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Delmarva Agricultural Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Data

PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending March 8, 2014, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.0 million) increased 10.9% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.5 million, an increase of 11.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.0 million for the week ending February 1, 2014, compared to 10.1 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 -----						
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	13,383	9,974	10,788	10,722	10,969
03/01/2014	11,908	13,356	9,993	10,364	10,957	10,477
03/08/2014	12,132	13,539	9,932	11,015	11,112	11,306

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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

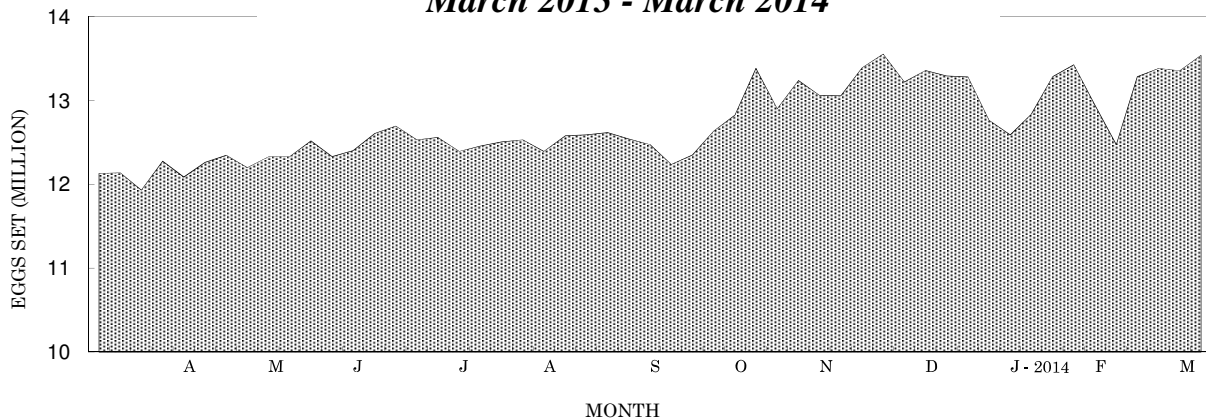
	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	03/08/2014			
New York Weighted Avg	101.71	95.64	93.22	109.93
National Composite Weighted Avg.	100.62	94.40	92.21	107.82

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

March 2013 - March 2014



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

State	Week ending					
	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,298	28,095	28,034	28,378	28,060	28,482
Arkansas	20,487	20,245	20,685	20,341	20,466	20,960
Delaware	4,342	4,373	4,382	4,462	4,407	4,577
Florida	1,222	1,223	1,145	1,159	1,221	1,224
Georgia	33,662	33,734	33,599	33,442	33,619	33,781
Kentucky	7,701	7,659	7,636	7,566	7,778	7,449
Louisiana	3,909	3,894	3,878	3,878	3,848	3,833
Maryland	7,690	7,193	7,695	7,711	7,740	7,692
Mississippi	17,538	17,757	17,543	17,567	17,958	17,611
Missouri	8,443	8,176	8,516	8,517	8,559	8,533
North Carolina	20,055	20,187	20,449	20,668	20,416	19,985
Oklahoma	6,942	7,180	6,915	6,452	7,214	6,998
Pennsylvania	4,048	3,730	3,158	3,746	4,073	3,888
South Carolina	5,249	5,207	5,053	5,047	5,235	5,102
Texas	14,694	14,561	14,788	14,828	14,714	14,358
Virginia	6,168	6,132	6,419	6,415	6,541	6,681
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,091	9,838	9,923	10,149	9,951	10,094
19 State total	200,539	199,184	199,818	200,326	201,800	201,248
Percent of previous year	102	101	100	100	101	101
Other States	7,777	7,808	7,948	7,871	7,827	7,933
United States	208,316	206,992	207,766	208,197	209,627	209,181
Percent of previous year	102	101	100	100	101	101

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 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					
	February 1, 2014	February 8, 2014	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,085	21,620	21,138	21,175	21,417	21,528
Arkansas	19,618	19,856	20,847	18,464	18,774	19,532
Delaware	4,713	5,146	4,629	5,360	4,713	4,580
Florida	1,262	1,250	1,317	1,542	1,379	1,218
Georgia	25,896	26,931	25,919	25,206	26,912	26,503
Kentucky	5,935	5,925	6,550	5,585	5,803	5,787
Louisiana	3,370	3,387	3,406	3,442	3,401	3,397
Maryland	5,689	5,691	6,138	5,295	5,349	5,994
Mississippi	14,971	14,253	14,652	14,709	14,787	14,638
Missouri	6,238	6,189	5,175	6,060	4,721	5,958
North Carolina	15,394	16,085	16,292	15,793	15,305	15,897
Oklahoma	4,022	3,514	3,792	4,879	5,001	3,803
Pennsylvania	3,149	3,222	3,163	3,354	3,163	2,538
South Carolina	4,902	4,157	4,370	4,917	4,416	4,401
Texas	11,775	11,631	11,697	11,776	11,982	11,846
Virginia	4,783	4,837	5,027	4,671	4,862	5,460
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,625	9,235	9,350	10,235	9,418	9,478
19 State total	163,427	162,929	163,462	162,463	161,403	162,558
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	100	99	99
Other States	5,942	5,604	5,736	6,095	6,218	5,846
United States	169,369	168,533	169,198	168,558	167,621	168,404
Percent of previous year	101	100	100	100	99	99

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 2014, down 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through March 8, 2014 for the United States were 1.69 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.