



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 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 27, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 27, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 2014, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through September 27, 2014 for the United States were 6.72 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					
	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,733	28,729	28,027	28,578	26,497	27,904
Arkansas	21,553	21,592	21,725	21,399	20,107	21,484
Delaware	4,567	4,400	4,416	4,424	4,504	4,531
Florida	1,222	1,225	1,224	1,222	917	1,225
Georgia	34,589	34,363	34,459	33,795	33,847	33,608
Kentucky	8,020	7,823	7,836	7,845	7,675	7,927
Louisiana	3,817	3,787	3,585	3,787	3,605	3,605
Maryland	7,579	7,806	7,218	7,125	7,123	7,738
Mississippi	18,017	17,536	16,758	17,529	16,784	17,369
Missouri	8,474	8,354	8,533	8,503	7,893	8,181
North Carolina	21,053	20,681	20,550	19,027	20,150	20,516
Oklahoma	6,662	6,615	6,700	6,259	6,572	6,617
Pennsylvania	4,419	4,480	4,422	4,585	4,280	4,396
South Carolina	5,166	5,123	5,416	5,037	5,158	5,217
Texas	14,394	14,267	13,596	14,543	14,449	13,982
Virginia	6,444	6,447	6,461	6,393	6,495	6,562
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,806	10,880	11,096	10,935	10,273	10,682
19 State total	205,515	204,108	202,022	200,986	196,329	201,544
Percent of previous year	101	101	103	103	102	102
Other States	7,913	7,845	7,757	7,746	7,491	7,295
United States	213,428	211,953	209,779	208,732	203,820	208,839
Percent of previous year	101	101	103	103	102	102

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

State	Week ending					
	August 23, 2014	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,132	21,175	21,639	22,194	22,042	21,343
Arkansas	19,097	19,869	19,343	19,315	20,851	20,489
Delaware	4,621	4,790	4,985	5,547	4,651	4,487
Florida	1,534	1,375	1,290	1,182	1,265	1,178
Georgia	27,243	27,761	26,957	27,767	27,086	26,685
Kentucky	6,415	6,646	6,713	6,703	6,039	6,094
Louisiana	3,318	3,331	3,395	3,404	3,352	3,218
Maryland	6,337	6,336	6,419	4,814	6,065	6,655
Mississippi	15,142	15,217	15,095	15,009	14,478	14,068
Missouri	6,196	5,989	6,082	6,166	5,605	5,633
North Carolina	15,813	16,588	16,315	16,250	16,347	15,550
Oklahoma	4,501	4,033	4,342	4,387	3,706	4,207
Pennsylvania	3,511	3,519	3,349	3,545	3,666	3,577
South Carolina	4,923	4,621	4,507	4,539	4,583	5,261
Texas	11,994	11,913	12,289	11,988	11,318	10,965
Virginia	5,495	5,395	4,673	5,868	5,399	4,981
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,894	9,574	10,389	9,753	10,687	10,421
19 State total	168,166	168,132	167,782	168,431	167,140	164,812
Percent of previous year	102	100	101	101	101	102
Other States	6,216	5,988	6,030	6,109	6,084	5,683
United States	174,382	174,120	173,812	174,540	173,224	170,495
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	101	101	102

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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