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Delmarva Agricultural Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Data

PLACEMENTS UP 5%

For the week ending March 22, 2014, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 5.4% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.0 million) increased 10.4% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.2 million, an increase of 10.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.5 million for the week ending March 15, 2014, compared to 9.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2013.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
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	13,569	9,932	10,986	11,112	11,187
03/15/2014	12,139	13,674	9,898	11,054	10,754	11,177
03/22/2014	11,932	13,233	9,995	11,032	10,851	11,436

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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

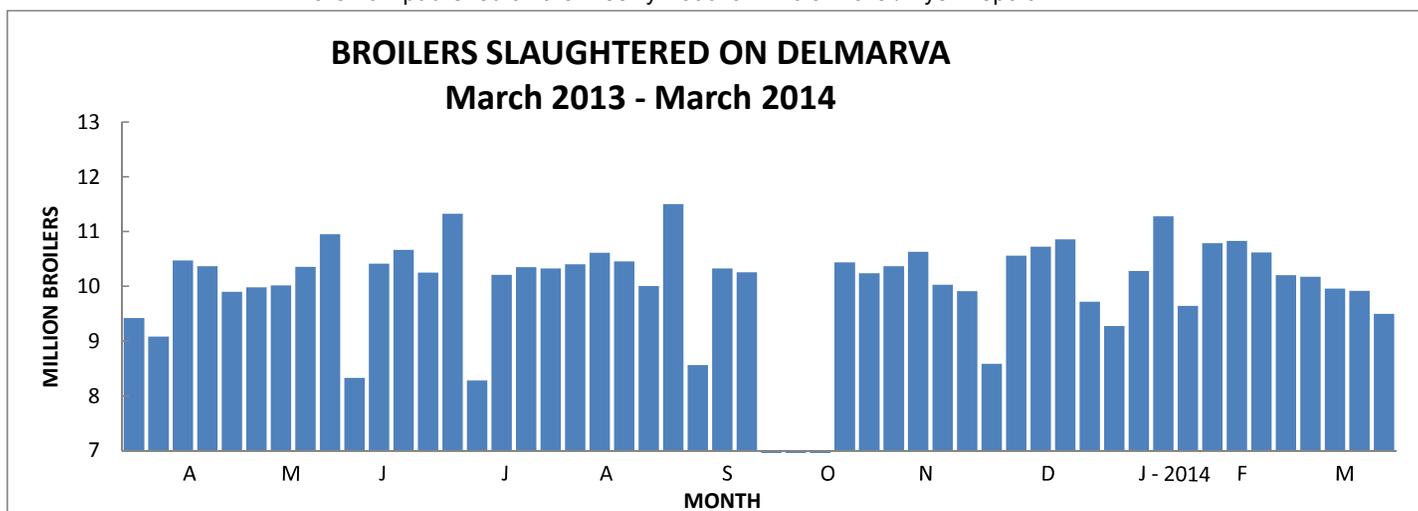
Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers;

Prices in cents per pound 1/

	WEEK ENDING 03/22/2014	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	109.22	109.79	92.39	107.67
National Composite Weighted Avg.	109.50	106.67	91.62	106.68

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 – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,034	28,378	28,060	28,482	28,488	28,289
Arkansas	20,685	20,341	20,595	20,960	20,334	20,508
Delaware	4,382	4,462	4,407	4,607	4,669	4,269
Florida	1,145	1,159	1,221	1,224	1,224	1,222
Georgia	33,599	33,442	33,619	33,696	34,410	33,887
Kentucky	7,641	7,518	7,765	7,449	7,765	7,866
Louisiana	3,878	3,878	3,848	3,833	3,772	3,772
Maryland	7,695	7,711	7,740	7,692	7,735	7,694
Mississippi	17,543	17,567	17,958	17,611	17,660	16,794
Missouri	8,516	8,517	8,559	8,533	8,541	8,456
North Carolina	20,449	20,651	20,453	19,991	20,330	20,599
Oklahoma	6,915	6,452	7,214	6,998	6,851	7,095
Pennsylvania	3,158	3,746	4,073	3,908	3,903	3,812
South Carolina	5,053	5,047	5,235	5,102	4,786	4,842
Texas	14,788	14,828	14,714	14,358	14,555	14,454
Virginia	6,419	6,415	6,541	6,681	6,829	6,655
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,753	9,793	9,826	9,981	9,357	8,976
19 State total	199,653	199,905	201,828	201,106	201,209	199,190
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	101	101	100
Other States	7,948	7,871	7,889	7,933	7,828	7,682
United States	207,601	207,776	209,717	209,039	209,037	206,872
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	101	101	100

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 22, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 22, 2014, down 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					
	February 15, 2014	February 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,138	21,175	21,417	21,528	21,624	20,547
Arkansas	20,847	18,464	18,774	19,532	19,326	18,311
Delaware	4,629	5,360	4,713	4,517	4,147	4,696
Florida	1,317	1,542	1,379	1,218	1,366	1,283
Georgia	25,919	25,182	26,776	26,442	26,080	26,538
Kentucky	6,550	5,585	5,811	5,792	6,053	6,418
Louisiana	3,406	3,442	3,401	3,397	3,407	3,410
Maryland	6,138	5,295	5,349	5,937	6,690	6,122
Mississippi	14,652	14,709	14,787	14,638	14,784	15,262
Missouri	5,175	6,060	4,721	5,959	5,097	5,933
North Carolina	16,292	15,907	15,435	15,909	16,348	15,840
Oklahoma	3,792	4,879	5,001	3,803	4,483	5,092
Pennsylvania	3,163	3,354	3,163	2,614	3,038	3,332
South Carolina	4,370	4,917	4,416	4,351	4,716	4,913
Texas	11,697	11,776	11,982	11,846	11,713	11,740
Virginia	5,027	4,671	4,862	5,460	5,008	5,166
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,652	10,281	9,537	9,534	8,867	9,639
19 State total	163,764	162,599	161,524	162,477	162,747	164,242
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	99	99	100
Other States	5,736	6,095	6,125	5,847	5,911	5,898
United States	169,500	168,694	167,649	168,324	168,658	170,140
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	99	99	100

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 22, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 22, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through March 22, 2014 for the United States were 2.03 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.