



# 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 23, 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 23, 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 23, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 23, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through August 23, 2014 for the United States were 5.85 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,761	28,637	28,507	28,150	27,963	28,733
Arkansas .....	21,430	21,349	21,246	21,235	21,154	21,553
Delaware .....	4,533	4,389	4,422	4,415	4,516	4,567
Florida .....	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,224	1,222	1,222
Georgia .....	35,026	35,105	35,006	34,980	34,775	34,501
Kentucky .....	7,937	7,955	8,008	8,034	7,964	7,981
Louisiana .....	3,662	3,526	3,772	3,787	3,817	3,817
Maryland .....	7,716	7,795	7,575	7,876	7,489	7,579
Mississippi .....	17,616	17,585	18,097	18,042	18,088	18,017
Missouri .....	8,514	8,466	8,469	8,473	8,472	8,474
North Carolina .....	21,269	21,320	20,578	20,905	21,022	21,079
Oklahoma .....	6,719	6,537	6,608	6,632	6,600	6,662
Pennsylvania .....	4,508	4,413	4,273	4,379	4,153	4,419
South Carolina .....	5,206	5,122	5,159	5,257	5,497	5,166
Texas .....	14,620	14,528	14,747	14,790	14,749	14,394
Virginia .....	6,499	6,460	6,465	6,450	6,439	6,444
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,679	11,340	11,662	10,310	10,914	11,444
19 State total .....	206,918	205,750	205,817	204,939	204,834	206,052
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	101	102	102
Other States .....	8,049	8,083	8,117	8,174	7,932	7,841
United States .....	214,967	213,833	213,934	213,113	212,766	213,893
Percent of previous year .....	103	102	103	101	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	July 19, 2014	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,541	21,410	21,957	22,083	21,368	21,131
Arkansas .....	20,591	19,434	19,822	19,290	19,047	19,078
Delaware .....	4,501	4,974	4,551	5,281	4,267	4,566
Florida .....	1,244	1,322	1,271	1,286	1,299	1,534
Georgia .....	25,802	25,687	27,466	26,066	28,039	27,521
Kentucky .....	6,265	5,903	6,156	6,229	6,658	6,436
Louisiana .....	3,358	3,416	3,387	3,265	3,145	3,318
Maryland .....	6,641	6,072	5,653	6,164	6,211	6,488
Mississippi .....	14,892	14,768	14,776	14,809	14,775	15,142
Missouri .....	6,142	5,882	5,605	5,627	6,529	6,196
North Carolina .....	16,064	17,355	16,851	16,352	17,090	15,817
Oklahoma .....	3,058	4,068	4,270	5,226	4,371	4,501
Pennsylvania .....	3,474	3,482	3,798	3,699	3,641	3,615
South Carolina .....	5,801	4,880	4,385	5,993	4,077	4,700
Texas .....	11,840	11,926	11,692	11,636	11,894	11,823
Virginia .....	5,256	4,909	5,455	4,993	5,498	4,971
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,733	11,387	11,291	11,254	10,859	10,846
19 State total .....	167,203	166,875	168,386	169,253	168,768	167,683
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	100	102	101	101
Other States .....	5,984	6,078	6,173	5,959	5,809	6,205
United States .....	173,187	172,953	174,559	175,212	174,577	173,888
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	100	102	101	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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