



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 30, 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 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 2013. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through March 30, 2013 for the 19 State total were 2.12 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 23, 2013	March 2, 2013	March 9, 2013	March 16, 2013	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,227	27,971	27,539	28,113	28,131	28,150
Arkansas	21,840	21,816	21,772	21,156	21,080	21,718
Delaware	3,419	3,415	3,409	3,412	3,323	3,411
Florida	1,223	1,221	1,221	1,221	1,220	1,221
Georgia	33,125	33,177	33,057	33,182	32,852	32,702
Kentucky	7,620	7,773	7,778	7,708	7,470	7,746
Louisiana	3,349	3,364	3,379	3,395	3,455	3,531
Maryland	7,213	7,254	7,453	7,457	7,399	7,625
Mississippi	17,606	17,516	16,957	17,869	17,593	17,741
Missouri	8,105	8,110	8,268	7,938	8,126	8,027
North Carolina	20,316	20,312	20,085	19,926	19,795	20,350
Oklahoma	6,837	6,918	6,478	6,909	6,969	6,393
Pennsylvania	3,861	3,760	3,949	3,796	3,844	3,780
South Carolina	5,492	5,417	5,333	5,275	5,346	5,373
Texas	15,038	15,172	15,223	15,238	15,159	14,648
Virginia	6,188	6,396	6,678	6,653	6,518	6,591
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,187	10,415	10,617	10,906	11,333	10,604
19 State total	199,646	200,007	199,196	200,154	199,613	199,611
Percent of previous year	102	101	100	101	102	101
Other States	7,932	7,923	7,989	8,001	8,230	7,981
United States	207,578	207,930	207,185	208,155	207,843	207,592

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

State	Week ending					
	February 23, 2013	March 2, 2013	March 9, 2013	March 16, 2013	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,257	20,731	20,548	21,217	21,182	20,553
Arkansas	20,166	20,311	20,875	20,533	20,406	21,409
Delaware	4,202	3,818	4,419	3,583	4,602	4,131
Florida	1,194	1,089	1,488	1,224	1,141	1,291
Georgia	26,431	26,310	27,148	27,044	26,878	26,254
Kentucky	5,902	5,731	6,481	6,240	6,691	5,604
Louisiana	2,964	2,967	2,968	3,020	2,994	3,288
Maryland	5,684	6,713	6,163	6,281	5,503	6,334
Mississippi	14,629	14,814	14,731	14,961	14,896	14,374
Missouri	5,630	5,172	5,144	5,502	5,769	5,560
North Carolina	15,911	15,780	16,412	16,208	16,298	15,778
Oklahoma	4,400	4,996	4,797	4,364	4,171	3,390
Pennsylvania	2,850	2,977	3,031	3,062	2,988	3,180
South Carolina	4,572	4,436	4,442	3,894	3,898	4,811
Texas	12,329	12,435	12,202	12,433	12,479	12,141
Virginia	5,454	5,024	4,451	5,087	4,856	4,454
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,611	9,259	9,508	10,121	9,942	11,254
19 State total	163,186	162,563	164,808	164,774	164,694	163,806
Percent of previous year	102	100	101	101	100	99
Other States	5,939	5,925	5,866	5,508	5,767	5,690
United States	169,125	168,488	170,674	170,282	170,461	169,496

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.

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.

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