



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 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 22, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 22, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 22, 2014, up 2 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 22, 2014, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through November 22, 2014 for the United States were 8.06 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 18, 2014	October 25, 2014	November 1, 2014	November 8, 2014	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama	27,448	26,945	26,191	26,971	28,364	28,637
Arkansas	20,451	20,742	21,574	20,775	22,378	22,339
Delaware	4,749	4,746	4,748	4,707	4,738	4,758
Florida	916	1,224	1,225	1,224	1,224	1,223
Georgia	33,251	33,212	31,839	33,710	34,758	34,026
Kentucky	7,595	7,580	6,936	7,253	7,401	7,927
Louisiana	3,316	3,470	3,620	3,651	3,772	3,741
Maryland	7,126	7,775	7,566	7,688	7,890	7,893
Mississippi	17,459	17,538	16,234	16,869	17,666	18,025
Missouri	8,072	7,745	7,077	7,647	8,269	8,297
North Carolina	19,217	20,971	20,859	21,077	21,167	21,340
Oklahoma	5,738	6,012	6,661	6,618	6,704	6,608
Pennsylvania	4,389	3,721	4,157	4,256	4,449	4,336
South Carolina	5,074	5,309	5,287	5,134	5,498	5,665
Texas	14,163	14,388	13,980	13,339	14,801	14,962
Virginia	6,578	6,864	6,228	6,348	6,447	6,476
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,061	10,089	10,639	11,017	11,658	11,314
19 State total	195,603	198,331	194,821	198,284	207,184	207,567
Percent of previous year	104	102	102	103	102	103
Other States	7,433	7,077	7,257	7,887	8,156	8,072
United States	203,036	205,408	202,078	206,171	215,340	215,639
Percent of previous year	104	101	102	103	102	103

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

State	Week ending					
	October 18, 2014	October 25, 2014	November 1, 2014	November 8, 2014	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	22,166	20,559	21,176	20,949	20,959	19,881
Arkansas	18,851	19,399	18,457	19,109	18,343	19,651
Delaware	5,338	5,185	4,951	4,304	4,989	5,161
Florida	1,258	1,272	1,332	1,100	1,340	1,229
Georgia	26,726	25,797	26,530	26,071	26,182	24,650
Kentucky	6,361	5,899	6,260	5,779	5,775	5,904
Louisiana	3,209	2,747	3,081	2,959	3,095	3,116
Maryland	5,784	5,566	6,042	5,689	5,956	5,799
Mississippi	14,520	13,020	13,922	14,561	14,657	13,595
Missouri	5,669	5,604	6,021	5,697	5,799	4,974
North Carolina	15,966	15,294	15,262	15,948	16,685	16,257
Oklahoma	5,337	4,111	5,373	3,464	3,944	4,233
Pennsylvania	3,107	3,508	3,665	3,467	3,031	3,324
South Carolina	4,545	5,107	4,429	3,720	4,458	4,667
Texas	11,349	10,660	11,227	11,444	11,963	11,811
Virginia	5,758	5,358	5,162	5,412	5,930	5,142
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,698	10,381	10,210	9,984	9,689	10,173
19 State total	165,642	159,467	163,100	159,657	162,795	159,567
Percent of previous year	102	104	104	103	101	102
Other States	5,591	5,548	5,740	5,754	5,556	5,235
United States	171,233	165,015	168,840	165,411	168,351	164,802
Percent of previous year	102	104	104	103	101	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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