



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 11, 2014, up 4 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 11, 2014, up 4 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 11, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 11, 2014, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through October 11, 2014 for the United States were 7.06 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					
	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,027	28,593	27,911	27,904	26,776	27,410
Arkansas	21,725	21,399	20,107	21,484	21,478	21,754
Delaware	4,416	4,424	4,504	4,531	4,565	4,747
Florida	1,224	1,222	917	1,225	1,222	1,222
Georgia	34,459	33,795	33,847	33,608	33,556	33,500
Kentucky	7,836	7,845	7,325	7,943	7,712	7,533
Louisiana	3,585	3,585	3,605	3,605	3,252	3,605
Maryland	7,218	7,125	7,123	7,738	7,315	7,327
Mississippi	16,758	17,529	16,784	17,369	15,633	16,767
Missouri	8,533	8,503	7,893	8,181	7,668	8,301
North Carolina	20,550	18,224	20,150	20,516	19,787	19,607
Oklahoma	6,700	6,259	6,572	6,617	6,524	6,660
Pennsylvania	4,422	4,579	4,381	4,024	4,346	4,362
South Carolina	5,416	5,037	5,158	5,217	5,196	4,940
Texas	13,596	14,585	14,449	14,003	13,194	13,976
Virginia	6,461	6,393	6,495	6,562	6,058	6,355
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,118	11,003	10,200	10,600	10,667	10,435
19 State total	202,044	200,100	197,421	201,127	194,949	198,501
Percent of previous year	103	103	103	102	105	104
Other States	7,779	7,825	7,646	7,450	7,624	7,659
United States	209,823	207,925	205,067	208,577	202,573	206,160
Percent of previous year	103	103	103	102	105	104

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

State	Week ending					
	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014	October 11, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,639	22,194	22,042	21,343	22,640	21,714
Arkansas	19,343	19,315	20,871	20,489	19,692	18,862
Delaware	4,985	5,547	4,651	4,487	4,786	4,394
Florida	1,290	1,182	1,265	1,178	1,364	1,185
Georgia	26,957	27,767	27,066	26,807	26,469	25,911
Kentucky	6,713	6,703	6,055	6,029	6,243	6,123
Louisiana	3,395	3,404	3,352	3,218	3,213	3,197
Maryland	6,419	4,814	6,065	6,656	5,220	4,993
Mississippi	15,095	15,009	14,478	14,068	14,489	14,196
Missouri	6,082	6,166	5,601	5,631	6,032	5,650
North Carolina	16,315	16,250	16,278	15,495	14,314	15,716
Oklahoma	4,342	4,387	3,706	4,292	4,203	4,123
Pennsylvania	3,349	3,545	3,666	3,587	3,541	3,632
South Carolina	4,507	4,539	4,583	5,261	4,799	5,318
Texas	12,289	12,060	11,318	10,968	11,628	11,546
Virginia	4,673	5,868	5,399	4,985	5,218	5,791
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,382	9,737	10,632	10,396	10,180	10,021
19 State total	167,775	168,487	167,028	164,890	164,031	162,372
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	102	103	103
Other States	6,030	6,109	6,077	5,680	5,652	5,789
United States	173,805	174,596	173,105	170,570	169,683	168,161
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	102	102	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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