



Broiler Hatchery

ISSN: 1949-1840

Released January 23, 2013, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 19, 2013. This was up 1 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 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 19, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through January 19, 2013 were 490 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,828	27,872	27,889	28,185	28,021	27,746
Arkansas	21,753	21,622	21,742	21,748	22,002	21,756
Delaware	3,415	3,414	3,411	3,414	3,415	3,414
Florida	1,350	1,353	1,350	1,351	1,348	1,350
Georgia	32,513	32,632	32,233	32,580	31,606	32,584
Kentucky	7,790	7,691	7,389	7,612	7,507	7,749
Louisiana	3,288	3,304	3,288	3,258	3,273	3,288
Maryland	7,186	7,153	7,067	7,212	7,215	7,171
Mississippi	17,174	16,822	16,719	16,549	17,073	16,908
Missouri	7,881	7,898	7,932	7,995	7,997	7,715
North Carolina	19,992	19,978	19,847	19,937	19,898	19,640
Oklahoma	6,479	6,851	6,819	6,935	6,929	6,514
Pennsylvania	3,982	3,897	3,853	3,821	4,052	4,063
South Carolina	4,675	5,462	5,463	4,879	5,264	5,217
Texas	14,233	14,028	14,043	14,377	14,451	14,426
Virginia	6,476	6,490	6,264	6,363	6,342	6,323
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,777	10,567	10,280	10,514	10,239	10,020
19 State total	195,792	197,034	195,589	196,730	196,632	195,884
Previous year total	194,602	195,380	192,967	193,220	193,079	193,909
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	102	102	101

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

State	Week ending					
	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,449	21,399	21,054	21,164	21,115	21,411
Arkansas	19,857	19,753	19,236	21,225	20,368	21,231
Delaware	4,086	3,817	3,727	4,181	4,566	3,964
Florida	1,311	1,304	725	1,226	1,399	1,127
Georgia	26,268	27,620	25,480	27,209	26,800	26,932
Kentucky	6,315	5,574	5,798	6,169	6,355	5,761
Louisiana	2,912	2,958	2,937	2,966	2,958	2,974
Maryland	6,035	6,137	7,048	5,860	6,096	6,713
Mississippi	14,989	14,871	15,027	14,757	14,513	14,464
Missouri	5,720	5,589	5,589	5,484	5,382	5,342
North Carolina	16,416	15,819	15,647	16,076	15,890	16,130
Oklahoma	4,734	5,334	4,523	3,579	4,051	3,605
Pennsylvania	2,884	3,035	2,908	3,140	3,214	3,197
South Carolina	4,344	4,763	4,128	3,779	4,252	3,954
Texas	11,831	12,438	11,640	11,966	11,919	11,614
Virginia	4,456	5,147	4,346	4,954	4,835	4,420
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,589	11,508	9,375	9,743	10,212	9,381
19 State total	163,196	167,066	159,188	163,478	163,925	162,220
Previous year total	162,116	162,753	162,444	161,868	162,550	160,522
Percent of previous year	101	103	98	101	101	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.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@nass.usda.gov

Dan Kerestes, Chief, Livestock Branch	(202) 720-3570
Bruce Boess, Head, Poultry and Specialty Commodities Section	(202) 720-4447
Cody Brokmeyer – Poultry Slaughter, Turkey Hatchery, Turkeys Raised	(202) 690-3237
David Colwell – Cold Storage	(202) 720-8784
LaKeya Jones – Catfish Processing, Catfish Production, Trout Production, Census of Aquaculture, Honey, Mink	(202) 720-0585
Dawn Keen – Egg Products	(202) 720-4448
Kim Linonis – Layers, Eggs	(202) 690-8632
Miste Salmon – Broiler Hatchery, Chicken Hatchery	(202) 720-3244

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov> and in the “Follow NASS” box under “Receive reports by Email,” click on “National” or “State” to select the reports you would like to receive.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.