



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 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 1, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 1, 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 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 1, 2014, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 1, 2014, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through November 1, 2014 for the United States were 7.56 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 27, 2014	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014	November 1, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,904	26,428	27,410	27,448	26,945	26,345
Arkansas	21,484	21,478	21,754	20,451	20,742	21,517
Delaware	4,531	4,565	4,747	4,749	4,746	4,748
Florida	1,225	1,222	1,222	916	1,224	1,225
Georgia	33,608	33,556	33,500	33,251	33,212	31,800
Kentucky	7,943	7,746	7,517	7,595	7,580	6,962
Louisiana	3,605	3,252	3,497	3,456	3,252	3,527
Maryland	7,738	7,315	7,327	7,126	7,775	7,566
Mississippi	17,369	15,633	16,767	17,459	17,538	16,234
Missouri	8,181	7,668	8,301	8,072	7,745	7,077
North Carolina	20,516	19,787	19,607	19,017	20,981	20,753
Oklahoma	6,617	6,524	6,660	5,709	5,983	6,632
Pennsylvania	3,869	4,346	4,284	4,389	3,723	4,147
South Carolina	5,217	5,196	4,940	5,074	5,309	5,287
Texas	14,003	13,194	13,976	14,163	14,338	14,071
Virginia	6,562	6,058	6,355	6,578	6,760	6,228
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,647	10,715	11,048	10,063	10,016	10,381
19 State total	201,019	194,683	198,912	195,516	197,869	194,500
Percent of previous year	102	105	104	104	101	102
Other States	7,450	7,624	7,584	7,452	7,091	6,925
United States	208,469	202,307	206,496	202,968	204,960	201,425
Percent of previous year	102	105	104	104	101	102

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

State	Week ending					
	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014	November 1, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,343	22,640	21,714	22,166	20,559	21,237
Arkansas	20,489	19,692	18,862	18,762	19,165	18,537
Delaware	4,487	4,786	5,011	5,338	5,185	4,951
Florida	1,178	1,364	1,185	1,258	1,272	1,332
Georgia	26,807	26,469	25,920	26,726	25,797	26,587
Kentucky	6,029	6,243	6,179	6,361	5,899	6,249
Louisiana	3,218	3,213	3,197	3,209	2,747	3,081
Maryland	6,656	5,220	5,432	5,784	5,566	6,042
Mississippi	14,068	14,489	14,196	14,520	13,020	13,922
Missouri	5,631	6,032	5,649	5,669	5,604	6,021
North Carolina	15,495	14,378	15,706	15,966	15,294	15,034
Oklahoma	4,292	4,203	4,123	5,337	4,111	5,373
Pennsylvania	3,587	3,541	3,572	3,107	3,508	3,513
South Carolina	5,261	4,799	5,318	4,545	5,107	4,489
Texas	10,968	11,628	11,546	11,349	10,660	11,216
Virginia	4,985	5,218	5,802	5,758	5,411	5,179
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,396	10,180	9,989	9,622	10,351	10,196
19 State total	164,890	164,095	163,401	165,477	159,256	162,959
Percent of previous year	102	103	104	102	104	104
Other States	5,680	5,652	5,790	5,591	5,548	5,735
United States	170,570	169,747	169,191	171,068	164,804	168,694
Percent of previous year	102	103	104	102	104	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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