



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 4, 2014, up 5 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 4, 2014, up 5 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 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 4, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 4, 2014, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through October 4, 2014 for the United States were 6.89 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 30, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,729	28,027	28,593	26,497	27,904	26,776
Arkansas .....	21,592	21,725	21,399	20,107	21,484	21,478
Delaware .....	4,400	4,416	4,424	4,504	4,531	4,565
Florida .....	1,225	1,224	1,222	917	1,225	1,222
Georgia .....	34,363	34,459	33,795	33,847	33,608	33,556
Kentucky .....	7,823	7,836	7,845	7,627	7,943	7,712
Louisiana .....	3,787	3,585	3,585	3,605	3,605	3,454
Maryland .....	7,806	7,218	7,125	7,123	7,738	7,315
Mississippi .....	17,536	16,758	17,529	16,784	17,369	15,633
Missouri .....	8,354	8,533	8,503	7,893	8,181	7,668
North Carolina .....	20,681	20,550	18,224	20,150	20,516	19,873
Oklahoma .....	6,615	6,700	6,259	6,572	6,617	6,524
Pennsylvania .....	4,480	4,422	4,579	4,280	4,024	4,347
South Carolina .....	5,123	5,416	5,037	5,158	5,217	5,196
Texas .....	14,267	13,596	14,585	14,449	14,003	13,328
Virginia .....	6,447	6,461	6,393	6,495	6,562	6,058
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,880	11,085	11,019	10,306	10,604	10,787
19 State total .....	204,108	202,011	200,116	196,314	201,131	195,492
Percent of previous year .....	101	103	103	102	102	105
Other States .....	7,845	7,757	7,746	7,491	7,295	7,469
United States .....	211,953	209,768	207,862	203,805	208,426	202,961
Percent of previous year .....	101	103	103	102	102	105

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

State	Week ending					
	August 30, 2014	September 6, 2014	September 13, 2014	September 20, 2014	September 27, 2014	October 4, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,175	21,639	22,194	22,042	21,343	22,733
Arkansas .....	19,869	19,343	19,315	20,851	20,489	19,673
Delaware .....	4,790	4,985	5,547	4,651	4,487	4,786
Florida .....	1,375	1,290	1,182	1,265	1,178	1,274
Georgia .....	27,761	26,957	27,767	27,143	26,807	26,469
Kentucky .....	6,646	6,713	6,703	6,055	6,029	6,243
Louisiana .....	3,331	3,395	3,404	3,352	3,218	3,213
Maryland .....	6,336	6,419	4,814	6,065	6,656	5,220
Mississippi .....	15,217	15,095	15,009	14,478	14,068	14,489
Missouri .....	5,989	6,082	6,166	5,601	5,631	6,032
North Carolina .....	16,588	16,315	16,250	16,278	15,495	14,321
Oklahoma .....	4,033	4,342	4,387	3,706	4,292	4,203
Pennsylvania .....	3,519	3,349	3,545	3,666	3,587	3,591
South Carolina .....	4,621	4,507	4,539	4,583	5,261	4,799
Texas .....	11,913	12,289	12,060	11,318	10,968	11,645
Virginia .....	5,395	4,673	5,868	5,399	4,985	5,209
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,574	10,389	9,737	10,645	10,383	10,234
19 State total .....	168,132	167,782	168,487	167,098	164,877	164,134
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	101	102	103
Other States .....	5,988	6,030	6,109	6,077	5,680	5,650
United States .....	174,120	173,812	174,596	173,175	170,557	169,784
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	101	101	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.

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**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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