



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2013. This was up slightly 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through March 9, 2013 for the 19 State total were 1.63 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					
	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013	March 2, 2013	March 9, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,947	27,881	28,116	28,189	27,967	27,487
Arkansas	21,754	21,867	21,859	21,840	21,816	21,772
Delaware	3,415	3,415	3,415	3,419	3,415	3,417
Florida	1,222	1,223	1,221	1,223	1,221	1,221
Georgia	32,874	33,088	33,069	33,125	33,852	33,042
Kentucky	7,586	7,754	7,680	7,672	7,551	7,599
Louisiana	3,273	3,273	3,288	3,349	3,364	3,379
Maryland	7,191	7,213	7,198	7,213	7,254	7,453
Mississippi	17,031	17,305	17,272	17,606	17,516	16,957
Missouri	8,107	8,154	8,216	8,105	8,110	8,268
North Carolina	19,766	19,908	20,173	20,316	20,165	20,085
Oklahoma	6,963	7,020	6,992	6,837	6,918	6,886
Pennsylvania	3,632	3,780	3,806	3,828	3,781	4,004
South Carolina	5,554	5,283	5,311	5,492	5,417	5,333
Texas	14,748	14,909	14,825	15,038	15,172	15,223
Virginia	6,378	6,392	6,217	6,188	6,396	6,661
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,979	8,588	10,392	10,189	10,498	10,692
19 State total	197,420	197,053	199,050	199,629	200,413	199,479
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	102	101	100
Other States	7,719	7,860	7,877	7,932	7,923	7,989
United States	205,139	204,913	206,927	207,561	208,336	207,468

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

State	Week ending					
	February 2, 2013	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013	March 2, 2013	March 9, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,020	21,285	21,471	21,257	20,731	20,510
Arkansas	19,896	19,729	19,327	20,166	20,311	20,875
Delaware	3,419	3,891	4,141	4,202	3,818	4,062
Florida	1,384	1,276	1,588	1,194	1,089	1,488
Georgia	25,711	25,750	25,981	26,431	26,310	27,175
Kentucky	6,433	5,970	5,719	5,902	5,747	6,219
Louisiana	2,941	2,951	2,930	2,964	2,967	2,968
Maryland	6,620	5,815	6,310	5,684	6,713	6,494
Mississippi	14,598	14,389	14,553	14,629	14,814	14,731
Missouri	5,655	5,653	5,699	5,630	5,172	5,144
North Carolina	15,577	15,757	15,464	15,911	15,780	16,412
Oklahoma	4,848	4,292	4,842	4,400	4,996	4,797
Pennsylvania	3,160	3,193	2,778	2,885	3,028	3,146
South Carolina	4,516	4,589	5,643	4,572	4,436	4,442
Texas	12,204	12,151	12,104	12,329	12,435	12,202
Virginia	5,247	5,386	4,592	5,454	5,024	4,451
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,601	10,118	10,272	9,629	9,247	10,005
19 State total	162,830	162,195	163,414	163,239	162,618	165,121
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	102	100	101
Other States	5,511	5,692	6,096	5,939	5,925	5,866
United States	168,341	167,887	169,510	169,178	168,543	170,987

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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