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Delmarva Agricultural Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Data

PLACEMENTS UP 1%

For the week ending May 24, 2014, growers placed 11.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) increased 10.3% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.4 million, an increase of 8.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 12.4 million for the week ending May 17, 2014, compared to 11.0 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 -----						
03/29/2014	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	13,913	10,212	11,309	10,744	11,465
04/26/2014	12,201	13,650	10,123	11,211	11,087	11,476
05/03/2014	12,330	13,870	10,226	11,314	11,298	11,602
05/10/2014	12,333	13,487	10,327	11,520	11,075	11,525
05/17/2014	12,519	13,734	10,248	11,332	10,996	11,799
05/24/2014	12,332	13,381	10,384	11,455	11,853	11,936

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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

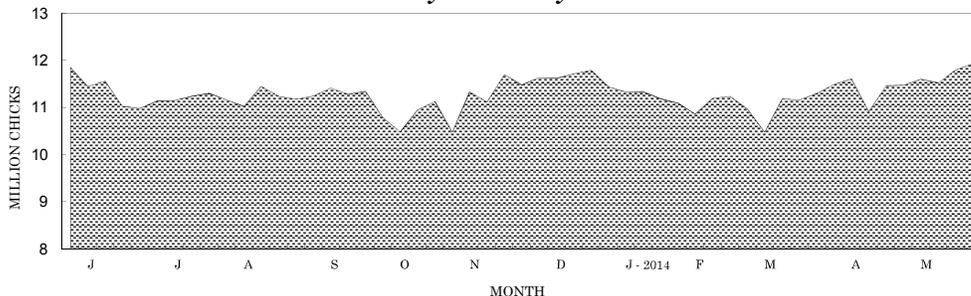
Prices in cents per pound 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	05/24/2014	119.30	111.69	114.88
New York Weighted Avg	123.15	116.72	110.99	113.53
National Composite Weighted Avg.	120.62			

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 May 2013- May 2014



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

State	Week ending					
	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,954	28,643	28,896	28,638	28,521	28,484
Arkansas	20,874	20,618	21,070	21,281	21,415	21,358
Delaware	4,727	4,495	4,714	4,728	4,687	4,693
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,223	1,207	1,225
Georgia	33,626	33,984	34,048	34,337	34,434	34,569
Kentucky	7,994	7,514	7,985	7,966	7,745	7,876
Louisiana	3,802	3,394	3,727	3,802	3,802	3,772
Maryland	7,916	7,886	7,886	7,549	7,837	7,479
Mississippi	17,559	17,497	17,122	16,395	16,925	17,640
Missouri	8,303	8,344	8,300	8,040	8,406	8,152
North Carolina	20,961	20,792	20,873	20,402	21,134	21,202
Oklahoma	6,649	6,680	6,584	6,720	6,659	6,804
Pennsylvania	4,375	4,333	4,202	4,558	4,277	4,307
South Carolina	5,137	5,256	4,995	5,269	5,155	5,275
Texas	15,029	14,924	14,562	14,326	14,740	14,792
Virginia	6,621	6,620	6,897	6,582	6,547	6,619
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,555	11,354	10,699	11,155	11,264	11,432
19 State total	205,307	203,559	203,783	202,971	204,755	205,679
Percent of previous year	103	102	101	100	100	101
Other States	8,116	8,162	8,170	7,850	8,205	8,364
United States	213,423	211,721	211,953	210,821	212,960	214,043
Percent of previous year	103	102	101	100	100	101

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 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					
	April 19, 2014	April 26, 2014	May 3, 2014	May 10, 2014	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)					
Alabama	21,705	21,407	21,190	21,553	21,949	22,065
Arkansas	18,882	19,762	18,205	19,945	19,833	19,122
Delaware	5,277	4,598	4,307	5,326	4,779	4,813
Florida	1,340	1,226	1,271	1,574	1,152	1,251
Georgia	26,660	26,992	26,843	26,855	26,625	26,354
Kentucky	6,095	6,433	5,892	7,227	5,572	6,810
Louisiana	3,376	3,364	3,389	3,386	3,041	3,333
Maryland	5,783	6,016	6,798	5,287	6,748	6,365
Mississippi	14,822	15,075	14,874	14,941	14,802	14,535
Missouri	6,528	5,005	5,799	6,098	5,161	6,234
North Carolina	16,444	16,124	16,373	16,444	16,018	16,008
Oklahoma	3,701	4,055	4,683	3,306	4,186	4,085
Pennsylvania	3,504	3,691	3,639	3,689	3,581	3,516
South Carolina	4,085	4,784	4,840	4,731	5,068	5,406
Texas	11,211	11,901	12,159	11,988	11,941	11,544
Virginia	4,848	5,791	5,249	5,503	4,957	5,511
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,853	10,596	11,602	10,063	10,584	10,228
19 State total	164,114	166,820	167,113	167,916	165,997	167,180
Percent of previous year	99	101	100	101	100	100
Other States	6,199	6,050	5,959	5,905	6,143	5,733
United States	170,313	172,870	173,072	173,821	172,140	172,913
Percent of previous year	99	101	100	101	100	100

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2014, down slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through May 24, 2014 for the United States were 3.59 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.