



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 December 13, 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 December 13, 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 13, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 13, 2014, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through December 13, 2014 for the United States were 8.58 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 8, 2014	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	26,971	28,364	28,637	28,456	28,560	28,714
Arkansas	20,775	22,378	22,339	21,509	22,102	21,961
Delaware	4,707	4,738	4,765	4,688	4,778	4,747
Florida	1,224	1,224	1,223	1,224	1,223	1,223
Georgia	33,952	35,156	34,406	35,094	34,283	33,915
Kentucky	7,253	7,813	7,927	7,670	7,892	7,915
Louisiana	3,651	3,772	3,741	3,726	3,710	3,834
Maryland	7,688	7,890	7,893	7,876	7,900	7,929
Mississippi	16,869	17,666	18,025	18,009	17,395	17,952
Missouri	7,647	8,269	8,297	8,299	8,329	8,356
North Carolina	21,048	21,161	21,340	21,253	20,840	21,011
Oklahoma	6,618	6,704	6,608	6,834	6,347	6,682
Pennsylvania	4,356	4,445	4,501	4,322	4,601	4,469
South Carolina	5,134	5,498	5,665	5,551	5,242	5,177
Texas	13,466	14,801	14,962	15,439	14,095	14,593
Virginia	6,348	6,447	6,476	6,758	6,120	6,507
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,571	12,242	12,301	13,075	10,850	10,773
19 State total	199,278	208,568	209,106	209,783	204,267	205,758
Percent of previous year	104	103	104	104	102	102
Other States	7,888	8,239	8,212	8,188	8,251	8,187
United States	207,166	216,807	217,318	217,971	212,518	213,945
Percent of previous year	104	103	104	104	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	November 8, 2014	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,949	20,959	19,869	20,889	21,917	22,623
Arkansas	19,034	18,343	19,647	18,541	20,756	20,086
Delaware	4,304	4,989	5,292	3,806	5,714	5,363
Florida	1,106	1,343	1,232	1,456	1,311	1,487
Georgia	26,068	26,179	24,648	25,820	27,178	26,065
Kentucky	5,779	5,775	5,904	6,426	5,940	6,639
Louisiana	2,959	3,095	3,116	3,133	3,366	3,339
Maryland	5,745	5,955	5,963	6,818	6,174	6,218
Mississippi	14,561	14,657	13,595	13,974	14,797	14,962
Missouri	5,695	5,798	4,974	5,501	5,308	5,629
North Carolina	15,948	16,685	16,258	16,295	15,639	17,145
Oklahoma	3,464	3,944	3,928	4,482	4,216	4,521
Pennsylvania	3,656	3,220	3,532	3,914	3,999	3,892
South Carolina	3,720	4,458	4,667	4,746	5,558	5,080
Texas	11,492	11,963	11,811	11,110	11,889	11,955
Virginia	5,314	5,816	5,143	5,650	4,806	5,094
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,186	9,870	10,389	10,695	11,639	10,619
19 State total	159,980	163,049	159,968	163,256	170,207	170,717
Percent of previous year	103	101	102	103	102	103
Other States	5,934	5,779	5,591	5,850	6,322	6,086
United States	165,914	168,828	165,559	169,106	176,529	176,803
Percent of previous year	103	101	102	103	103	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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