



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 5, 2013. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 5, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012 and 2013

State	Week ending					
	December 1, 2012	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,975	27,786	27,828	27,871	27,873	28,185
Arkansas .....	21,963	20,891	21,753	21,622	21,742	21,748
Delaware .....	3,415	3,414	3,415	3,414	3,411	3,413
Florida .....	1,655	1,048	1,350	1,353	1,350	1,351
Georgia .....	34,317	30,251	32,513	32,432	32,233	32,661
Kentucky .....	7,364	7,414	7,694	7,737	7,352	7,579
Louisiana .....	3,258	3,273	3,288	3,304	3,288	3,258
Maryland .....	7,067	7,117	7,186	7,153	7,067	7,212
Mississippi .....	17,089	17,377	17,174	16,822	16,719	16,549
Missouri .....	8,012	7,713	7,881	7,898	7,932	7,995
North Carolina .....	20,022	19,058	19,992	19,978	19,765	19,937
Oklahoma .....	7,026	6,809	6,581	6,968	6,936	6,935
Pennsylvania .....	3,935	3,583	3,812	3,713	3,677	3,760
South Carolina .....	5,557	5,316	4,675	5,462	5,463	4,879
Texas .....	14,791	13,788	14,233	14,028	14,043	14,415
Virginia .....	6,638	6,002	6,476	6,490	6,260	6,363
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,977	9,414	9,711	10,501	10,213	10,086
19 State total .....	201,061	190,254	195,562	196,746	195,324	196,326
Previous year total .....	194,178	194,887	194,602	195,380	192,967	193,220
Percent of previous year .....	104	98	100	101	101	102

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012 and 2013

State	Week ending					
	December 1, 2012	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	19,786	21,160	21,449	21,399	21,054	21,164
Arkansas .....	19,476	19,134	19,857	19,753	19,236	21,225
Delaware .....	3,550	3,831	4,086	3,817	3,727	4,445
Florida .....	1,020	1,369	1,311	1,304	725	1,226
Georgia .....	26,525	25,978	26,268	27,620	25,505	27,129
Kentucky .....	5,542	6,122	6,315	5,574	5,778	6,175
Louisiana .....	2,642	2,940	2,912	2,958	2,937	2,966
Maryland .....	7,060	6,526	6,035	6,137	7,048	5,860
Mississippi .....	14,757	14,493	14,989	14,871	15,027	15,003
Missouri .....	5,316	5,768	5,720	5,589	5,589	5,484
North Carolina .....	16,728	15,865	16,416	15,819	15,647	16,076
Oklahoma .....	4,204	5,307	4,734	5,334	4,523	3,579
Pennsylvania .....	2,804	3,084	2,900	3,110	2,907	3,165
South Carolina .....	3,843	5,064	4,344	4,763	4,128	3,779
Texas .....	11,832	11,962	11,831	12,438	11,640	11,997
Virginia .....	3,592	4,264	4,456	5,147	4,021	4,954
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,742	10,661	9,589	11,508	9,325	9,549
19 State total .....	159,419	163,528	163,212	167,141	158,817	163,776
Previous year total .....	160,576	162,541	162,116	162,753	162,444	161,868
Percent of previous year .....	99	101	101	103	98	101

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries within the 19 States that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State and 19 State totals.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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