



Broiler Hatchery

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Special Note

Revisions were also made to the December 29, 2013 to March 1, 2014 time period to provide consistency between historic revisions in the *Hatchery Production 2013 Summary*, published April 15, 2014. Please visit the NASS website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/> and utilize the Quick Stats Tools for complete data.

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 12, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 12, 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 2014, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through April 12, 2014 for the United States were 2.55 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,482	28,488	28,289	28,564	28,725	28,597
Arkansas	20,960	20,580	20,508	20,696	20,567	20,736
Delaware	4,607	4,669	4,269	4,623	4,446	4,548
Florida	1,224	1,224	1,222	1,219	1,176	1,222
Georgia	33,696	34,410	33,887	33,918	34,270	34,016
Kentucky	7,438	7,599	7,866	7,864	7,793	7,667
Louisiana	3,833	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,832
Maryland	7,692	7,735	7,694	7,730	7,753	7,776
Mississippi	17,848	17,660	16,794	17,311	17,773	17,689
Missouri	8,533	8,541	8,456	8,180	7,737	8,175
North Carolina	20,290	20,288	20,599	20,606	20,529	20,616
Oklahoma	6,684	6,537	6,781	6,559	6,719	6,661
Pennsylvania	4,381	4,377	4,240	4,412	4,293	4,340
South Carolina	5,102	4,786	4,842	4,973	4,958	5,129
Texas	14,358	14,464	14,627	14,065	14,960	14,717
Virginia	6,681	6,829	6,655	6,601	6,672	6,668
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,015	10,449	9,935	10,151	11,327	11,647
19 State total	202,824	202,408	200,436	201,244	203,470	204,036
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	100	101	101
Other States	8,005	7,957	7,829	8,065	8,036	8,209
United States	210,829	210,365	208,265	209,309	211,506	212,245
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	100	101	101

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

State	Week ending					
	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,528	21,624	20,547	21,786	21,282	21,290
Arkansas	19,532	19,326	18,327	18,981	18,730	20,844
Delaware	4,517	4,147	4,664	4,926	4,646	4,899
Florida	1,218	1,366	1,283	1,329	1,333	1,358
Georgia	26,442	26,080	26,538	26,209	26,753	26,991
Kentucky	5,792	6,053	6,418	5,933	6,524	6,010
Louisiana	3,397	3,407	3,410	3,693	3,361	3,359
Maryland	5,937	6,690	6,024	5,306	6,156	5,718
Mississippi	14,638	14,784	15,288	15,130	14,995	14,273
Missouri	5,959	5,097	5,933	6,305	5,748	5,231
North Carolina	15,909	16,348	15,840	16,032	16,040	16,448
Oklahoma	3,567	4,248	4,857	4,284	4,653	2,878
Pennsylvania	3,020	3,444	3,740	3,559	3,706	3,504
South Carolina	4,351	4,716	4,913	4,441	4,897	4,165
Texas	11,846	11,707	11,740	11,143	11,796	11,886
Virginia	5,486	5,012	5,202	5,985	5,581	5,169
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,276	9,694	10,402	10,620	10,016	9,613
19 State total	163,415	163,743	165,126	165,662	166,217	163,636
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	100	100	99
Other States	5,847	5,911	5,897	5,936	5,508	5,847
United States	169,262	169,654	171,023	171,598	171,725	169,483
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	100	100	99

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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