



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 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 16, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 16, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 16, 2014, up 1 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 16, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through August 16, 2014 for the United States were 5.68 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 12, 2014	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,862	28,761	28,637	28,526	28,284	27,943
Arkansas	21,385	21,430	21,349	21,246	21,235	21,154
Delaware	4,513	4,533	4,389	4,422	4,415	4,415
Florida	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,224	1,222
Georgia	34,898	35,026	35,105	35,006	34,980	34,775
Kentucky	7,799	7,937	7,955	8,008	8,034	7,964
Louisiana	3,802	3,662	3,526	3,772	3,787	3,817
Maryland	7,556	7,716	7,795	7,575	7,876	7,489
Mississippi	17,645	17,616	17,585	18,097	18,042	18,088
Missouri	8,017	8,514	8,466	8,469	8,473	8,472
North Carolina	21,282	21,269	21,320	20,578	20,905	21,022
Oklahoma	6,672	6,719	6,537	6,608	6,632	6,600
Pennsylvania	4,482	4,508	4,413	4,273	4,379	4,267
South Carolina	5,289	5,206	5,122	5,159	5,257	5,497
Texas	14,709	14,620	14,528	14,747	14,790	14,672
Virginia	6,563	6,499	6,460	6,465	6,450	6,439
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,717	11,679	11,757	11,668	11,310	11,421
19 State total	206,414	206,918	206,167	205,842	206,073	205,257
Percent of previous year	101	103	102	103	102	102
Other States	7,956	8,049	8,083	8,117	8,174	7,920
United States	214,370	214,967	214,250	213,959	214,247	213,177
Percent of previous year	101	103	102	103	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	July 12, 2014	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,804	21,541	21,410	21,857	22,083	21,373
Arkansas	19,818	20,591	19,434	19,822	19,271	19,047
Delaware	4,007	4,501	4,974	4,551	5,281	4,276
Florida	1,343	1,244	1,322	1,271	1,286	1,275
Georgia	27,185	25,802	25,687	27,466	26,066	28,039
Kentucky	6,670	6,265	5,903	6,156	6,229	6,658
Louisiana	3,402	3,358	3,416	3,387	3,265	3,145
Maryland	5,843	6,641	6,072	5,653	6,164	6,159
Mississippi	15,118	14,892	14,768	14,776	14,809	14,785
Missouri	5,770	6,142	5,882	5,605	5,626	6,529
North Carolina	16,415	16,064	17,355	16,851	16,352	17,090
Oklahoma	3,982	3,058	4,068	4,270	5,226	4,371
Pennsylvania	3,695	3,474	3,482	3,798	3,699	3,633
South Carolina	4,420	5,801	4,880	4,385	5,993	4,077
Texas	12,079	11,840	11,926	11,692	11,636	11,755
Virginia	5,620	5,256	4,909	5,455	4,993	5,498
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,769	10,733	11,387	11,291	11,254	11,189
19 State total	167,940	167,203	166,875	168,286	169,233	168,899
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	100	102	101
Other States	5,860	5,984	6,078	6,173	5,959	5,810
United States	173,800	173,187	172,953	174,459	175,192	174,709
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	100	102	101

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.

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