolina .....	5,120	5,143	4,958	5,274	5,289	5,206
Texas .....	14,352	14,961	14,753	14,811	14,709	14,620
Virginia .....	6,678	6,679	6,680	6,678	6,563	6,499
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,633	11,220	11,288	11,503	11,724	11,513
19 State total .....	203,256	204,844	203,606	203,414	206,370	206,494
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	100	101	103
Other States .....	8,218	7,944	8,034	7,982	7,950	8,076
United States .....	211,474	212,788	211,640	211,396	214,320	214,570
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	100	101	103

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

State	Week ending					
	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,183	22,286	20,897	21,685	21,701	21,601
Arkansas .....	19,385	19,793	20,658	18,311	19,818	20,584
Delaware .....	5,054	5,513	4,096	4,620	4,007	5,022
Florida .....	1,298	1,285	1,519	1,375	1,343	1,244
Georgia .....	27,746	26,711	27,968	26,871	27,248	25,687
Kentucky .....	6,080	6,609	6,369	6,259	6,683	6,096
Louisiana .....	3,398	3,398	3,412	3,387	3,402	3,358
Maryland .....	6,046	5,699	6,652	6,252	5,843	6,269
Mississippi .....	14,699	14,949	15,059	14,160	15,118	14,847
Missouri .....	6,150	5,644	6,053	6,202	5,770	6,144
North Carolina .....	16,439	16,458	15,976	16,299	16,382	16,304
Oklahoma .....	3,916	4,426	3,027	4,677	3,982	3,058
Pennsylvania .....	3,569	3,620	3,531	3,592	3,695	3,414
South Carolina .....	4,582	4,840	4,786	4,861	4,420	5,801
Texas .....	12,016	11,974	12,302	12,006	12,079	11,840
Virginia .....	5,508	5,597	5,389	5,060	5,620	5,199
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,342	10,906	10,828	10,992	10,770	10,929
19 State total .....	168,411	169,708	168,522	166,609	167,881	167,397
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	99	100	100
Other States .....	6,464	5,948	6,039	6,387	5,860	5,979
United States .....	174,875	175,656	174,561	172,996	173,741	173,376
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	100	99	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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