



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 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 15, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 15, 2014, up 2 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 15, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 15, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through November 15, 2014 for the United States were 7.90 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 11, 2014	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014	November 1, 2014	November 8, 2014	November 15, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)					
Alabama	27,411	27,448	26,945	26,191	26,971	28,364
Arkansas	21,754	20,451	20,742	21,574	20,775	22,378
Delaware	4,747	4,749	4,746	4,748	4,707	4,738
Florida	1,222	916	1,224	1,225	1,224	1,224
Georgia	33,500	33,251	33,212	31,955	33,710	34,758
Kentucky	7,517	7,595	7,080	6,936	7,253	7,401
Louisiana	3,497	3,316	3,470	3,527	3,651	3,772
Maryland	7,327	7,126	7,775	7,566	7,688	7,890
Mississippi	16,767	17,459	17,538	16,234	16,869	17,666
Missouri	8,301	8,072	7,745	7,077	7,647	8,269
North Carolina	19,607	19,217	20,971	20,765	21,077	21,167
Oklahoma	6,660	5,738	6,012	6,661	6,618	6,704
Pennsylvania	4,584	4,389	3,721	4,157	4,256	4,391
South Carolina	4,940	5,074	5,309	5,287	5,134	5,498
Texas	13,976	14,163	14,338	13,838	13,339	13,427
Virginia	6,355	6,578	6,864	6,228	6,348	6,447
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,034	10,061	10,089	10,572	11,017	11,674
19 State total	199,199	195,603	197,781	194,541	198,284	205,768
Percent of previous year	104	104	101	102	103	102
Other States	7,597	7,433	7,077	7,257	7,887	8,156
United States	206,796	203,036	204,858	201,798	206,171	213,924
Percent of previous year	104	104	101	102	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	October 11, 2014	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014	November 1, 2014	November 8, 2014	November 15, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama	21,714	22,166	20,559	21,176	20,949	20,959
Arkansas	18,546	18,851	19,399	18,457	19,109	18,343
Delaware	5,011	5,338	5,185	4,951	4,304	4,989
Florida	1,185	1,258	1,272	1,332	1,100	1,340
Georgia	25,920	26,726	25,797	26,530	26,071	26,182
Kentucky	6,179	6,361	5,899	6,260	5,779	5,566
Louisiana	3,197	3,209	2,747	3,081	2,959	3,095
Maryland	5,432	5,784	5,566	6,042	5,689	5,956
Mississippi	14,196	14,520	13,020	13,922	14,561	14,657
Missouri	5,649	5,669	5,604	6,021	5,697	5,799
North Carolina	15,706	15,966	15,294	15,262	15,948	16,685
Oklahoma	4,123	5,337	4,111	5,373	3,464	4,129
Pennsylvania	3,572	3,107	3,508	3,665	3,467	2,984
South Carolina	5,318	4,545	5,107	4,429	3,720	4,458
Texas	11,546	11,349	10,660	11,227	11,444	11,946
Virginia	5,802	5,758	5,358	5,162	5,412	5,922
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,003	9,697	10,381	10,210	9,984	9,442
19 State total	163,099	165,641	159,467	163,100	159,657	162,452
Percent of previous year	103	102	104	104	103	101
Other States	5,790	5,591	5,548	5,740	5,754	5,556
United States	168,889	171,232	165,015	168,840	165,411	168,008
Percent of previous year	103	102	104	104	103	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.

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