



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 30, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 30, 2014, up 1 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 30, 2014, up 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 30, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through August 30, 2014 for the United States were 6.03 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 26, 2014	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,638	28,507	28,150	27,963	28,733	28,729
Arkansas	21,349	21,246	21,235	21,154	21,553	21,592
Delaware	4,389	4,422	4,415	4,516	4,567	4,400
Florida	1,223	1,223	1,224	1,222	1,222	1,225
Georgia	35,105	34,890	34,983	34,809	34,589	33,969
Kentucky	7,955	8,008	8,033	7,920	8,020	7,920
Louisiana	3,526	3,772	3,787	3,817	3,817	3,787
Maryland	7,795	7,575	7,875	7,489	7,579	7,806
Mississippi	17,585	18,097	18,042	18,088	18,017	17,536
Missouri	8,466	8,469	8,473	8,472	8,474	8,354
North Carolina	21,320	20,578	20,905	21,022	21,053	20,632
Oklahoma	6,537	6,608	6,632	6,600	6,662	6,615
Pennsylvania	4,413	4,273	4,379	4,153	4,402	4,378
South Carolina	5,122	5,159	5,257	5,497	5,166	5,123
Texas	14,528	14,747	14,790	14,749	14,394	14,267
Virginia	6,460	6,465	6,450	6,439	6,444	6,446
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,340	11,564	10,308	10,914	10,817	11,221
19 State total	205,751	205,603	204,938	204,824	205,509	204,000
Percent of previous year	102	103	101	102	101	101
Other States	8,101	8,135	8,192	7,932	7,841	7,710
United States	213,852	213,738	213,130	212,756	213,350	211,710
Percent of previous year	102	103	101	102	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	July 26, 2014	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,410	21,957	22,083	21,368	21,133	20,810
Arkansas	19,434	19,822	19,290	19,047	19,078	19,869
Delaware	4,974	4,551	5,281	4,267	4,621	4,790
Florida	1,322	1,271	1,286	1,299	1,534	1,300
Georgia	25,687	27,556	26,128	28,209	27,243	27,953
Kentucky	5,903	6,156	6,159	6,614	6,413	6,642
Louisiana	3,416	3,387	3,265	3,145	3,318	3,331
Maryland	6,072	5,653	5,925	5,955	6,336	6,332
Mississippi	14,768	14,776	14,809	14,775	15,142	15,217
Missouri	5,882	5,605	5,627	6,529	6,196	5,987
North Carolina	17,355	16,761	16,234	16,849	15,812	16,660
Oklahoma	4,068	4,270	5,226	4,371	4,501	4,033
Pennsylvania	3,482	3,798	3,699	3,641	3,568	3,590
South Carolina	4,880	4,385	5,993	4,077	4,923	4,621
Texas	11,926	11,692	11,636	11,894	11,994	11,913
Virginia	4,909	5,455	5,047	5,916	5,311	5,331
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,387	11,291	11,254	10,859	10,925	9,548
19 State total	166,875	168,386	168,942	168,815	168,048	167,927
Percent of previous year	99	100	102	101	102	100
Other States	6,078	6,173	5,959	5,809	6,207	5,938
United States	172,953	174,559	174,901	174,624	174,255	173,865
Percent of previous year	99	100	102	101	102	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.

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