



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 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 18, 2014, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 18, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 18, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 18, 2014, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through October 18, 2014 for the United States were 7.23 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					
	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,593	27,911	27,904	26,776	27,410	27,448
Arkansas	21,399	20,107	21,484	21,478	21,754	20,451
Delaware	4,424	4,504	4,531	4,565	4,747	4,659
Florida	1,222	917	1,225	1,222	1,222	916
Georgia	33,795	33,847	33,608	33,556	33,500	33,251
Kentucky	7,845	7,325	7,943	7,746	7,533	7,608
Louisiana	3,585	3,605	3,605	3,252	3,605	3,456
Maryland	7,125	7,123	7,738	7,315	7,327	7,126
Mississippi	17,529	16,784	17,369	15,633	16,767	17,459
Missouri	8,503	7,893	8,181	7,668	8,301	8,072
North Carolina	18,224	20,150	20,516	19,787	19,607	18,979
Oklahoma	6,259	6,572	6,617	6,524	6,660	5,709
Pennsylvania	4,579	4,408	3,869	4,346	4,284	4,327
South Carolina	5,037	5,158	5,217	5,196	4,940	5,074
Texas	14,585	14,449	14,003	13,194	13,976	14,163
Virginia	6,393	6,495	6,562	6,058	6,355	6,578
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,003	10,200	10,647	10,667	11,017	9,754
19 State total	200,100	197,448	201,019	194,983	199,005	195,030
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	105	104	104
Other States	7,825	7,646	7,450	7,624	7,659	7,452
United States	207,925	205,094	208,469	202,607	206,664	202,482
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	105	104	104

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

State	Week ending					
	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,194	22,006	21,343	22,640	21,714	22,166
Arkansas	19,315	20,871	20,489	19,692	18,862	18,762
Delaware	5,547	4,651	4,487	4,786	4,421	5,085
Florida	1,182	1,265	1,178	1,364	1,185	1,258
Georgia	27,767	27,066	26,807	26,469	25,911	26,721
Kentucky	6,703	6,055	6,029	6,243	6,123	6,361
Louisiana	3,404	3,352	3,218	3,213	3,197	3,209
Maryland	4,814	6,065	6,656	5,220	5,432	6,066
Mississippi	15,009	14,478	14,068	14,489	14,196	14,520
Missouri	6,166	5,601	5,631	6,032	5,650	5,671
North Carolina	16,250	16,278	15,495	14,378	15,716	15,963
Oklahoma	4,387	3,706	4,292	4,203	4,123	5,386
Pennsylvania	3,545	3,666	3,587	3,541	3,572	3,176
South Carolina	4,539	4,583	5,261	4,799	5,318	4,545
Texas	12,060	11,318	10,968	11,628	11,546	11,349
Virginia	5,868	5,399	4,985	5,218	5,802	5,696
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,737	10,632	10,396	10,180	9,989	9,763
19 State total	168,487	166,992	164,890	164,095	162,757	165,697
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	103	103	102
Other States	6,109	6,077	5,680	5,652	5,790	5,587
United States	174,596	173,069	170,570	169,747	168,547	171,284
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	103	103	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.

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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