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Delmarva Agricultural Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Data

PLACEMENTS UP 3%

For the week ending April 26, 2014, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.3% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) increased 10.5% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.6 million, an increase of 11.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.0 million for the week ending April 19, 2014, compared to 9.9 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 -----						
03/01/2014	11,908	13,356	9,993	10,364	10,957	10,477
03/08/2014	12,132	13,569	9,932	10,986	11,112	11,187
03/15/2014	12,139	13,706	9,898	11,043	10,754	11,166
03/22/2014	11,932	13,250	9,995	11,027	10,851	11,302
03/29/2014	12,278	13,672	10,108	11,232	10,640	11,494
04/05/2014	12,088	13,518	10,117	11,428	10,973	11,609
04/12/2014	12,264	13,630	9,977	10,946	10,825	10,913
04/19/2014	12,348	13,864	10,212	11,309	10,744	11,465
04/26/2014	12,201	13,640	10,123	11,189	11,087	11,454

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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;

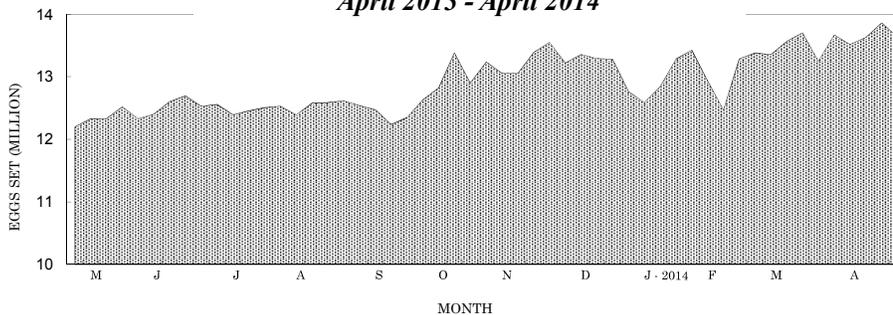
Prices in cents per pound 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	04/26/2014	112.56	108.20	108.07
New York Weighted Avg	111.69	111.82	109.50	107.73
National Composite Weighted Avg.	110.99			

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.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET ON DELMARVA *April 2013 - April 2014*



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

State	Week ending					
	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,289	28,564	28,725	28,597	28,954	28,643
Arkansas	20,508	20,696	20,567	20,736	20,874	20,618
Delaware	4,286	4,672	4,495	4,585	4,727	4,487
Florida	1,222	1,219	1,176	1,222	1,225	1,225
Georgia	33,887	33,918	34,270	34,016	33,626	33,984
Kentucky	7,849	7,929	7,793	7,845	7,994	7,388
Louisiana	3,772	3,772	3,772	3,832	3,802	3,394
Maryland	7,694	7,730	7,753	7,776	7,867	7,883
Mississippi	16,794	17,311	17,773	17,689	17,559	17,497
Missouri	8,456	8,180	7,737	8,175	8,303	8,344
North Carolina	20,555	20,606	20,544	20,630	20,513	20,534
Oklahoma	6,781	6,559	6,719	6,661	6,649	6,680
Pennsylvania	4,240	4,412	4,293	4,423	4,375	4,359
South Carolina	4,842	4,973	4,958	5,129	5,137	5,256
Texas	14,628	14,065	14,960	14,717	15,029	14,924
Virginia	6,655	6,601	6,672	6,668	6,621	6,620
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,002	10,080	11,374	11,694	11,494	11,148
19 State total	200,460	201,287	203,581	204,395	204,749	202,984
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	101	102	101
Other States	7,829	8,065	8,036	8,209	8,170	8,216
United States	208,289	209,352	211,617	212,604	212,919	211,200
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	101	102	101

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 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 – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	April 12, 2014	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,547	21,786	21,282	21,290	21,705	21,407
Arkansas	18,327	18,981	18,730	20,844	18,866	19,762
Delaware	4,544	5,433	4,956	4,862	5,277	4,611
Florida	1,283	1,329	1,333	1,358	1,274	1,226
Georgia	26,538	26,209	26,753	27,039	26,660	26,992
Kentucky	6,418	5,933	6,524	6,029	6,095	6,386
Louisiana	3,410	3,693	3,361	3,359	3,376	3,364
Maryland	6,139	4,781	5,891	5,656	5,783	6,094
Mississippi	15,288	15,130	14,995	14,273	14,822	15,075
Missouri	5,933	6,305	5,748	5,231	6,529	5,006
North Carolina	15,840	16,032	16,012	16,391	16,406	16,139
Oklahoma	4,857	4,284	4,653	2,878	3,701	4,055
Pennsylvania	3,740	3,559	3,706	3,577	3,504	3,612
South Carolina	4,913	4,441	4,897	4,165	4,085	4,784
Texas	11,740	11,143	11,625	11,886	11,211	11,901
Virginia	5,202	5,985	5,581	5,169	4,946	5,391
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,445	10,668	10,028	9,640	9,837	10,603
19 State total	165,164	165,692	166,075	163,647	164,077	166,408
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	99	99	100
Other States	5,897	5,936	5,508	5,848	6,198	6,026
United States	171,061	171,628	171,583	169,495	170,275	172,434
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	99	99	101

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through April 26, 2014 for the United States were 2.90 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.