



# 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 August 9, 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 August 9, 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 Up 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 2014, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through August 9, 2014 for the United States were 5.50 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					
	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,152	28,862	28,761	28,637	28,526	28,284
Arkansas .....	20,833	21,385	21,430	21,349	21,246	21,235
Delaware .....	4,673	4,513	4,533	4,389	4,422	4,414
Florida .....	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,224
Georgia .....	33,713	34,898	35,026	35,105	35,006	34,980
Kentucky .....	7,839	7,799	7,937	7,955	8,008	8,034
Louisiana .....	3,802	3,802	3,662	3,682	3,772	3,787
Maryland .....	7,630	7,556	7,716	7,795	7,575	7,876
Mississippi .....	17,422	17,645	17,616	17,585	18,097	18,042
Missouri .....	8,306	8,017	8,514	8,466	8,469	8,473
North Carolina .....	21,516	21,282	21,269	21,320	20,578	20,884
Oklahoma .....	6,537	6,672	6,719	6,537	6,608	6,632
Pennsylvania .....	4,300	4,482	4,508	4,413	4,273	4,346
South Carolina .....	5,274	5,289	5,206	5,122	5,159	5,257
Texas .....	14,811	14,709	14,620	14,528	14,747	14,761
Virginia .....	6,678	6,563	6,499	6,460	6,465	6,450
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,591	11,717	11,679	11,755	11,668	11,385
19 State total .....	204,300	206,414	206,918	206,321	205,842	206,064
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	103	102	103	102
Other States .....	7,982	7,950	8,031	8,085	8,099	8,156
United States .....	212,282	214,364	214,949	214,406	213,941	214,220
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	103	102	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	July 5, 2014	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,794	21,804	21,541	21,410	21,857	22,073
Arkansas .....	18,311	19,818	20,591	19,434	19,822	19,271
Delaware .....	4,620	4,007	4,501	4,974	4,551	5,309
Florida .....	1,375	1,343	1,244	1,322	1,271	1,286
Georgia .....	26,807	27,185	25,802	25,687	27,466	26,066
Kentucky .....	6,259	6,670	6,265	5,903	6,156	6,229
Louisiana .....	3,387	3,402	3,358	3,416	3,387	3,265
Maryland .....	6,252	5,843	6,641	6,072	5,653	6,281
Mississippi .....	14,168	15,118	14,892	14,768	14,776	14,825
Missouri .....	6,202	5,770	6,142	5,882	5,605	5,626
North Carolina .....	16,400	16,415	16,064	17,355	16,851	16,333
Oklahoma .....	4,677	3,982	3,058	4,068	4,270	5,226
Pennsylvania .....	3,592	3,695	3,474	3,482	3,798	3,641
South Carolina .....	4,861	4,420	5,801	4,880	4,385	5,993
Texas .....	12,006	12,079	11,840	11,926	11,692	11,656
Virginia .....	5,060	5,620	5,256	4,909	5,455	4,993
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,025	10,769	10,733	11,387	11,291	11,264
19 State total .....	166,796	167,940	167,203	166,875	168,286	169,337
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	99	100	102
Other States .....	6,387	5,860	5,984	6,078	6,173	5,958
United States .....	173,183	173,800	173,187	172,953	174,459	175,295
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	100	99	100	102

## 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.

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**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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