



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 1 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 2, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the 19 State Total Down 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 2013. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through March 2, 2013 for the 19 State total were 1.47 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

State	Week ending					
	January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013	March 2, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,944	27,947	27,881	28,071	28,189	27,967
Arkansas .....	21,660	21,754	21,867	21,859	21,840	21,816
Delaware .....	3,415	3,415	3,415	3,415	3,419	3,380
Florida .....	1,224	1,222	1,223	1,221	1,223	1,221
Georgia .....	32,754	32,874	33,088	33,069	33,125	33,785
Kentucky .....	7,634	7,664	7,765	7,680	7,672	7,551
Louisiana .....	3,273	3,273	3,273	3,288	3,349	3,364
Maryland .....	7,237	7,191	7,213	7,198	7,213	7,254
Mississippi .....	16,971	17,031	17,305	17,272	17,606	17,516
Missouri .....	7,966	8,107	8,154	8,216	8,105	8,110
North Carolina .....	19,914	19,766	19,908	20,173	20,316	20,165
Oklahoma .....	6,922	6,963	7,020	6,992	6,837	6,918
Pennsylvania .....	3,551	3,632	3,780	3,806	3,828	3,719
South Carolina .....	5,661	5,554	5,283	5,311	5,492	5,417
Texas .....	14,548	14,744	14,905	14,804	15,017	15,151
Virginia .....	6,478	6,378	6,392	6,217	6,188	6,396
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,379	10,018	8,622	10,392	10,189	10,498
19 State total .....	197,531	197,533	197,094	198,984	199,608	200,228
Percent of previous year .....	102	102	101	102	102	101
Other States .....	7,806	7,660	7,801	7,818	7,873	7,877
United States .....	205,337	205,193	204,895	206,802	207,481	208,105

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

State	Week ending					
	January 26, 2013	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013	March 2, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,022	21,020	21,285	21,471	21,560	21,280
Arkansas .....	20,935	19,896	19,729	19,327	20,166	20,311
Delaware .....	4,776	3,419	3,891	4,141	4,202	4,011
Florida .....	1,280	1,384	1,276	1,588	1,194	1,089
Georgia .....	26,675	25,711	25,750	25,981	26,446	26,348
Kentucky .....	6,242	6,433	5,970	5,719	5,943	5,802
Louisiana .....	2,934	2,941	2,951	2,930	2,964	2,967
Maryland .....	5,456	6,620	5,815	6,310	5,684	5,602
Mississippi .....	14,208	14,598	14,389	14,553	14,629	14,814
Missouri .....	5,414	5,655	5,653	5,699	5,630	5,172
North Carolina .....	16,250	15,577	15,757	15,464	15,919	15,710
Oklahoma .....	3,437	4,848	4,292	4,842	4,400	4,996
Pennsylvania .....	3,093	3,160	3,193	2,778	2,885	3,127
South Carolina .....	3,765	4,516	4,589	5,643	4,572	4,436
Texas .....	12,095	12,204	12,147	12,100	12,326	12,431
Virginia .....	5,351	5,247	5,386	4,592	5,454	5,105
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,876	9,601	10,118	10,272	9,629	9,145
19 State total .....	162,809	162,830	162,191	163,410	163,603	162,346
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	100	101	102	99
Other States .....	5,564	5,461	5,642	6,046	5,889	5,877
United States .....	168,373	168,291	167,833	169,456	169,492	168,223

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries 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, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

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