

## Delmarva Agricultural Data

### Weekly Broiler Chicks Data

#### PLACEMENTS UP 9%

For the week ending March 29, 2014, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 9.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) increased 11.0% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.6 million, an increase of 10.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.0 million for the week ending March 22, 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 -----						
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	11,307
03/29/2014	12,278	13,576	10,108	11,218	10,640	11,604

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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

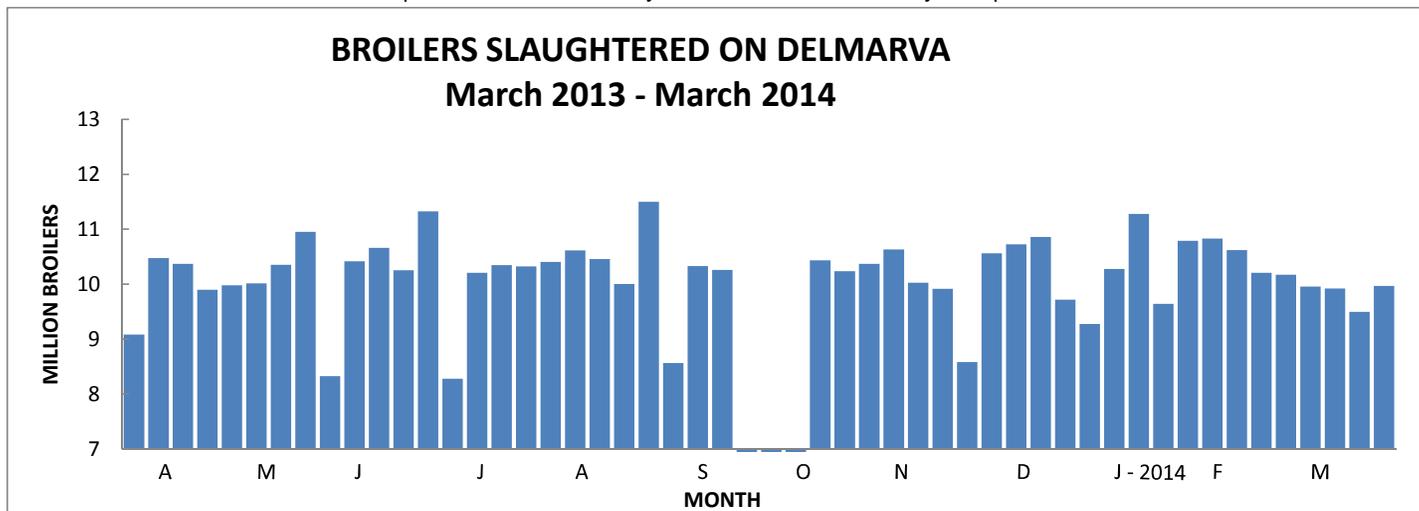
Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers;

Prices in cents per pound 1/

	WEEK ENDING 03/29/2014	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	108.20	109.22	95.64	107.17
National Composite Weighted Avg.	108.45	109.50	94.40	106.69

1/ Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis; [www.ams.usda.gov/pymnhomepage](http://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 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,378	28,060	28,482	28,488	28,289	28,564
Arkansas .....	20,341	20,595	20,960	20,334	20,508	20,696
Delaware .....	4,462	4,407	4,607	4,669	4,269	4,623
Florida .....	1,159	1,221	1,224	1,224	1,222	1,219
Georgia .....	33,442	33,619	33,696	34,410	33,887	33,918
Kentucky .....	7,518	7,765	7,449	7,765	7,866	7,652
Louisiana .....	3,878	3,848	3,833	3,772	3,772	3,772
Maryland .....	7,711	7,740	7,692	7,735	7,694	7,684
Mississippi .....	17,567	17,958	17,823	17,660	16,794	17,285
Missouri .....	8,517	8,559	8,533	8,541	8,456	8,180
North Carolina .....	20,651	20,453	20,290	20,330	20,599	20,606
Oklahoma .....	6,452	7,214	6,998	6,851	7,095	6,873
Pennsylvania .....	3,746	4,073	3,908	3,903	3,766	3,889
South Carolina .....	5,047	5,235	5,102	4,786	4,842	4,973
Texas .....	14,828	14,714	14,358	14,464	14,454	14,016
Virginia .....	6,415	6,541	6,681	6,829	6,655	6,601
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,793	9,826	9,978	9,357	8,976	9,743
19 State total .....	199,905	201,828	201,614	201,118	199,144	200,294
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	101	100	100
Other States .....	7,871	7,889	7,933	7,828	7,682	7,920
United States .....	207,776	209,717	209,547	208,946	206,826	208,214
Percent of previous year .....	100	101	101	101	100	100

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 29, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 29, 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 22, 2014	March 1, 2014	March 8, 2014	March 15, 2014	March 22, 2014	March 29, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,175	21,417	21,528	21,624	20,547	21,784
Arkansas .....	18,464	18,774	19,532	19,326	18,327	18,981
Delaware .....	5,360	4,713	4,517	4,147	4,664	5,046
Florida .....	1,542	1,379	1,218	1,366	1,283	1,329
Georgia .....	25,182	26,776	26,442	26,080	26,538	26,209
Kentucky .....	5,585	5,811	5,792	6,053	6,418	5,934
Louisiana .....	3,442	3,401	3,397	3,407	3,410	3,693
Maryland .....	5,295	5,349	5,937	6,690	6,024	5,278
Mississippi .....	14,709	14,787	14,638	14,784	15,288	15,106
Missouri .....	6,060	4,721	5,959	5,097	5,933	6,305
North Carolina .....	15,793	15,435	15,909	16,348	15,840	16,004
Oklahoma .....	4,879	5,001	3,803	4,483	5,092	4,520
Pennsylvania .....	3,354	3,163	2,614	3,038	3,335	3,058
South Carolina .....	4,917	4,416	4,351	4,716	4,913	4,441
Texas .....	11,776	11,982	11,846	11,707	11,740	11,144
Virginia .....	4,813	4,888	5,486	5,012	5,202	5,950
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,281	9,537	9,534	8,867	9,639	9,717
19 State total .....	162,627	161,550	162,503	162,745	164,193	164,499
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	99	99	100	100
Other States .....	6,095	6,125	5,847	5,911	5,897	5,897
United States .....	168,722	167,675	168,350	168,656	170,090	170,396
Percent of previous year .....	100	100	99	99	100	100

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 29, 2014, up 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 29, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through March 29, 2014 for the United States were 2.20 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.