



Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 2014, up 4 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 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through September 6, 2014 for the United States were 6.20 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					
	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,507	28,150	27,963	28,733	28,729	27,926
Arkansas	21,246	21,235	21,550	21,553	21,592	21,725
Delaware	4,422	4,415	4,516	4,567	4,400	4,360
Florida	1,223	1,224	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,224
Georgia	34,890	34,983	34,809	34,589	33,568	34,459
Kentucky	8,008	8,033	7,920	8,020	7,920	7,843
Louisiana	3,772	3,787	3,817	3,817	3,787	3,787
Maryland	7,575	7,875	7,489	7,579	7,806	7,218
Mississippi	18,097	18,042	18,088	18,017	17,536	16,743
Missouri	8,469	8,473	8,472	8,474	8,354	8,533
North Carolina	20,578	20,905	21,093	21,053	20,625	20,495
Oklahoma	6,608	6,632	6,600	6,662	6,615	6,700
Pennsylvania	4,273	4,379	4,150	4,419	4,487	4,426
South Carolina	5,159	5,257	5,497	5,166	5,123	5,416
Texas	14,747	14,790	14,749	14,394	14,267	13,629
Virginia	6,465	6,450	6,439	6,444	6,446	6,461
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,548	10,313	10,902	10,865	10,986	11,465
19 State total	205,587	204,943	205,276	205,574	203,466	202,410
Percent of previous year	103	101	102	101	101	104
Other States	8,135	8,192	7,932	7,841	7,710	7,572
United States	213,722	213,135	213,208	213,415	211,176	209,982
Percent of previous year	103	101	102	101	101	103

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

State	Week ending					
	August 2, 2014	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,927	22,136	21,518	21,132	20,795	21,639
Arkansas	19,822	19,290	19,047	19,078	19,869	19,343
Delaware	4,551	5,511	4,199	4,621	4,790	5,021
Florida	1,271	1,286	1,299	1,534	1,300	1,290
Georgia	27,556	26,128	28,209	27,243	27,773	26,884
Kentucky	6,156	6,162	6,618	6,415	6,643	6,689
Louisiana	3,387	3,265	3,145	3,318	3,331	3,395
Maryland	5,653	5,925	5,955	6,337	6,336	6,405
Mississippi	14,776	14,809	14,775	15,142	15,217	15,095
Missouri	5,605	5,627	6,529	6,196	5,987	6,083
North Carolina	16,761	16,241	16,849	15,813	16,606	16,348
Oklahoma	4,270	5,226	4,371	4,501	4,033	4,393
Pennsylvania	3,798	3,699	3,641	3,511	3,519	3,398
South Carolina	4,385	5,993	4,077	4,923	4,621	4,507
Texas	11,692	11,636	11,894	11,994	11,913	12,297
Virginia	5,455	5,047	5,916	5,313	5,334	4,883
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,291	11,275	10,846	10,893	9,573	10,357
19 State total	168,356	169,256	168,888	167,964	167,640	168,027
Percent of previous year	100	102	101	102	100	101
Other States	6,173	5,959	5,809	6,216	5,936	6,047
United States	174,529	175,215	174,697	174,180	173,576	174,074
Percent of previous year	100	102	101	102	100	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.

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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