



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 25, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 25, 2014, up 2 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 25, 2014, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 25, 2014, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through October 25, 2014 for the United States were 7.39 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 20, 2014	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,911	27,904	26,428	27,410	27,448	26,945
Arkansas	20,107	21,484	21,478	21,754	20,451	20,742
Delaware	4,504	4,531	4,565	4,747	4,749	4,746
Florida	917	1,225	1,222	1,222	916	1,224
Georgia	33,847	33,608	33,556	33,500	33,251	33,212
Kentucky	7,325	7,943	7,746	7,517	7,595	7,568
Louisiana	3,605	3,605	3,252	3,605	3,456	3,454
Maryland	7,123	7,738	7,315	7,327	7,126	7,775
Mississippi	16,784	17,369	15,633	16,767	17,459	17,538
Missouri	7,893	8,181	7,668	8,301	8,072	7,745
North Carolina	20,150	20,516	19,787	19,607	19,017	20,981
Oklahoma	6,572	6,617	6,524	6,660	5,709	5,983
Pennsylvania	4,408	3,869	4,346	4,284	4,389	3,860
South Carolina	5,158	5,217	5,196	4,940	5,074	5,309
Texas	14,449	14,003	13,194	13,976	14,163	14,454
Virginia	6,495	6,562	6,058	6,355	6,578	6,760
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,200	10,647	10,715	11,017	10,063	11,102
19 State total	197,448	201,019	194,683	198,989	195,516	199,398
Percent of previous year	103	102	105	104	104	102
Other States	7,646	7,450	7,624	7,659	7,452	7,091
United States	205,094	208,469	202,307	206,648	202,968	206,489
Percent of previous year	103	102	105	104	104	102

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

State	Week ending					
	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,006	21,343	22,640	21,714	22,166	20,559
Arkansas	20,871	20,489	19,692	18,862	18,762	19,165
Delaware	4,651	4,487	4,786	5,011	5,338	5,185
Florida	1,265	1,178	1,364	1,185	1,258	1,272
Georgia	27,066	26,807	26,469	25,920	26,726	25,800
Kentucky	6,055	6,029	6,243	6,179	6,361	5,842
Louisiana	3,352	3,218	3,213	3,197	3,209	2,763
Maryland	6,065	6,656	5,220	5,432	5,784	5,566
Mississippi	14,478	14,068	14,489	14,196	14,520	13,122
Missouri	5,601	5,631	6,032	5,649	5,669	5,604
North Carolina	16,278	15,495	14,378	15,716	15,966	15,369
Oklahoma	3,706	4,292	4,203	4,123	5,337	4,111
Pennsylvania	3,666	3,587	3,541	3,572	3,107	3,584
South Carolina	4,583	5,261	4,799	5,318	4,545	5,107
Texas	11,318	10,968	11,628	11,546	11,349	10,676
Virginia	5,399	4,985	5,218	5,802	5,758	5,402
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,632	10,396	10,180	9,989	9,622	10,384
19 State total	166,992	164,890	164,095	163,411	165,477	159,511
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	104	102	104
Other States	6,077	5,680	5,652	5,790	5,591	5,551
United States	173,069	170,570	169,747	169,201	171,068	165,062
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	104	102	104

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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