



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 26, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 26, 2014, up 2 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 26, 2014, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 26, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through July 26, 2014 for the United States were 5.15 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 21, 2014	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,801	28,288	28,152	28,862	28,761	28,564
Arkansas	21,165	20,838	20,833	21,385	21,430	21,349
Delaware	4,633	4,533	4,673	4,513	4,533	4,389
Florida	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223
Georgia	34,319	33,957	33,713	34,898	35,026	35,105
Kentucky	7,616	7,787	7,839	7,762	7,900	7,942
Louisiana	3,802	3,772	3,802	3,802	3,802	3,682
Maryland	7,640	7,547	7,630	7,556	7,716	7,795
Mississippi	17,835	17,617	17,422	17,645	17,616	17,585
Missouri	8,408	8,312	8,306	8,017	8,514	8,466
North Carolina	20,506	21,120	21,516	21,379	21,269	21,320
Oklahoma	6,461	6,720	6,537	6,672	6,719	6,537
Pennsylvania	4,432	4,213	4,200	4,482	4,483	4,386
South Carolina	5,143	4,958	5,274	5,289	5,206	5,122
Texas	14,961	14,753	14,811	14,709	14,620	14,528
Virginia	6,679	6,635	6,678	6,563	6,499	6,460
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,573	11,675	11,583	11,724	11,679	11,715
19 State total	205,197	203,948	204,192	206,481	206,996	206,168
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	101	103	102
Other States	7,944	8,034	7,982	7,950	8,076	8,085
United States	213,141	211,982	212,174	214,431	215,072	214,253
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	101	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	June 21, 2014	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,286	20,870	21,794	21,804	21,541	21,451
Arkansas	19,793	20,658	18,311	19,818	20,591	19,416
Delaware	5,513	4,096	4,620	4,007	4,534	5,005
Florida	1,285	1,519	1,375	1,343	1,244	1,283
Georgia	26,711	27,968	26,871	27,248	25,742	25,685
Kentucky	6,609	6,369	6,259	6,683	6,264	5,977
Louisiana	3,398	3,412	3,387	3,402	3,358	3,416
Maryland	5,699	6,652	6,252	5,843	6,741	6,167
Mississippi	14,949	15,059	14,168	15,118	14,892	14,768
Missouri	5,644	6,053	6,202	5,770	6,144	5,883
North Carolina	16,458	15,905	16,292	16,338	16,283	17,272
Oklahoma	4,426	3,027	4,677	3,982	3,058	4,068
Pennsylvania	3,620	3,531	3,592	3,695	3,404	3,310
South Carolina	4,840	4,786	4,861	4,420	5,801	4,880
Texas	11,974	12,302	12,006	12,079	11,840	11,926
Virginia	5,597	5,389	5,060	5,620	5,202	4,860
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,906	10,828	10,992	10,770	10,755	11,486
19 State total	169,708	168,424	166,719	167,940	167,394	166,853
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	100	100	99
Other States	5,948	6,039	6,387	5,860	5,986	6,069
United States	175,656	174,463	173,106	173,800	173,380	172,922
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	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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