



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 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 6, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 6, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 6, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 6, 2014, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through December 6, 2014 for the United States were 8.40 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					
	November 1, 2014	November 8, 2014	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	26,191	26,971	28,364	28,637	28,528	28,560
Arkansas	21,574	20,775	22,378	22,339	21,509	22,102
Delaware	4,748	4,707	4,738	4,765	4,688	4,778
Florida	1,225	1,224	1,224	1,223	1,224	1,223
Georgia	31,839	33,710	34,758	34,023	34,712	34,074
Kentucky	6,936	7,253	7,813	7,927	7,670	7,892
Louisiana	3,620	3,651	3,772	3,741	3,726	3,710
Maryland	7,566	7,688	7,890	7,893	7,876	7,900
Mississippi	16,234	16,869	17,666	18,025	18,009	17,395
Missouri	7,077	7,647	8,269	8,297	8,299	8,329
North Carolina	20,859	21,048	21,161	21,340	21,253	20,781
Oklahoma	6,661	6,618	6,704	6,608	6,834	6,347
Pennsylvania	4,157	4,256	4,445	4,451	4,349	4,408
South Carolina	5,287	5,134	5,498	5,665	5,551	5,242
Texas	13,980	13,466	14,801	14,962	15,430	14,095
Virginia	6,228	6,348	6,447	6,476	6,758	6,120
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,639	11,085	11,725	11,716	12,558	11,031
19 State total	194,821	198,450	207,653	208,088	208,974	203,987
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	103	103	102
Other States	7,257	7,887	8,156	8,116	8,092	8,169
United States	202,078	206,337	215,809	216,204	217,066	212,156
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	103	103	102

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

State	Week ending					
	November 1, 2014	November 8, 2014	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,176	20,949	20,959	19,881	20,887	21,917
Arkansas	18,457	19,109	18,343	19,651	18,541	20,756
Delaware	4,951	4,304	4,989	5,292	3,806	5,714
Florida	1,332	1,100	1,340	1,229	1,452	1,308
Georgia	26,530	26,071	26,182	24,650	25,824	27,181
Kentucky	6,260	5,779	5,775	5,904	6,426	5,940
Louisiana	3,081	2,959	3,095	3,116	3,133	3,366
Maryland	6,042	5,689	5,955	5,963	6,818	6,064
Mississippi	13,922	14,561	14,657	13,595	13,974	14,797
Missouri	6,021	5,695	5,798	4,974	5,501	5,309
North Carolina	15,262	15,948	16,685	16,257	16,248	15,661
Oklahoma	5,373	3,464	3,944	3,923	4,482	4,136
Pennsylvania	3,665	3,467	3,031	3,310	3,655	3,776
South Carolina	4,429	3,720	4,458	4,667	4,746	5,404
Texas	11,227	11,546	11,963	11,811	11,110	11,889
Virginia	5,162	5,412	5,930	5,142	5,650	4,876
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,210	9,984	9,689	10,192	10,519	11,447
19 State total	163,100	159,757	162,793	159,557	162,772	169,541
Percent of previous year	104	103	101	102	103	102
Other States	5,740	5,754	5,556	5,246	5,573	5,979
United States	168,840	165,511	168,349	164,803	168,345	175,520
Percent of previous year	104	103	101	102	103	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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