



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 8, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 8, 2014, up 1 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 Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 8, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 8, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through February 8, 2014 for the United States were 1.02 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					
	January 4, 2014	January 11, 2014	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,038	28,188	28,196	28,140	28,298	28,145
Arkansas	21,029	20,787	20,601	20,807	20,152	20,245
Delaware	4,380	4,405	4,398	4,484	4,341	4,364
Florida	1,224	1,224	1,223	1,223	1,222	1,223
Georgia	33,948	33,711	33,356	33,434	33,662	33,734
Kentucky	7,906	7,748	7,301	7,828	7,671	7,693
Louisiana	3,834	3,864	3,864	3,894	3,909	3,894
Maryland	7,001	7,226	7,679	7,732	7,690	7,193
Mississippi	17,687	17,931	17,014	17,466	17,538	17,757
Missouri	8,452	8,476	8,431	8,415	8,443	8,176
North Carolina	20,305	20,048	20,148	20,511	20,242	19,964
Oklahoma	6,896	7,270	6,897	7,161	6,942	7,180
Pennsylvania	3,851	3,825	3,796	3,734	4,048	3,734
South Carolina	5,249	5,169	5,362	5,210	5,249	5,207
Texas	14,554	14,788	14,531	14,609	14,524	14,561
Virginia	6,163	6,448	6,405	6,332	6,168	6,110
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,862	10,403	10,259	9,817	10,107	9,862
19 State total	199,379	201,511	199,461	200,797	200,206	199,042
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	102	101	101
Other States	7,878	7,797	7,838	7,886	7,813	7,845
United States	207,257	209,308	207,299	208,683	208,019	206,887
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	102	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	January 4, 2014	January 11, 2014	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,323	20,952	21,019	20,608	22,085	21,563
Arkansas	19,126	19,450	19,213	19,426	19,618	19,856
Delaware	5,263	5,059	5,402	4,789	4,769	5,428
Florida	1,349	1,210	1,350	1,439	1,262	1,250
Georgia	27,201	27,899	26,335	27,372	25,896	26,931
Kentucky	6,330	5,539	6,445	6,377	5,914	5,842
Louisiana	3,324	3,241	3,292	3,364	3,370	3,387
Maryland	5,970	5,288	4,805	5,809	5,632	5,533
Mississippi	14,846	14,813	14,842	14,693	14,971	14,253
Missouri	5,164	5,896	5,717	5,785	6,238	6,191
North Carolina	15,362	15,836	16,091	16,089	15,399	16,022
Oklahoma	5,498	4,572	4,922	4,877	4,022	3,344
Pennsylvania	3,109	3,106	3,151	3,156	3,149	3,120
South Carolina	5,041	4,468	5,134	4,506	4,902	4,157
Texas	11,912	11,349	11,388	11,584	11,775	11,631
Virginia	4,814	5,548	5,685	5,293	4,783	4,837
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,976	9,967	9,761	8,094	9,637	9,245
19 State total	164,608	164,193	164,552	163,261	163,422	162,590
Percent of previous year	101	100	102	100	100	100
Other States	6,169	6,043	5,790	5,859	5,935	5,598
United States	170,777	170,236	170,342	169,120	169,357	168,188
Percent of previous year	101	100	102	100	101	100

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.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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