



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 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 20, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 20, 2014, up 3 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 20, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 20, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through September 20, 2014 for the United States were 6.55 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 16, 2014	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,963	28,733	28,729	27,926	28,501	27,838
Arkansas	21,550	21,553	21,592	21,725	21,399	20,107
Delaware	4,516	4,567	4,400	4,416	4,424	4,473
Florida	1,222	1,222	1,225	1,224	1,222	917
Georgia	34,809	34,589	34,363	34,459	33,795	33,847
Kentucky	7,920	8,020	7,823	7,836	7,845	7,675
Louisiana	3,817	3,817	3,787	3,787	3,787	3,605
Maryland	7,489	7,579	7,806	7,218	7,125	7,123
Mississippi	18,088	18,017	17,536	16,743	17,529	16,784
Missouri	8,472	8,474	8,354	8,533	8,503	7,893
North Carolina	21,093	21,053	20,681	20,593	19,027	20,144
Oklahoma	6,600	6,662	6,615	6,700	6,259	6,622
Pennsylvania	4,150	4,419	4,480	4,422	4,585	4,412
South Carolina	5,497	5,166	5,123	5,416	5,037	5,158
Texas	14,749	14,394	14,267	13,596	14,543	14,449
Virginia	6,439	6,444	6,447	6,461	6,393	6,495
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,902	10,862	10,986	11,020	10,935	10,408
19 State total	205,276	205,571	204,214	202,075	200,909	197,950
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	103	103	103
Other States	7,994	7,913	7,845	7,757	7,746	7,491
United States	213,270	213,484	212,059	209,832	208,655	205,441
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	103	103	103

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

State	Week ending					
	August 16, 2014	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,518	21,132	20,795	21,639	22,189	22,009
Arkansas	19,047	19,097	19,869	19,343	19,315	20,851
Delaware	4,199	4,621	4,790	4,985	5,547	4,592
Florida	1,299	1,534	1,300	1,290	1,182	1,265
Georgia	28,209	27,243	27,761	26,957	27,767	27,086
Kentucky	6,618	6,415	6,646	6,713	6,762	6,037
Louisiana	3,145	3,318	3,331	3,395	3,404	3,352
Maryland	5,955	6,337	6,336	6,419	4,814	6,098
Mississippi	14,775	15,142	15,217	15,095	15,009	14,513
Missouri	6,529	6,196	5,989	6,082	6,166	5,605
North Carolina	16,849	15,813	16,588	16,317	16,250	16,337
Oklahoma	4,371	4,501	4,033	4,342	4,387	3,706
Pennsylvania	3,641	3,511	3,519	3,349	3,545	3,776
South Carolina	4,077	4,923	4,621	4,507	4,539	4,583
Texas	11,894	11,994	11,913	12,289	11,988	11,318
Virginia	6,187	5,495	5,395	4,673	5,868	5,396
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,846	10,894	9,574	10,389	9,753	10,701
19 State total	169,159	168,166	167,677	167,784	168,485	167,225
Percent of previous year	101	102	100	101	101	101
Other States	5,809	6,216	5,936	6,030	6,058	6,025
United States	174,968	174,382	173,613	173,814	174,543	173,250
Percent of previous year	101	102	100	101	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.

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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