



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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 1, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 1, 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through March 1, 2014 for the United States were 1.52 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,140	28,298	28,095	28,034	28,378	28,060
Arkansas	20,807	20,487	20,245	20,685	20,341	20,466
Delaware	4,484	4,342	4,373	4,382	4,462	4,472
Florida	1,223	1,222	1,223	1,145	1,159	1,221
Georgia	33,419	33,662	33,734	33,659	33,442	33,705
Kentucky	7,859	7,601	7,659	7,636	7,566	7,778
Louisiana	3,894	3,909	3,894	3,878	3,878	3,878
Maryland	7,732	7,690	7,193	7,695	7,711	7,740
Mississippi	17,331	17,538	17,757	17,543	17,567	17,958
Missouri	8,415	8,443	8,176	8,516	8,517	8,559
North Carolina	20,496	20,055	20,187	20,468	20,668	20,474
Oklahoma	7,161	6,942	7,180	6,915	6,452	7,214
Pennsylvania	3,734	4,048	3,730	3,158	3,746	3,835
South Carolina	5,210	5,249	5,207	5,053	5,047	5,235
Texas	14,609	14,694	14,561	14,598	14,828	14,685
Virginia	6,332	6,168	6,132	6,419	6,415	6,541
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,801	10,091	9,838	9,931	10,149	9,951
19 State total	200,647	200,439	199,184	199,715	200,326	201,772
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	100	100	101
Other States	7,857	7,777	7,808	7,948	7,871	7,730
United States	208,504	208,216	206,992	207,663	208,197	209,502
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	100	100	101

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

State	Week ending					
	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,608	22,085	21,620	21,138	21,175	21,420
Arkansas	19,426	19,618	19,856	20,847	18,464	18,774
Delaware	4,789	4,713	5,146	4,629	5,360	4,793
Florida	1,439	1,262	1,250	1,317	1,542	1,379
Georgia	27,372	25,896	26,931	25,919	25,206	26,811
Kentucky	6,377	5,914	5,908	6,529	5,633	6,028
Louisiana	3,364	3,370	3,387	3,406	3,442	3,406
Maryland	5,809	5,689	5,691	6,138	5,295	5,416
Mississippi	14,693	14,971	14,253	14,652	14,709	14,787
Missouri	5,785	6,238	6,189	5,175	6,060	4,721
North Carolina	15,827	15,373	16,082	16,223	15,699	15,394
Oklahoma	4,877	4,022	3,514	3,792	4,879	5,001
Pennsylvania	3,156	3,149	3,222	3,163	3,354	3,067
South Carolina	4,506	4,902	4,157	4,370	4,917	4,416
Texas	11,584	11,775	11,631	11,697	11,776	11,997
Virginia	5,293	4,783	4,837	5,027	4,671	4,862
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,094	9,625	9,235	9,350	10,235	9,418
19 State total	162,999	163,385	162,909	163,372	162,417	161,690
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	100	100	99
Other States	5,865	5,942	5,604	5,736	6,095	6,221
United States	168,864	169,327	168,513	169,108	168,512	167,911
Percent of previous year	100	101	100	100	100	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.

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