



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 13, 2014, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 13, 2014, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 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 September 13, 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 13, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through September 13, 2014 for the United States were 6.37 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 9, 2014	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,150	27,963	28,733	28,729	27,926	28,501
Arkansas .....	21,235	21,550	21,553	21,592	21,725	21,399
Delaware .....	4,415	4,516	4,567	4,400	4,416	4,472
Florida .....	1,224	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,224	1,222
Georgia .....	34,983	34,809	34,589	33,568	34,459	33,795
Kentucky .....	8,033	7,920	8,020	7,823	7,836	7,845
Louisiana .....	3,787	3,817	3,817	3,787	3,787	3,787
Maryland .....	7,875	7,489	7,579	7,806	7,218	7,125
Mississippi .....	18,042	18,088	18,017	17,536	16,743	17,529
Missouri .....	8,473	8,472	8,474	8,354	8,533	8,503
North Carolina .....	20,905	21,093	21,053	20,719	20,593	19,027
Oklahoma .....	6,632	6,600	6,662	6,615	6,700	6,337
Pennsylvania .....	4,379	4,150	4,419	4,487	4,422	4,487
South Carolina .....	5,257	5,497	5,166	5,123	5,416	5,037
Texas .....	14,790	14,749	14,394	14,267	13,596	14,543
Virginia .....	6,450	6,448	6,444	6,446	6,461	6,393
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,313	10,902	10,862	10,986	11,020	11,105
19 State total .....	204,943	205,285	205,571	203,463	202,075	201,107
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	101	101	103	104
Other States .....	8,192	7,994	7,913	7,782	7,644	7,746
United States .....	213,135	213,279	213,484	211,245	209,719	208,853
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	101	101	103	104

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

State	Week ending					
	August 9, 2014	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	22,136	21,518	21,132	20,795	21,639	22,150
Arkansas .....	19,290	19,047	19,097	19,869	19,343	19,315
Delaware .....	5,511	4,199	4,621	4,790	4,985	5,411
Florida .....	1,286	1,299	1,534	1,300	1,290	1,182
Georgia .....	26,128	28,209	27,243	27,761	26,957	27,767
Kentucky .....	6,162	6,618	6,415	6,646	6,713	6,762
Louisiana .....	3,265	3,145	3,318	3,331	3,395	3,404
Maryland .....	5,925	5,955	6,337	6,336	6,419	5,077
Mississippi .....	14,809	14,775	15,142	15,217	15,095	14,994
Missouri .....	5,627	6,529	6,196	5,989	6,082	6,166
North Carolina .....	16,241	16,849	15,813	16,588	16,317	16,250
Oklahoma .....	5,226	4,371	4,501	4,033	4,342	4,387
Pennsylvania .....	3,699	3,641	3,511	3,519	3,349	3,622
South Carolina .....	5,993	4,077	4,923	4,621	4,507	4,539
Texas .....	11,636	11,894	11,994	11,913	12,289	11,988
Virginia .....	5,048	5,916	5,313	5,334	4,673	5,759
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,275	10,846	10,893	9,573	10,390	9,703
19 State total .....	169,257	168,888	167,983	167,615	167,785	168,476
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	102	100	101	101
Other States .....	5,959	5,809	6,216	5,936	6,050	6,109
United States .....	175,216	174,697	174,199	173,551	173,835	174,585
Percent of previous year .....	102	101	102	100	101	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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