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Delmarva Agricultural Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Data

PLACEMENTS UP 4%

For the week ending December 27, 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 3.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) increased 5.3% from the comparable week in 2013. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.9 million, an increase of 9.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 8.9 million for the week ending December 20, 2014 compared to 9.7 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 -----						
11/03/2014	13,061	13,583	11,094	10,971	11,335	11,403
11/10/2014	13,055	13,665	10,579	10,755	11,118	10,766
11/17/2014	13,390	13,898	10,886	11,381	11,702	11,507
11/24/2014	13,555	13,928	10,758	11,253	11,478	11,925
12/01/2014	13,221	13,835	10,737	11,321	11,637	11,526
12/08/2014	13,359	13,947	9,981	11,492	10,546	12,282
12/15/2014	13,294	13,979	11,200	11,544	11,727	11,950
12/22/2014	13,277	13,955	10,934	11,487	11,841	11,643
12/29/2014	12,762	13,927	10,934	11,514	11,443	11,865

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2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments.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

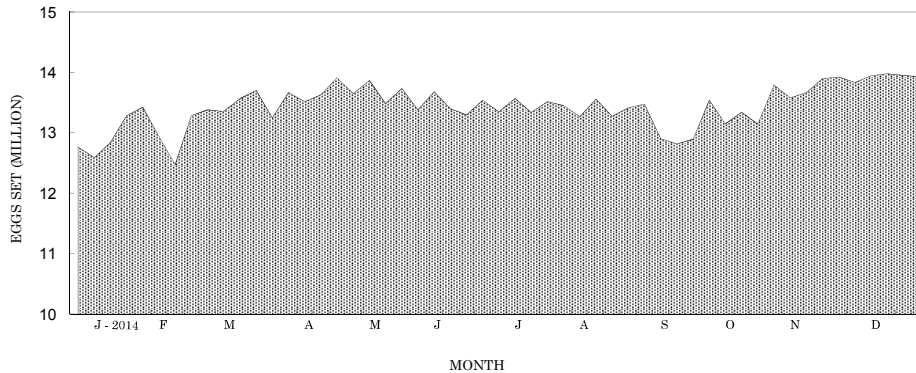
Prices in cents per pound 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	12/30/2014	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	99.34	99.42	105.69	96.54
National Composite Weighted Avg.	96.12	95.70	103.04	94.58

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 ***December 2013 - December 2014***



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

State	Week ending					
	November 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,637	28,528	28,570	28,714	28,214	27,757
Arkansas	22,339	21,509	22,102	21,961	21,201	21,989
Delaware	4,765	4,688	4,778	4,780	4,778	4,734
Florida	1,223	1,224	1,223	1,223	1,225	1,224
Georgia	34,406	35,094	34,283	33,915	34,884	34,472
Kentucky	7,927	6,943	7,877	7,962	7,961	7,942
Louisiana	3,741	3,726	3,710	3,834	3,622	3,848
Maryland	7,893	7,876	7,900	7,929	7,907	7,923
Mississippi	18,025	18,009	17,395	17,952	17,921	17,828
Missouri	8,297	8,299	8,329	8,356	8,321	8,114
North Carolina	21,340	21,250	20,840	21,011	21,105	20,918
Oklahoma	6,608	6,834	6,347	6,682	6,273	6,189
Pennsylvania	4,501	4,319	4,601	4,477	4,475	4,415
South Carolina	5,665	5,551	5,242	5,177	5,928	5,574
Texas	14,962	15,439	14,100	14,420	14,887	15,036
Virginia	6,476	6,758	6,120	6,507	6,606	6,455
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,301	13,143	11,300	12,120	12,080	12,513
19 State total	209,106	209,190	204,717	207,020	207,388	206,931
Percent of previous year	104	103	102	102	103	103
Other States	8,212	8,188	8,251	8,173	8,182	8,086
United States	217,318	217,378	212,968	215,193	215,570	215,017
Percent of previous year	104	103	102	102	103	103

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 3 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 22, 2014	November 29, 2014	December 6, 2014	December 13, 2014	December 20, 2014	December 27, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,869	20,887	21,932	22,748	21,776	21,925
Arkansas	19,647	18,541	20,756	20,086	19,375	19,483
Delaware	5,292	3,806	5,714	5,305	5,357	4,967
Florida	1,232	1,456	1,311	1,487	1,426	1,327
Georgia	24,648	25,820	27,178	25,889	27,336	26,889
Kentucky	6,051	6,426	5,940	6,639	6,146	6,135
Louisiana	3,116	3,133	3,366	3,339	3,337	3,307
Maryland	5,963	6,818	6,174	6,289	5,865	6,417
Mississippi	13,595	13,974	14,797	14,962	15,052	14,415
Missouri	4,974	5,501	5,308	5,629	6,402	5,927
North Carolina	16,258	16,295	15,639	17,142	17,081	16,505
Oklahoma	3,928	4,482	4,216	4,521	4,146	4,980
Pennsylvania	3,532	3,914	3,999	3,859	3,891	4,081
South Carolina	4,667	4,746	5,558	5,080	4,736	5,124
Texas	11,811	11,110	11,889	11,989	12,278	11,329
Virginia	5,143	5,650	4,806	5,111	5,345	5,067
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,612	10,695	11,700	10,657	11,599	10,230
19 State total	160,338	163,254	170,283	170,732	171,148	168,108
Percent of previous year	102	103	102	103	103	102
Other States	5,591	5,850	6,322	6,070	6,010	6,398
United States	165,929	169,104	176,605	176,802	177,158	174,506
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	103	103	102

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through December 27, 2014 for the United States were 8.94 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.