

Delmarva Agricultural Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Data

PLACEMENTS DOWN 2%

For the week ending December 20, 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 1.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) increased 5.1% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, an increase of 5.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.4 million for the week ending December 13, 2014 compared to 10.9 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 -----						
10/25/2014	13,239	13,792	10,592	10,834	10,476	11,509
11/01/2014	13,061	13,583	11,094	10,971	11,335	11,403
11/08/2014	13,055	13,665	10,579	10,755	11,118	10,766
11/15/2014	13,390	13,898	10,886	11,381	11,702	11,507
11/22/2014	13,555	13,928	10,758	11,253	11,478	11,925
11/29/2014	13,221	13,835	10,737	11,321	11,637	11,526
12/06/2014	13,359	13,947	9,981	11,492	10,546	12,282
12/13/2014	13,294	13,979	11,200	11,544	11,727	11,950
12/20/2014	13,277	13,955	10,934	11,487	11,841	11,643

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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

**Starting the week ending January 3, 2015, NASS will not be publishing hatched data.

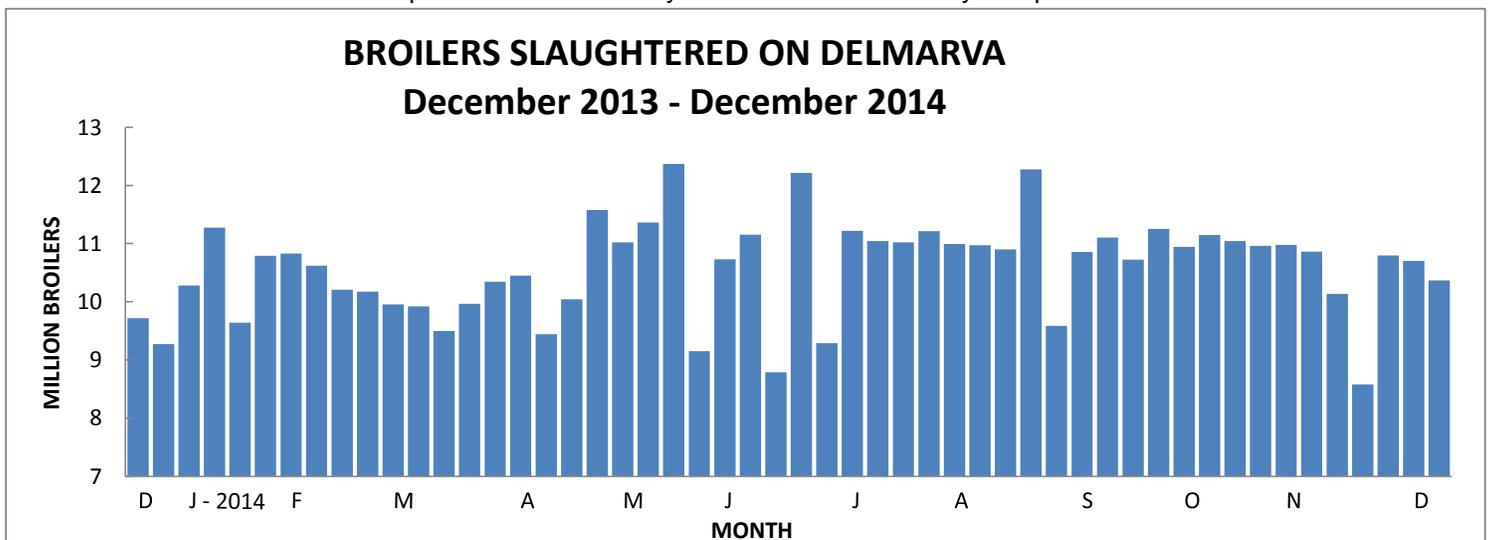
Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers;

Prices in cents per pound 1/

	WEEK ENDING 12/20/2014	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	99.42	99.34	105.56	95.95
National Composite Weighted Avg.	95.70	97.18	103.28	93.94

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					
	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,575	28,637	28,528	28,570	28,714	28,214
Arkansas	22,378	22,339	21,509	22,102	21,961	21,201
Delaware	4,738	4,765	4,688	4,778	4,780	4,778
Florida	1,224	1,223	1,224	1,223	1,223	1,225
Georgia	35,156	34,406	35,094	34,283	33,915	34,884
Kentucky	7,987	7,927	6,943	7,477	7,962	7,961
Louisiana	3,772	3,741	3,726	3,710	3,834	3,622
Maryland	7,890	7,893	7,876	7,900	7,929	7,907
Mississippi	17,666	18,025	18,009	17,395	17,952	17,921
Missouri	8,269	8,297	8,299	8,329	8,356	8,321
North Carolina	21,161	21,340	21,250	20,840	21,011	21,105
Oklahoma	6,704	6,608	6,834	6,347	6,682	6,273
Pennsylvania	4,445	4,501	4,319	4,601	4,477	4,495
South Carolina	5,498	5,665	5,551	5,242	5,177	5,928
Texas	14,801	14,962	15,439	14,095	14,420	14,887
Virginia	6,447	6,476	6,758	6,120	6,507	6,606
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,242	12,301	13,143	10,850	10,773	11,224
19 State total	208,953	209,106	209,190	203,862	205,673	206,552
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	101	102	102
Other States	8,239	8,212	8,188	8,251	8,173	8,182
United States	217,192	217,318	217,378	212,113	213,846	214,734
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	102	102	102

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 20, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 20, 2014, up 2 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					
	November 15, 2014	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,959	19,869	20,887	21,932	22,748	21,776
Arkansas	18,343	19,647	18,541	20,756	20,086	19,375
Delaware	4,989	5,292	3,806	5,714	5,305	5,357
Florida	1,343	1,232	1,456	1,311	1,487	1,426
Georgia	26,179	24,648	25,820	27,178	25,889	27,336
Kentucky	5,629	6,051	6,426	5,940	6,639	6,146
Louisiana	3,095	3,116	3,133	3,366	3,339	3,337
Maryland	5,955	5,963	6,818	6,174	6,289	5,865
Mississippi	14,657	13,595	13,974	14,797	14,962	15,052
Missouri	5,798	4,974	5,501	5,308	5,629	6,402
North Carolina	16,685	16,258	16,295	15,639	17,142	17,081
Oklahoma	3,944	3,928	4,482	4,216	4,521	4,146
Pennsylvania	3,220	3,532	3,914	3,999	3,859	3,890
South Carolina	4,458	4,667	4,746	5,558	5,080	4,736
Texas	11,963	11,811	11,110	11,889	11,989	12,278
Virginia	5,816	5,143	5,650	4,806	5,111	5,358
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,647	10,612	10,695	11,639	10,619	11,589
19 State total	162,680	160,338	163,254	170,222	170,694	171,150
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	102	103	103
Other States	5,779	5,591	5,850	6,322	6,070	6,009
United States	168,459	165,929	169,104	176,544	176,764	177,159
Percent of previous year	101	102	103	103	103	103

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 20, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 20, 2014, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through December 20, 2014 for the United States were 8.76 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.