



Broiler Hatchery

ISSN: 1949-1840

Released August 6, 2014, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 2, 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 August 2, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 2, 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 August 2, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through August 2, 2014 for the United States were 5.33 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 28, 2014	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,288	28,152	28,862	28,761	28,637	28,528
Arkansas	20,838	20,833	21,385	21,430	21,349	21,246
Delaware	4,533	4,673	4,513	4,533	4,389	4,462
Florida	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223
Georgia	33,957	33,713	34,898	35,026	35,105	34,952
Kentucky	7,787	7,839	7,799	7,937	7,955	8,008
Louisiana	3,772	3,802	3,802	3,802	3,682	3,772
Maryland	7,547	7,630	7,556	7,716	7,795	7,575
Mississippi	17,617	17,422	17,645	17,616	17,585	18,097
Missouri	8,312	8,306	8,017	8,514	8,466	8,469
North Carolina	21,120	21,516	21,282	21,269	21,320	20,539
Oklahoma	6,720	6,537	6,672	6,719	6,537	6,608
Pennsylvania	4,213	4,300	4,482	4,508	4,413	4,258
South Carolina	4,958	5,274	5,289	5,206	5,122	5,159
Texas	14,753	14,811	14,709	14,620	14,528	14,747
Virginia	6,635	6,678	6,563	6,499	6,460	6,465
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,675	11,583	11,720	11,679	11,715	11,615
19 State total	203,948	204,292	206,417	207,058	206,281	205,723
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	103	102	103
Other States	8,034	7,982	7,950	8,076	8,085	8,099
United States	211,982	212,274	214,367	215,134	214,366	213,822
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	103	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	June 28, 2014	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,870	21,794	21,804	21,541	21,410	21,860
Arkansas	20,658	18,311	19,818	20,591	19,434	19,822
Delaware	4,096	4,620	4,007	4,501	4,974	4,567
Florida	1,519	1,375	1,343	1,244	1,322	1,342
Georgia	27,968	26,807	27,185	25,802	25,687	27,484
Kentucky	6,369	6,259	6,670	6,265	5,903	6,156
Louisiana	3,412	3,387	3,402	3,358	3,416	3,387
Maryland	6,652	6,252	5,843	6,641	6,072	5,773
Mississippi	15,059	14,168	15,118	14,892	14,768	14,783
Missouri	6,053	6,202	5,770	6,142	5,882	5,605
North Carolina	15,905	16,292	16,415	16,244	17,355	16,850
Oklahoma	3,027	4,677	3,982	3,058	4,068	4,270
Pennsylvania	3,531	3,592	3,695	3,474	3,482	3,715
South Carolina	4,786	4,861	4,420	5,801	4,880	4,385
Texas	12,302	12,006	12,079	11,840	11,926	11,692
Virginia	5,389	5,060	5,620	5,256	4,909	5,404
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,828	10,992	10,770	10,756	11,486	11,315
19 State total	168,424	166,655	167,941	167,406	166,974	168,410
Percent of previous year	100	99	100	100	99	100
Other States	6,039	6,387	5,860	5,984	6,078	6,173
United States	174,463	173,042	173,801	173,390	173,052	174,583
Percent of previous year	100	99	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.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@nass.usda.gov

Dan Kerestes, Chief, Livestock Branch	(202) 720-3570
Bruce Boess, Head, Poultry and Specialty Commodities Section	(202) 720-4447
Alissa Cowell-Mytar – Cold Storage	(202) 720-4751
Heidi Gleich – Census of Aquaculture, Mink, Trout Production	(202) 720-0585
Dawn Keen – Egg Products	(202) 720-4448
Michael Klamm – Poultry Slaughter, Turkey Hatchery, Turkeys Raised	(202) 690-3237
Kim Linonis – Layers, Eggs	(202) 690-8632
Joshua O’Rear – Catfish Production, Honey	(202) 690-3676
Miste Salmon – Broiler Hatchery, Chicken Hatchery	(202) 720-3244

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov> and in the “Follow NASS” box under “Receive reports by Email,” click on “National” or “State” to select the reports you would like to receive.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.