



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 16, 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 16, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through March 16, 2013 for the 19 State total were 1.80 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 9, 2013	February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013	March 2, 2013	March 9, 2013	March 16, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,881	28,116	28,227	27,967	27,434	28,113
Arkansas	21,867	21,859	21,840	21,816	21,772	21,156
Delaware	3,415	3,415	3,419	3,415	3,409	3,412
Florida	1,223	1,221	1,223	1,221	1,221	1,221
Georgia	33,088	33,069	33,125	33,852	33,057	33,182
Kentucky	7,754	7,593	7,672	7,599	7,648	7,668
Louisiana	3,273	3,288	3,349	3,364	3,379	3,395
Maryland	7,213	7,198	7,213	7,254	7,453	7,457
Mississippi	17,305	17,272	17,606	17,516	16,957	17,869
Missouri	8,154	8,216	8,105	8,110	8,268	7,938
North Carolina	19,908	20,173	20,316	20,165	20,085	19,926
Oklahoma	7,020	6,992	6,837	6,918	6,886	6,909
Pennsylvania	3,780	3,791	3,861	3,760	3,949	3,877
South Carolina	5,283	5,311	5,492	5,417	5,333	5,275
Texas	14,909	14,825	15,038	15,172	15,223	15,238
Virginia	6,392	6,217	6,188	6,396	6,661	6,653
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,622	10,391	10,187	10,415	10,617	10,906
19 State total	197,087	198,947	199,698	200,357	199,352	200,195
Percent of previous year	101	102	102	101	100	101
Other States	7,860	7,877	7,932	7,923	7,989	8,001
United States	204,947	206,824	207,630	208,280	207,341	208,196

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

State	Week ending					
	February 9, 2013	February 16, 2013	February 23, 2013	March 2, 2013	March 9, 2013	March 16, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,285	21,471	21,257	20,731	20,548	21,221
Arkansas	19,729	19,327	20,166	20,311	20,875	20,533
Delaware	3,891	4,141	4,202	3,818	4,419	3,583
Florida	1,276	1,588	1,194	1,089	1,488	1,224
Georgia	25,750	25,981	26,431	26,310	27,148	27,147
Kentucky	5,970	5,719	5,902	5,731	5,781	6,177
Louisiana	2,951	2,930	2,964	2,967	2,968	3,020
Maryland	5,815	6,310	5,684	6,713	6,163	6,281
Mississippi	14,389	14,553	14,629	14,814	14,731	14,957
Missouri	5,653	5,699	5,630	5,172	5,144	5,502
North Carolina	15,757	15,464	15,911	15,780	16,412	16,191
Oklahoma	4,292	4,842	4,400	4,996	4,797	4,364
Pennsylvania	3,193	2,702	2,850	2,977	3,031	3,164
South Carolina	4,589	5,643	4,572	4,436	4,442	3,894
Texas	12,151	12,104	12,329	12,435	12,202	12,433
Virginia	5,386	4,592	5,454	5,024	4,451	5,087
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,102	10,277	9,611	9,259	10,231	10,089
19 State total	162,179	163,343	163,186	162,563	164,831	164,867
Percent of previous year	100	101	102	100	101	101
Other States	5,692	6,096	5,939	5,925	5,866	5,492
United States	167,871	169,439	169,125	168,488	170,697	170,359

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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