



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 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 20, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 20, 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 20, 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 20, 2014, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through December 20, 2014 for the United States were 8.76 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 15, 2014	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,575	28,637	28,528	28,570	28,714	28,214
Arkansas	22,378	22,339	21,509	22,102	21,961	21,201
Delaware	4,738	4,765	4,688	4,778	4,780	4,778
Florida	1,224	1,223	1,224	1,223	1,223	1,225
Georgia	35,156	34,406	35,094	34,283	33,915	34,884
Kentucky	7,987	7,927	6,943	7,477	7,962	7,961
Louisiana	3,772	3,741	3,726	3,710	3,834	3,622
Maryland	7,890	7,893	7,876	7,900	7,929	7,907
Mississippi	17,666	18,025	18,009	17,395	17,952	17,921
Missouri	8,269	8,297	8,299	8,329	8,356	8,321
North Carolina	21,161	21,340	21,250	20,840	21,011	21,105
Oklahoma	6,704	6,608	6,834	6,347	6,682	6,273
Pennsylvania	4,445	4,501	4,319	4,601	4,477	4,495
South Carolina	5,498	5,665	5,551	5,242	5,177	5,928
Texas	14,801	14,962	15,439	14,095	14,420	14,887
Virginia	6,447	6,476	6,758	6,120	6,507	6,606
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,242	12,301	13,143	10,850	10,773	11,224
19 State total	208,953	209,106	209,190	203,862	205,673	206,552
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	101	102	102
Other States	8,239	8,212	8,188	8,251	8,173	8,182
United States	217,192	217,318	217,378	212,113	213,846	214,734
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	102	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,959	19,869	20,887	21,932	22,748	21,776
Arkansas	18,343	19,647	18,541	20,756	20,086	19,375
Delaware	4,989	5,292	3,806	5,714	5,305	5,357
Florida	1,343	1,232	1,456	1,311	1,487	1,426
Georgia	26,179	24,648	25,820	27,178	25,889	27,336
Kentucky	5,629	6,051	6,426	5,940	6,639	6,146
Louisiana	3,095	3,116	3,133	3,366	3,339	3,337
Maryland	5,955	5,963	6,818	6,174	6,289	5,865
Mississippi	14,657	13,595	13,974	14,797	14,962	15,052
Missouri	5,798	4,974	5,501	5,308	5,629	6,402
North Carolina	16,685	16,258	16,295	15,639	17,142	17,081
Oklahoma	3,944	3,928	4,482	4,216	4,521	4,146
Pennsylvania	3,220	3,532	3,914	3,999	3,859	3,890
South Carolina	4,458	4,667	4,746	5,558	5,080	4,736
Texas	11,963	11,811	11,110	11,889	11,989	12,278
Virginia	5,816	5,143	5,650	4,806	5,111	5,358
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,647	10,612	10,695	11,639	10,619	11,589
19 State total	162,680	160,338	163,254	170,222	170,694	171,150
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	102	103	103
Other States	5,779	5,591	5,850	6,322	6,070	6,009
United States	168,459	165,929	169,104	176,544	176,764	177,159
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	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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