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Delmarva Agricultural Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Data

PLACEMENTS UP 4%

For the week ending February 22, 2014, growers placed 11.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.8 million) increased 8.2% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.5 million, an increase of 13.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.2 million for the week ending February 15, 2014, compared to 9.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2013.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
12/28/2013	11,643	12,765	9,903	10,961	10,654	11,442
01/04/2014	11,836	12,591	10,030	10,978	11,201	11,332
01/11/2014	11,839	12,841	9,988	10,910	11,130	11,336
01/18/2014	11,795	13,286	9,840	10,647	11,052	11,187
01/25/2014	11,858	13,426	9,954	10,555	11,128	11,093
02/01/2014	11,844	12,939	9,945	10,721	10,908	10,861
02/08/2014	11,896	12,473	9,954	11,063	10,902	11,197
02/15/2014	11,748	13,287	10,004	11,179	11,027	11,240
02/22/2014	11,842	13,477	9,974	10,794	10,722	11,114

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers;

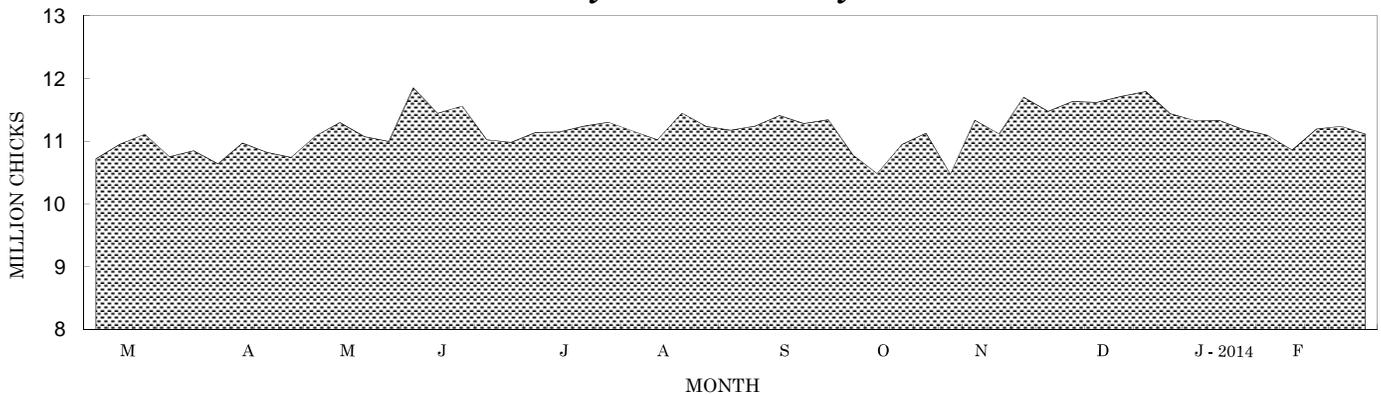
Prices in cents per pound 1/

	WEEK ENDING 02/22/2014	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	92.39	92.64	96.71	102.61
National Composite Weighted Avg.	91.62	91.58	95.82	101.66

1/ Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis; www.ams.usda.gov/pymnhomepage

**The Weekly Final Broiler/Fryer report has been discontinued. The weighted average prices are now published on the Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report.

BROILERS PLACED IN DELMARVA ***February 2013- February 2014***



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

State	Week ending					
	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama	28,196	28,140	28,298	28,145	28,013	28,378
Arkansas	20,601	20,807	20,487	20,245	20,685	20,341
Delaware	4,398	4,484	4,342	4,373	4,382	4,480
Florida	1,223	1,223	1,222	1,223	1,145	1,159
Georgia	33,356	33,419	33,662	33,734	33,659	33,442
Kentucky	7,177	7,859	7,601	7,693	7,636	7,566
Louisiana	3,864	3,894	3,909	3,894	3,878	3,878
Maryland	7,679	7,732	7,690	7,193	7,695	7,788
Mississippi	17,014	17,331	17,538	17,757	17,543	17,567
Missouri	8,431	8,415	8,443	8,176	8,516	8,517
North Carolina	20,148	20,496	20,055	19,964	20,468	20,668
Oklahoma	6,897	7,161	6,942	7,180	6,915	6,452
Pennsylvania	3,796	3,734	4,048	3,730	3,158	3,713
South Carolina	5,362	5,210	5,249	5,207	5,053	5,047
Texas	14,531	14,609	14,524	14,561	14,598	14,803
Virginia	6,405	6,332	6,168	6,110	6,419	6,415
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,247	9,801	10,091	9,855	9,931	10,149
19 State total	199,325	200,647	200,269	199,040	199,694	200,363
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	101	100	100
Other States	7,838	7,857	7,777	7,803	7,910	7,833
United States	207,163	208,504	208,046	206,843	207,604	208,196
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	101	100	100

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 22, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 22, 2014, up slightly 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 – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	21,019	20,608	22,085	21,620	21,137	21,175
Arkansas	19,213	19,426	19,618	19,856	20,847	18,447
Delaware	5,402	4,789	4,713	5,146	4,629	5,324
Florida	1,350	1,439	1,262	1,250	1,317	1,542
Georgia	26,335	27,372	25,896	26,931	25,919	25,206
Kentucky	6,445	6,377	5,914	5,908	6,529	5,633
Louisiana	3,292	3,364	3,370	3,387	3,406	3,442
Maryland	4,805	5,809	5,689	5,691	6,138	5,591
Mississippi	14,842	14,693	14,971	14,253	14,653	14,709
Missouri	5,717	5,785	6,238	6,189	5,175	6,060
North Carolina	16,005	15,827	15,373	16,082	16,223	15,699
Oklahoma	4,922	4,877	4,022	3,514	3,792	4,879
Pennsylvania	3,151	3,156	3,149	3,222	3,163	3,328
South Carolina	5,134	4,506	4,902	4,157	4,370	4,917
Texas	11,388	11,584	11,775	11,631	11,697	11,710
Virginia	5,685	5,293	4,783	4,837	5,027	4,671
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,761	8,094	9,625	9,235	9,350	10,235
19 State total	164,466	162,999	163,385	162,909	163,372	162,568
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	100	100	100
Other States	5,790	5,859	5,935	5,597	5,730	6,093
United States	170,256	168,858	169,320	168,506	169,102	168,661
Percent of previous year	102	100	101	100	100	100

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 22, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 22, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through February 22, 2014 for the United States were 1.36 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.