



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 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 8, 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 November 8, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 8, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 8, 2014, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through November 8, 2014 for the United States were 7.73 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014	November 1, 2014	November 8, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	26,428	27,411	27,448	26,945	26,191	26,971
Arkansas	21,478	21,754	20,451	20,742	21,574	20,775
Delaware	4,565	4,747	4,749	4,746	4,748	4,707
Florida	1,222	1,222	916	1,224	1,225	1,224
Georgia	33,556	33,500	33,251	33,212	31,955	33,667
Kentucky	7,746	7,517	7,595	7,580	6,936	7,253
Louisiana	3,252	3,497	3,316	3,252	3,527	3,651
Maryland	7,315	7,327	7,126	7,775	7,566	7,688
Mississippi	15,633	16,767	17,459	17,538	16,234	16,869
Missouri	7,668	8,301	8,072	7,745	7,077	7,647
North Carolina	19,787	19,607	19,217	20,981	20,765	21,077
Oklahoma	6,524	6,660	5,708	5,982	6,631	6,588
Pennsylvania	4,346	4,584	4,389	3,723	4,157	4,128
South Carolina	5,196	4,940	5,074	5,309	5,287	4,922
Texas	13,194	13,976	14,163	14,338	13,838	13,339
Virginia	6,058	6,355	6,578	6,844	6,228	6,348
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,759	11,034	10,061	10,022	10,572	11,017
19 State total	194,727	199,199	195,573	197,958	194,511	197,871
Percent of previous year	105	104	104	102	102	103
Other States	7,620	7,597	7,433	7,202	7,257	7,887
United States	202,347	206,796	203,006	205,160	201,768	205,758
Percent of previous year	105	104	104	101	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014	November 1, 2014	November 8, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,640	21,714	22,166	20,559	21,176	20,949
Arkansas	19,692	18,546	18,851	19,399	18,457	19,109
Delaware	4,786	5,011	5,338	5,185	4,951	4,591
Florida	1,364	1,185	1,258	1,272	1,332	1,100
Georgia	26,469	25,920	26,726	25,797	26,530	26,071
Kentucky	6,243	6,179	6,361	5,899	6,260	5,779
Louisiana	3,213	3,197	3,209	2,747	3,081	2,959
Maryland	5,220	5,432	5,784	5,566	6,042	5,671
Mississippi	14,489	14,196	14,520	13,020	13,922	14,561
Missouri	6,032	5,649	5,669	5,604	6,021	5,697
North Carolina	14,378	15,706	15,966	15,294	15,262	15,948
Oklahoma	4,203	4,123	5,337	4,111	5,373	3,517
Pennsylvania	3,541	3,572	3,107	3,508	3,665	3,513
South Carolina	4,799	5,318	4,545	5,107	4,429	3,720
Texas	11,628	11,546	11,349	10,660	11,227	11,444
Virginia	5,218	5,802	5,758	5,358	5,162	5,120
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,180	10,019	9,617	10,400	10,229	9,999
19 State total	164,095	163,115	165,561	159,486	163,119	159,748
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	104	104	103
Other States	5,652	5,790	5,591	5,548	5,746	5,764
United States	169,747	168,905	171,152	165,034	168,865	165,512
Percent of previous year	103	103	102	104	104	103

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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